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The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce last week announced the winners from this year's Taste of Tomahawk, held at Inshalla Country Club on Saturday, March 4. Pictured are the Best in Food award winners from Outboards Bar and Grill.



The Best of Wine award went to Lil Ole Winemaker Shoppe.

Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce

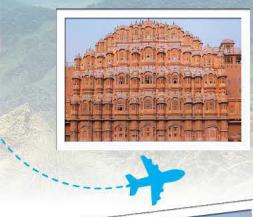


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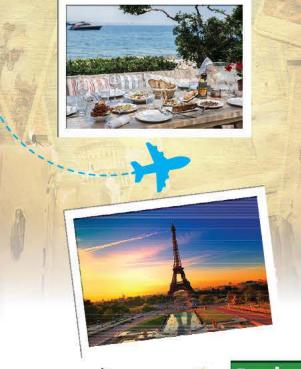
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THS teams earn top honors at Nicolet College's High School Competition Day

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER - Two teams of students from Tomahawk High School (THS) took first place in an array of challenges at Nicolet College's recent High School Competition Day.

More than 200 students from 13 high schools took part in High School Competition Day, which is "designed to give students a chance to explore careers and get a feel for Nicolet to see if it would be right for them," Nicolet said.

Students selected their area of competition from a slate of 13 different academic programs.

Public Safety Challenge

The team of Max Jones, Nathanael Graeber, Lydia Ziert and Montgomery Framke earned the top spot in the Public Safety Challenge.

While donning turnout gear, students had to navigate a darkroom obstacle course, climb stairs, extinguish a fire, carry a ladder, splint and bandage a patient, perform CPR and carry a patient.

Robotics Challenge

In the Robotics Challenge, the team of Drew Albert, Gavyn Palmer and Ethan Breitenfeld emerged victorious.

With the use of an industrial robot, students had to pick up and place six items from one storage location and place them in another other storage location.

Other THS finishers

Other High School Competition Day finishers for THS included Brynnen Stefan, first place, Still Life Drawing; Matt Daigle, second, Automotive; Matt Daigle, Trevor Schumann, Isiah Ristau, second, Automotive team cumulative score; Rachael Reilly, second, Cosmetology: Beauty Behind the Madness; Artemis Fonder, Mayson Shore, second, Information Technology: Build a Website; Reese Marvin, second, University Transfer Liberal Arts: Flash Fiction; Mason Peck, Brett Borchardt, second, Team Fabrication; Cadee Benaszeski, Chloe Buck-



Max Jones, Nathanael Graeber, Lydia Ziert and Montgomery Framke earned the top spot in the Public Safety Challenge. Photos courtesy of Nicolet College



THS's High School Competition Day participants.

walter, Ryan Felser, Elizabeth Lee, third, Culinary Arts Management: Cupcake Challenge; Lexi Baker, Ashley Beck, Joseph Jones, Vivian Skees, third,



Drew Albert, Gavyn Palmer and Ethan Breitenfeld finished in first place in the Robotics Challenge.



Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz

Health Occupations: Mind competitors, Mason Peck, and Body Challenge; Brett 11th, Welding Competi-Borchardt, sixth of 80

Felzkowski, Callahan announce budget listening sessions in Tomahawk, Merrill

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCON-SIN - State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) last week announced several budget listening sessions in the 12th Senate District and

the 35th Assembly District.

A release from Felzkowski's office said the listening sessions will provide constituents with a "great opportunity to give feedback on what they would like to see in the biennial state budget."

Felzkowski and Calla-

han will be visiting several communities in the 35th Assembly District on Saturday, March 25, including Tomahawk and Merrill.

The legislators will start the day at Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., Townsend, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by a stop



Felzkowski

at Antigo City Hall, 700 Edison St., Antigo, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Felzkowski and Callahan will then visit Merrill City Hall, 1004 E. 1st St., Merrill, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., before wrapping up the series of listening ses-



Callahan

sions at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., Tomahawk, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Felzkowski is also slated to hold budget listening sessions in the 36th Assembly District with Rep. Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) on Saturday, April 1 and

the 34th Assembly District with Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) on Saturday, April 15.

The Joint Committee on Finance - the state budget writing committee - is slated to hold a large-scale listening session at Lakeland Union High School, 9573 State Hwy. 70, Minocqua, on Wednesday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Felzkowski is one of the committee's 16 members.

"These listening sessions give the people of Wisconsin direct access to the committee, allowing the public to provide direct input on the 2023-25 state budget," the release stated.



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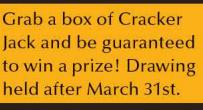
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Tomahawk Cub Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby Race, Cake Bake-Off

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - Cub Scout Pack 548 of Tomahawk held its annual Pinewood Derby Race and Cake Bake-Off at the Wisconsin National Guard Armory in Tomahawk last month.

Forrest Van Asten, one the leaders of the Cub Scouts, explained that each scout built their own derby car for the races, which were held on a 40-foot track with electronic timers.

"We also had a siblings race category and adult leaders race category so that everyone could participate," Van Asten stated.

George Van Asten had the fastest car in the pack, followed by Jonathan Lucas and Jonah Raith. Ayla



Lobermeier's derby car earned Best in Show hon-

Along with the derby, the Cub Scouts also held their annual Cake Bake-Off, which allowed those in attendance to enjoy the cakes during the races.

Cherie from Sweet Sensations served as the special guest cake judge in the competition. Gabe Lobermeier ultimately took home the Best in Show award in the Cake Bake-Off.

"Pack 548 would like to thank 1st SGT Westphal of the Wisconsin Army National Guard for hosting us at the Armory and for serving as our guest judge in the derby car paint job competition," VanAsten said.



Cub Scout Pack 548.





Photos courtesy of Forrest Van Asten



Lights of the Northwoods, a nonprofit organization that hosts a community festival of holiday lights at Hodag Park in Rhinelander and makes charitable contributions throughout the Northwoods, recently made a \$2,500.00 donation to the Tomahawk Area Food Pantry. Pictured, from left to right: Bill Freudenberg, Ricky Lawrence, Mike Wenke and Bob Lawrence.

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OBITUARIES

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Michael W. Braski passed away on Aug. 18, 2022, for-merly of Brantwood, Wis. Michael was born Sept. 25, 1949, to Marcella Braski and Ervin Braski. Michael served in the U.S Navy from 1968 to 1971 with a tour of Saigon,

Vietnam in 1970. He was a Radio Operator and Electronics Countermeasures Operator. He was Honorably Discharged in October of 1971. After discharge Michael attended UW-Milwaukee and majored in Geography. He also worked at a fire brick plant in West Allis, Wis. His free spirit called him to travel where he explored Canada and Europe. He returned to Wisconsin and worked in logging and earned a CDL in truck driving. Michael continued to be enamored with travel oved photography and was an avid hunter. He moved to New Mexico where he logged Ponderosa Pine and was able to pursue hunting big game. He eventually gained employment in Alaska as a professional truck driver on the famous

Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents Selma and John Braski and Laima and Onni Aho. He is preceded in death by a beloved uncle, John Braski II (Shelley); an aunt, Virginia Snyder (Paul). He is survived by his parents, Marcella and Ervin; his siblings, Karla Braski (Kenneth) Stephanie Braski and John Braski III. His nieces and nephews are Sasha, Mischa, Nathan, Maya, Neil, Nicholas and Naomi, great-niece, Addyson and great-nephew, Vin-

Memorial services and military honors will be held at the Brantwood Community Center on April 15, 2023, at 11 a.m., unch will follow. Interment will be held at the Clifford Finlander Cemetery at 216 Maki Rd., Brantwood, weather per



Kevin P. Peterson, age 71, of Tripoli, Wis., passed away unexpectedly as a result of a snowmobile accident on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023. Kevin was born in Libertyville, Ill., on Sept. 5, 1951, to the late Rosemary and (Sanderson) Peterson. He was 1969 graduate of Libertyville High School, participating in football, wrestling, and base-

Kevin moved to the Tomahawk area about 30 years ago where he was a longtime employee of

Harley-Davidson. He was a skilled craftsman and carpenter by trade. He loved anything that had to do with hunting and fishing, was a member of the Somo Fish and Game Club, taught Hunter Safety Course, and loved trap shooting. Kevin was also an avid snowmobiler and enjoyed golfing. He was a dedicated Chicago Cubs and Dallas Cowboys fan, and his favorite movie was "Cool Hand Luke." He loved spending time with family and friends and was often the "life of the

Survivors include his son, Joshua (Lena) Peterson, of Grayslake, Ill.; his daughter, Kelli (David) LaForge, of Gurnee, Ill.; his brother, Michael Peterson; and his sister, Lori Harper. Kevin is further survived by his grandchildren Jake, Emma, and Owen Peterson, and Olive LaForge. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Rose-

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, is as sisting the family. You may view Kevin's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Deren L. Cook, age 55, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Deren was born on Oct. 26. 1967 in Mauston to Gerald and Dorthey (Roller) Cook. In 1986, he graduated from Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, and held a Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Deren joined the U.S. Army immediately after graduating high school. He served for 24

years, flew OH-58D helicopters for 18 years, and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007. After retiring from service in 2010, he continued to serve others through his second career as an emergency helicopter pilot for Stat Medivac (PA), Air Methods (Northern NY), PHI in (WI), and eventually served as lead pilot for Life Link in Rhinelander.

Deren loved to travel to all corners of our country, especially when it meant camping. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and taking his children and grandchildren water tubing on Muskellunge Lake When forced to be indoors he enjoyed darts, pool, and singing karaoke "very badly."

Deren is survived by his wife, Jeanie Long of Tomahawk daughters, Kayleigh (Cory) Conlin of Houston, Tex., and Tasha Cedeno of Middleton; step-daughter, Emily (Jordan) Rand of Littleton, Colo.; mother, Dorthey Cook of Granton; brother, Jeff (Denise) Cook of Merrillan, Wis.; and sister, Alisa (Chris) Eichhorn of West Bend. Deren is further sur vived by seven grandchildren: Connor, Paige, Delaney, An niston, Ila, Bridger and Carter, as well as his six nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Gerald.

The funeral service for Deren Cook took place at 12 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023 at Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Pastor Larry Mathein officiated. Visitation took place from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. Burial with military honors immediately followed in the North-

woods National Veterans Cemetery in Harshaw. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services as sisted the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfami lyfuneral.com.

Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake monitor reports 'significant progress' at facility

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

IRMA - The court-appointed Monitor for Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School (LHS/CLS) filed an "encouraging" report on conditions at the facilities last week, a release from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) said.

According to the release, the report highlighted increased classroom time for youth, DOC's doubling of the number of consent decree provisions, with which it is in "substantial compliance," and continued positive atmosphere at the facilities.

"The Monitor did not encounter a single staff or youth that did not have a positive attitude," the report



said. "The overall operations of LHS/CLS are the best it has been since the Monitor was appointed. Staff and leadership's commitment to youth and to this reform effort is evident in every aspect

Milly Lou Long, age 92, of Tomahawk, passed on to take much-deserved place among the angels, by her hus-band's side in God's eternal Kingdom on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. She passed peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family Milly was born on May 27 1930, in Freeman, Mo., to John William Bogar and Rena Mildred (Johnson) Bogar.

Milly was preceded in death by husband, her Theodor Franklin Long; her parents, John and Rena Bogar; and brother, Gerald "Jerry" Bogar. She is survived by her sister, Sue O'Neil, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother-In-law, John (Wendy) 'Butch' Long, of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; daughter, Sue Nichols, of Harrisonville, Mo.; sons, Dennis Long, of Tomahawk, and Rick (Annie) Goddard, of Beulah, Colo. Milly was overjoyed to be called Grandma by 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Aside from their three children and loving grandchildren they also adopted and fostered several more children throughout their lives. This of course doesn't include the in throughout their lives. This, of course, doesn't include the innumerable people that came to know her love and affection

that also called her Grandma Mil. Milly married the love of her life, Theodore Franklin Long, on June 10, 1948, at the Freeman Baptist Church in Free man, Mo., and thus began the start of two amazingly well lived lives. It's nearly impossible to refer to Milly without referring to her dedicated husband of 73 years. They have always been, and will always be Frank and Milly, or Pa and Grandma. Grass never grew under their feet as they moved over 44 times, always in search of their next adventure.

To say family was important to her would be the understatement of all understatements. But you didn't have to be a blood relative, or even related by marriage, to be considered part of her family. Friends were family, and friends of friends were and became family. Love could always be found in abundance in all of Pa and Grandma's homes.

If their family was one cornerstone of their combined existence, their collective faith was another equally important cornerstone. Grandma was fond of the saying "live your life so that others who do not know God, know God through you." She lived her faith every day and ministered to others,

both literally and figuratively. Milly's work history is a reflection of her desire to be of service. She held many positions, and nearly every one of them was directly related to serving others. Not one to sit at home, Milly worked at the Missouri State Correctional Facility for Girls in Chillicothe, Mo., where she was quickly promoted into an administrative level position based on her hard work. Milly and Frank then moved to Colorado where she began as night dorm monitor at the Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind. During her 18 years there, she advanced all the way up to assistant superintendent, again, based almost entirely on her hard work ethic. Milly and Frank then returned to Missouri and both finished their careers at the Cass County Juvenile Center in Harrisonville, Mo. Retirement didn't slow them down, though. Milly (and usually Pa) also served in a variety of roles at several churches and were also hospital chaplains in several places. Milly also served as a Hospice volunteer in Warsaw and Harrisonville, Mo., and Tomahawk Milly also knew how to have fun and she was a fierce competitor. Grandma rarely found a card, board, or dice game she didn't thoroughly enjoy. She also loved to watch and cheer on her children and grandchildren competing in sport ing events. She also loved spending time outdoors and especially loved gardening.

Among her many talents, Grandma was a teacher. She taught those in her life valuable life skills; how to cook, clean, sew garden, keep faith, occasionally swear, and drink wine. But ner most valued lessons were those values she instilled in her kids and grandkids: Love unconditionally. Take time to understand. Learn to forgive, even when it feels impossible Help those in need.

Her death will leave a hole in many, many hearts. But where there is often sadness and grief, this hole is quickly filled with fond memories and infinite love. We will miss you forever, Grandma, but we rejoice and take comfort in knowing you are reunited with Pa.

A celebration of Milly's life will be held at a later date. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, is assisting the family.

You may view Milly's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

of the operation."

"Under the Evers Administration, DOC has for years been in either partial or substantial compliance with all 50 provisions of the consent decree stemming from a 2017 lawsuit against the previous administration related to unsafe conditions at the schools," DOC stated.

DOC said The 16th Monitor's Report filed on Wednesday, March 8 shows DOC has "doubled the number of provisions, with which it is in substantial compliance, from 15 to 30, and remains in partial compliance with the other 20 provisions."

"In one four-year term under this Administration, our staff at the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) has transformed the system of care at the schools, moving away from past, puni-

tive practices to a model based on evidence-based treatment of youth in our care," said DOC Secretary Kevin Carr. "Seeing such a big jump, to being in substantial compliance with 60% of the items in the consent decree, is affirmation of the work put in by our staff and a testament to the leadership in DJC. I'm very proud of the changes they've made at LHS/CLS."

The latest quarterly report from the Monitor included a list of facility improvements, including installation of video game rooms in the living units, installation of a new video phone system in the living units to help youth better communicate with their families and the introduction of video production

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The following Tomahawk High School students advanced from the recent sub-district Forensics competition and will take part in the district competition to be held at Tomahawk High School on Saturday, March 18: Greyson Marta, Radio-speaking; Cedar Hoffmann, Poetry; AJ Schertz, Farrago; Murphy Koth, Christian Lashua, Landon Plantenberg, Lydia Shaney, Prose; Jenny Meza and Brynnen Stefan, Xan Sutton and Kennedi Kromm, Play Acting; Sadie Ruder, Payton Loka, Aubrey Graeber, Jayden Dellinger, Damian Ramirez Gonzales, Kael Oates, Sarah Kallerud, Delilah Sutton and Tamara Stenberg; Arawen Alberg, Maggie Lashua and Izzy Lee; Joe Reiter, Nik Stefanich, Trey Morrison and Clyde Kangas, with alternate Caisson McPherson, Group Interpretation.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Herbison

FACILITY

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software in the schools' Music & Arts Initiative.

This Report also "praised the Quality Assurance Program this Administration has put in place at LHS/ CLS, which the Monitor states has far exceeded expectations and is second to none," according to DOC.

"DJC has a program that other jurisdictions should model," the Monitor said. "Critical information is readily available to the leadership which allows them to make proactive, data driven decisions that increases the safety of youth and staff."

DOC said staffing remained a concern in this reporting period, which ran

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"In general, over the three-month period, youth spent more time in their rooms in November and December due to lower staffing levels, when the facilities were running at 50% of normal staffing levels on many days due to vacant positions and staff taking leave," DOC stated. "However, as the Report notes, youth spent more time out of their rooms and received education in the school building more often in January."

DOC noted that since Jan. 31, youth have received education in the school building every weekday, "except for some youth placed in the high-risk Skills Development Programs due to disruptive or physically aggressive behavior."

"DJC aims to have youth out of their rooms from at least 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day," DOC said. "However, on days with lower staffing levels, the schools have not always been able to meet that goal, keeping youth in their rooms in operational confinement as a necessary way to maintain safety during times of lower staffing levels. Over the last five full weeks, excluding the two high-risk Skills Development Program units, the

combined living units at the facility have received 94% of the goal of 12 hours of out-of-room time."

"The significant hiring in the youth counselor classifications and reduced population, should provide for more available staff which will result (and has resulted in the last couple of weeks) in youth spending more time out of their room, off units, and in the school area," the Monitor stated in the report.

Complete reports from the Monitor can be found on DOC's website at www. bit.ly/3l7NGBp.

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GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Local scouts continue cookie sales, highlight activites, membership opportunities

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - As part of Girl Scout week, which began on Sunday, March 12 and will run through Saturday, March 18, Tomahawk's scouts are continuing cookie sales and highlighting opportunities for local girls to become scouts.

Cookie sales

The Tomahawk Girl Scouts will host cookie booths at Trig's, 662 N. 4th St., Tomahawk, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday this month. Nine cookie varieties, including glutenfree caramel chocolate chip, will be available.

The Tomahawk Girl Scouts will be donating 25%



The Tomahawk Girl Scouts participate in a variety of activites and projects. Pictured are Scouts geocaching in Door County. Photos courtesy of Kay Kissinger Wolf

of cookie proceeds to the Washington Square Park revitalization project.

Troops also use proceeds from cookie sales to attend

camps and events, pay for troop meeting supplies and for community service proj-

"With each cookie pur-



Local troop members practiced archery at Camp Birch Trails last year.

chase, you're supporting

Girl Scouts as they learn,

grow, and thrive through

all of life's adventures,"

the Girl Scouts of the

Northwestern Great Lakes

(GSNWGL) said. "Plus, all

proceeds stay local to help

fund life-changing, girl-led

programs, experiences and

learning all year long in

your community. Because

you get your cookies directly from a Girl Scout (or

troop), you'll enjoy them

even more knowing you're

helping local Girl Scouts

gain the business experi-

ence and confidence to take

on the world, one cookie at

"Proceeds from the Girl

Scout Cookie Program stay

local," said Patti Shafto-

Carlson, CEO of GSNWGL.

"When you buy a box of Girl

Scout cookies from local

Girl Scouts, not only are you

fueling programs and ac-

tivities for the years ahead,

you are empowering girls to

see themselves as success-

ful entrepreneurs. They're

a time."

management, decision making, people skills, business

ethics and so much more."

Girl Scouts' newly updated Financial Literacy badges offer entrepreneurial playbooks for every age level.

"From the Cookie Goal Setter badge earned as a Daisy to the Entrepreneur Accelerator for girls in high school, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls financial literacy, planning, budgeting, teamwork, innovative thinking and confident decision-making," GSNWGL stated.

Camps

There are seven Girl Scout camps within the GSNWGL, with Camp Birch Trails being the largest.

Camp Birch Trails is a 240-acre camp 12 miles from Tomahawk, surrounding private Lake Olivotti with a sandy beach and swim and boating dock, as well as a Mermaid bridge that connects the main area of camp to our Low Ropes course.

Girl Scouts took part in the Wreaths Across America Day ceremony in Harshaw in Dec. 2022. "The mermaid bridge was a Gold Award in 2010 by Valerie Thomzik, a former Tomahawk Girl Scout," GSN-WGL explained. "Her dream was to replace a 76-foot-long

> foot bridge for the camp." The camp also features a floating bog and island for primitive camping to ex-

GSNWGL said the older Cadette/Senior Troop 7227's goal is to visit and stay overnight at all seven camps. The troop has checked five camps off their list, with the Cornell, Wis., and Gwinn, Mich., locations yet to be visited.

Most recently, they traveled to Green Bay for the Disney on Ice show before heading to Sister Bay in Door County to stay at Camp Cuesta and experience an art studio.

Membership opportunities

Girl Scouts have the opportunity to join a "movement

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GIRL SCOUTS

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dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place," according to GSNWGL.

"Girl Scouts is a way of life that brings out the best in your girl, even in the most challenging of times," GSNWGL stated. "While they're learning about STEM, the outdoors, entrepreneurship and important life skills, Girl Scouts are also discovering new ways to make their family and community stronger, kinder and better for everyone.'

GSNWGL explained that Girl Scout troops typically meet weekly or every other week for an hour or two.

"Guided by adult volunteers, troop members choose the hands-on activities and projects that excite them, try new things and cheer each other on," GSNWGL said. "Together, they earn badges to reflect their successes and show the world what they're made of."

The goal of the Girl Scouts is to "(make) sure girls are given the oppor-



Girl Scouts Shyann Boos, Aubrey Graeber, Genevieve Gleisner and Kately Austin, along with Leaders Kay Kissinger Wolf and Kelly Gleisner, successfully completed the Key to Escape Room in Minocqua.

tunity to reach their full potential by developing values and skills that will lead them to happier lives," GSNWGL said.

A Girl Scout membership is \$25.00, plus any applicable council fees. The membership year starts on Oct. 1 and last through Sept. 30 of the following year. However, memberships can start

or be renewed in April.

"If your girl is ready to let her best self shine and start creating the world she wants to see, she's ready to be a Girl Scout today," GSN-WGL stated.

To find a local Girl Scout council, visit www. girlscouts.org/en/councilfinder.html.

About GSNWGL

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSN-WGL) partners with 5,000 volunteers and serves approximately 10,000 girls, covering 58 counties across central and northwestern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate, call 888-747-6945 or visit www. gsnwgl.org.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

"Nothing Gold..

Dear Reader,

Recently I read Robert Frost's poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay." This eight-line composition reflects on the beauty and impermanence of life. Frost describes how all things dwindle with time, and how beauty fades to nothingness. The sunset you saw last night lives only in your mind; the christening of your child is only a memory; the wealth you accumulated over the years becomes valueless, since shrouds have no pockets.

The poet is saying that the green of spring's birth eventually evolves to the gold of full being in summer. But autumn winds blow through our lives, and the fleeting beauty of gold vanishes, much as the idyll of Eden gave way to the toil and pain of our current existence. Each cycle of life brings its own aesthetics, both new and familiar to the fore, as all things are limited and temporary.

Being transitions into non-being over time as the body crumbles to dust. The raging priorities driven by bodily and ego needs - the hunger for food, the search for shelter, the quest for riches, power, and prestige - these all wane to

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nothing. Infinity prevails throughout, and the transpersonal ideals - love, compassion, and a desire for truth and beauty - suffuse whatever reality one experiences in that future state.

Christians, Most through faith, believe in a permanent afterlife with God which supersedes an impermanent physical life on earth. The afterlife is contingent on how well one handles the body and gifts bestowed on earth. If we accumulate and amass treasure, then we must

give and share to alleviate the plight of our fellow travelers. If we attain power and influence, then we must leverage these forces to better the world for all of us, not inordinately for a few. Subjugating the soul in favor of the body's cravings during life may determine the final outcome; complete and everlasting loneliness instead of perpetual ecstasy.

In essence, our bodily form is a temporary symbol of all that is beautiful and important, but we cannot stay in this form, for nothing here is changeless forever. That's why recognition of the non-being of the soul is critical to how well we fare in eternity.

> PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher

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

MEETING NOTICE

The March Board of Education meeting for the School District of Tomahawk will be held on March 21st at 5:00 pm. 244767

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 few weeks I have suggested that we should read the Bible with the intent of learning who God is and what He says. Last week we looked the words faith and believe, and what it means to have faith in God and believe God. Today we shall look at why people may not believe or have faith in God. Let us start with why many who would consider themselves religious may not believe God.

In John 5, Jesus is talking to the religious leaders who had decided they would not believe Jesus, and they wanted to kill Jesus because He had healed a man on the Sabbath day. They were very religious and stuck on their religious traditions. even to the point of hating Jesus for healing on the Sabbath day (verse 16).

In John 5, Jesus deals with the fact that while these men claimed to believe the Bible and love God, they really did not; the evidence they did not believe God's Word was that they would not believe Jesus, and God's Word was filled with prophesies about His coming and the signs that would accompany His coming.

In verses 19 through 29, Jesus tells them that He always obeys God, His Father, and that the Father has appointed Him to be the judge on Judgment Day. For this reason all people must honor Him just as they honor the Father (verses 21-23). In verse 30, Jesus explains that His judgment will be fair, because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father *which hath sent me.* Jesus point being that because He is not focused on Himself (because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me), His judgment will be fair. And then, beginning with verse 41, Jesus contrasts His obedience with their unbelief.

Beginning in verse 41 Jesus says, I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and you will not receive me: if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. Jesus did not desire the approval of men (verse 41), which was why He always obeyed His Father. But because they lived for the approval of people, they did not love God - even though they were so religious - the evidence was that they refused to receive the One whom God had sent to them (Jesus). But if another person came to them and boasted about all the good things they do in the name of religion, they would receive them.

In verse 44 Jesus then asks them a question by which He explains why they would not believe Him. Jesus asks, How can you believe, who receive honor one of another, and do not seek the honor that comes only from God? Good question, if we are more concerned about having the approval of people than we are of having God's approval, then we will not believe/ obey God. Jesus lived to obey His Father, but hey wanted the approval of men; they could not obey/believe God where it may lose the approval of others. Their real god was to have the approval of people.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN. CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Donna J. Theis, a/k/a Donna Theis Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 09

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/11/1958 and date of death 10/01/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a N11550 mailing address Muskellunge Lake Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487-9709.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June

9, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Register in Probate Office, Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452.

DATE SIGNED: February 20, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Beyer Probate Registrar Form complete by:

Donal M. Demet 815 N. Cass Street Milwaukee, WI 53202-3908 414-326-3101 1014814 Published March 1, 8, 15, 2023

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY The Huntington National Bank

The Estate of David D. Haring, Deceased and The Estate of Kathleen L. Haring, Deceased

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

April 11, 2023 at 10:00 am 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

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STATE OF WISCONSIN LINCOLN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ADVIA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff.

J.W. PERRY, INC., DONIVAN BROSE,

Case No. 2020CV57 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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PLACE: Main Entrance - Lincoln County Courthouse 1110 East Main Street Merrill, WI 54452

TERMS 1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds (unless credit bid by Plaintiff or its assignee) at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale: failure to

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For further information and specifications, contact the Lincoln County

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recorded March 3, 2019 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lincoln County, Wisconsin, in Volume 16 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 55, as Document No 535612, being a part of Assessor's Plat Number 220 and all of Certified Survey Map No. 139, recorded in Volume 1, on Page 156, as Document No. 241070, filed in the Lincoln County Register of Deeds Office, located in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 13, Township 31 North, Range 6 East, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF Drafted by

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOMAHAWK LEADER

We need to all stay connected on this

We assume everyone these days has internet access. After all they are walking around with a cell phone, iPad or some type of device.

But have you ever asked about the quality of service they actually have?

The majority of the counties across the Northwoods do not have high quality internet. Our email may work, and if we're lucky we can use search engines, but no way is any type of zoom, telehealth, downloading or live streaming working well.

Yes, we have heard that state and federal money is now available to solve this problem. And while the amounts sound impressive, I encourage you to dive deeper into what those true cost will be for affordable. reliable, quality internet.

To truly provide adequate internet for the Northwoods one time funding is needed to implement high quality internet as a public utility. This current incremental approach is wasting time and money as individual counties try to solve the issue.

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each of us to let the Joint Committee on Finance know they need to go beyond the Governor's proposed budget on this and provide appropriate one time funding to implement internet as a public utility and get this done!

You can submit your thoughts to the Joint Finance Committee at budget.comments@legis. wisconsin.gov. Or attend the April 25 JFC budget hearing in Minocqua at Lakeland Union High School.

We need to all stay connected on this!

> Sue Dierksen Gleason

Reconciliation is not just forgiveness

Once again, correspondent Diana C. Smith has raised a pertinent and pressing issue. Though we usually come up with different solutions, I admire her for her courage and detailed thought-out positions.

All that she reported is correct. The pain of sudden and unforeseen death, especially wrongful death, is tragic and painful. Thus, nearly everyone would agree something absolutely must be done

about wrongful death from guns.

History records absolutely no instances of a gun acting solely on its own to discharge itself (let's not confuse careless handling of a gun with doing what with a gun what a gun is for - that is, a gun is not a paperweight or a hammer). Similarly, history records no instances of a poppy seed morphing into

a drug and forcing itself on a human person leading to addiction.

Hoping to legislatively control the misuse of guns and dangerous drugs is an admission that we cannot control ourselves.

By all means, it is an imperative duty for all of us to seek to help those who lack the mental capacity to not squeeze a trigger or use drugs. But a responsible person who squeezes a trigger or takes a dangerous drug must be dealt with for the selfishness they display. There is no excuse for doing evil.

Do I believe in personal reconciliation? Of course, I do. But reconciliation is not just forgiveness.

> Bernie Lyngdal Tomahawk

Shameless

A peculiar thing about gerrymandering is its shamelessness.

Its shamelessness is underrecognized and underappreciated in the sense of refusing to see itself for what it is, how proud it is of its morality. Its very morality exudes shamelessness.

But how did shamelessness get to be so moral?

Gerrymandering is inherently undemocratic. It stacks the electoral deck. Wisconsin is so thoroughly stacked as to be a scientific experiment in political engineering.

What can possibly justify a deliberately imposed constriction of a more inclusive and participatory democracy?

Here we need to swing back to shamelessness itself in order to assess its morality. That is, gerrymandering is so patently immoral that the only way to deflect its immorality is to use political descriptors that portray gerrymandered voters as evil.

This shamelessness - and the strut and swagger that celebrate shamelessness is what happens when a deeply immoral thing is "justified" (and therefore

made "moral"), when those who want the immoral thing call themselves moral.

Gerrymandering is most immoral when it protects minority rule, neo-aristocratic wealth, and racial dominance. Understanding this evil requires careful examination. But advocates of the immoral thing call their effort good and they call evil those who want this immoral thing undone.

Gerrymandering is itself the immoral thing. Why is it so difficult to recognize this truth and vote accordingly?

Merrill

PAID LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following is a paid Letter to the Editor, per Tomahawk Leader policy.

Let your voice be heard

Dear Lincoln County Voters:

On April 4 voters will decide on a new justice for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Currently the seven-person court is dominated by four conservative justices.

One of the conservatives is retiring. Whoever is elected will tilt the court's balance right or left. Among the issues likely to come before the supreme court this year is whether our 1849 law, making it a five year felony to perform an abortion, remains on the books. This is an issue of tremendous personal consequence to many Wisconsinites.

Spring elections usually

are low turnout affairs no matter how important the issues may be. If you are thinking about sitting this election out, ask yourself if you really want this important decision to be made for you, by a small minority of conservative leaning political activists who vote in every Spring election.

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<u>Leader Sports & Nature</u>

2022-2023 winter sports summary, part two

BY BOB SKUBAL RETIRED COACH, HISTORIAN, AUTHOR OF 'HISTORY OF TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK - Last week, we took a look at Tomahawk High School boys' swimming and wrestling seasons.

This week, we'll review the boys' basketball, hockey and girls' basketball seasons.

Boys' basketball

Our third male sport is boys' basketball, coached by Jacob Jarvensivu and assisted by Jeremy Zimmerman, Levi Spaeth, Jared Jarvensivu and Jack Jarvensivu.

Team members were Ethan Breitenfeld, Tyler Jablonski, Gavyn Palmer, Jacob Towle, Joey Reiter, Jaxson Werner, Ethan Ihn, Kyle Norman, Drew Albert, Easton Sleaper, Brody Rigney, Tyler Sundquist, Reiley Massa and Malachi Scheffler.

The basketball team pro-

duced a 5-20 record. All five victories were over nonconference opponents of Marion 41-22, Montello 72-37, White Lake 72-42 (with Palmer scoring 21), Elcho 58-49 and Crandon 70-52.

Losses were to Three Lakes 58-42, Eagle River 58-30 and 81-24, Prentice 88-48, Mosinee 76-24 and 77-26. Medford 88-33 and 93-30. Fall River 66-45, Antigo 65-48 (with Palmer scoring 21) and 51-41, Rhinelander 65-34 and 52-42, Tigerton 55-53 in overtime (with Jablonski scoring 21), Rib Lake 59-50, Lakeland 77-39 and 71-30, Bonduel 79-46, Phillips 77-54 and to Winneconne in the playoffs 77-53.

All-Conference Honorable Mention honors went to Gavyn Palmer.

Final conference standings were Medford 12-0, Eagle River 10-2. Mosinee 7-4. Rhinelander 6-6, Lakeland 4-7, Antigo 2-10 and Tomahawk 0-12.

Hockey

hockey, coached by Chris Bembinster and assisted by Andy Flynn, Derek Dotter, Kole Woodall and Ryan Flynn.

members were Team Caleb Trevor Seliskar, Dickens, Zach Friske, Austin Lamer, Rex Reilly, Trevor Schumann, Jonah Dickens, Mitch Jimenez, Carson Childers, Caiden Reichelt, Scout Stromberg, Logan Seymour, Landyn Seymour, Sawyer Hanna, Patrick Samundsen, Beau Stromberg, Alex Clifford, Rec Peritz, Michael Samundsen, Ty Anthes and Andrew Samundsen.

Tomahawk would end the season with an 18-6 record for the most wins in school history. Victories were over Shawano 9-1 and 7-3, St. Point Pacelli 6-2 (Tomahawk had 69 shots on net) and 5-3. Medford 12-2 (Friske and Seymour had hat tricks), Merrill/ East 11-1 (Dickens had the hat trick), DePere 3-2, Eagle River 7-1 (Dickens Our final boys' sport was had the hat trick), 8-4 and 6-3, Lakeland 4-3, Antigo 7-1 (Dickens had the hat trick), Oshkosh 7-4 (Dickens had the hat trick), Waupaca 7-4 and 4-2, Barron 13-1 (Friske and Reilly had hat tricks) West Salem 7-1 (Dickens had the hat trick) and the Blizzard 12-

Losses were to Rhinelander 8-4, Marshfield 5-3, Mosinee 8-2, Ashland 4-1, Antigo 5-2 in the conference quarterfinals and 4-3 to Eagle River in the playoffs.

Overall conference Season Standings were Mosinee 39, Lakeland 36, Rhinelander 30, Tomahawk 24, Antigo 19, Eagle River 13, Waupaca 6 and Medford 3.

Second Team All-Conference honors went to Zach Friske, while Logan Seymour and Austin Lamer were both honorable mention.

A well-deserved award also went to Chris Bembinster for Coach of the Year.

Austin Lamer and Zach Friske were voted All-State honorable mention.

Girls' basketball

Our final winter sport is girls' basketball, coached by Jon Long and assisted by Jeremy Baalke, Tim Albert and Matt Theiler.

Team members were Khianna Vacho, Claire Albert, Bryn Baalke, Caylie Swan, Kaylynn Sandry, Sienna Calkins, Lydia Ziert, Freya Alberg and Gracie Long.

Conference standings were Lakeland 12-0, Mosinee 10-2, Antigo 7-5, Rhinelander 7-5, Medford 4-8, Eagle River 2-10 and Tomahawk 0-12.

Tomahawk ended with a 7-18 overall record, the most victories since the 2004-05 season. Victories were over Elcho 45-28 (Albert scored six 3's and 20 total points), Chequamegon 55-43 (Albert had 12 blocked shots for a new school record), Marion 41-22 (Vacho scored 29 points and Albert scored 21), Northland Lutheran 64-51, Tri-County 58-24, Rib Lake 29-25 and Bowler 55-50 (Albert scored 25 points).

Losses were to Butternut 43-30 (Vacho scored 20 points), Rhinelander 68-41 and 60-16, Eagle River 39-31, 51-30 and Florence 66-36. Mosinee 65-20 and 54-25. Prentice 43-32, Medford 57-16 and 55-37. Almond-Bancroft 42-22, Antigo 69-29 (Albert scored 21 points) and 64-31, Abbotsford 53-26, and Lakeland 77-27 and 84-31.

For the first time in four vears, Tomahawk had All-Conference athletes, when Claire Albert and Freya Alberg were voted All-Conference honorable mention.

Alumni who have passed away

I would also like to pay our respects to the following THS alumni who passed away this winter: Mike Gillette, Class of '55; Brian Copiskey, Class of '76; Jeff Strassman, Class of '79; Brian Ahrens, Class of '82; Allison Flynn, Class of '03; and Krista Hinsa, Class of 2009.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their fami-

Nicolet College seminar to focus on musky fishing tactics

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER - The many tactics to catch one of the most prized gamefish in northern Wisconsin will be the focus at a Musky Seminar at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.

The seminar, hosted by the Nicolet's Outdoor Adventure program, will be held on Saturday, March 25 and Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

"If there's a secret to catching muskies regularly, it's putting together a whole bunch of little things and doing them correctly," said Fishing Hall of Fame inductee Steve Heiting, who will be the lead presenter at the seminar.

Nicolet said participants can attend one or both days of the seminar, which will be held in Northwoods Center 208 and 209 on the Nicolet Campus.

Ten different presentations are planned for the two-day event, with numerous new topics that focus on how and when to use a variety of different musky baits.



Fishing Hall of Fame inductee Steve Heiting, along with other top Northwoods guides, will lead numerous presentations during the Musky Seminar organized by the Outdoor Adventure program at Nicolet College. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

"We've decided to go all-in with specific lure techniques and secrets," Heiting stated. "Musky fishermen love buying new lures, and our seminars are

geared toward helping students bring out their lures' magic."

"Along with video of how each lure should behave when it is in the water, discussion and instruction will also delve into rod and reel handling techniques to get the desired action in any given bait," Nicolet said.

Lures covered in the sem-

inar will include topwaters, bucktails, minnowbaits and crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics and live bait.

Other topics include how prime musky locations

change throughout the season, how to catch muskies from the back of the boat and exploring new musky waters, along with a presentation for beginners on the basics of musky fishing and proper landing and release techniques.

Each session will last approximately one hour and will include a question-andanswer segment.

"All of the class sessions are focused on giving people the knowledge and skills they need so they can hit the water running when musky season opens in May," Heiting said.

Joining Heiting in presenting seminars are longtime Northwoods guides Scott Biscobing, Ken Jackson and Rob Manthei.

Cost is \$60.00 for one day and \$100.00 for both days. Lunch and the chance at door prizes, including two St. Croix musky rods, are included in the registration

To register for the seminar, visit www.nicoletoa. tix.com or call 715-365-4544.

Hatchet eSports club wraps up winter season

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK Tomahawk Hatchet eSports Club wrapped up its winter season last week.

The Rocket League team of Sam, Elliot and Ryan had a record of 2-6 on the sea-

Coach Paula Norman said the squad made progress and improved each

"We competed against much larger schools who have had a long-standing eSports program," Norman stated. "I give them credit for their perseverance."

The FortNite team of Jax, Payton and Elias improved steadily each week.

Norman explained that 25 teams competed each Wednesday night.

"At the beginning of the season, they were towards

the bottom of the pack," Norman said. "By the end, they were finishing in the middle consistently, around 14th place. Fortnite was new to the program this year, and they also persevered through many glitches. I can't wait to see how this team will place next year, as they are all freshman with a bright fu-

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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TOMAHAWK LEADER

BY RYAN BRADY DNR NATURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROGRAM BIOLOGIST

WISCONSIN - Spring migration has arrived.

Birders across southern Wisconsin are reporting the return of robins, redwinged blackbirds, sandhill cranes, bluebirds and a large diversity of waterfowl, among other shortdistance migrants that are the first to arrive each year.

As usual, migration is most evident in the southeast quarter of the state southward from Green Bay to La Crosse. However, signs of spring are apparent statewide.

March is primetime for waterfowl viewing wherever open water allows. Flocks of tundra swans, Canadian geese, greater whitefronted geese, and various ducks have been found in wetlands, inland lakes, and flooded farm fields. Look



Although some American robins overwinter in Wisconsin, migrating robins have now surged into the state's southern half, where they are foraging on bare ground, eating leftover fruits and singing to announce spring territories. Photo by Ryan Brady

for cackling geese, snow geese, and even a few Ross's geese among them. Puddle ducks include mallards, wood ducks, northern pintails, American wigeon and others. Expect divers like common goldeneyes, red-

heads, hooded mergansers, buffleheads, and scaup in slightly deeper waters.

Other arrivals include killdeer, great blue heron, eastern meadowlark, common grackle, horned lark, song sparrow and American white pelican. Raptors are also on the move, including turkey vultures, American kestrels, merlins, rough-legged hawks, and bald and golden eagles. At dawn and dusk. American

woodcocks are now displaying over brushy habitats and field edges in southern counties. Listening to and looking for this species is a great family activity.

Farther north, snow and ice prevail, where trumpeter swans, a few Canada geese and bald eagles are primary migrants. Northern saw-whet owls have begun tooting, and common ravens are nesting now. Feeders in the north right now primarily host evening grosbeaks and American goldfinches among the resident species. Pine siskins are scarce and common redpolls are nearly absent this year, as most spent the winter across Canada, where, unlike last year, food resources were adequate to sustain them.

Statewide, singing activity has ramped up for American robins, northern cardinals, mourning doves, house finches and blackcapped chickadees. At the same time, woodpeckers are busy drumming, and wild turkeys are now strutting and gobbling. Bald eagles are on eggs, and great horned owls, our earliest nesters, already have chicks. Nesting activity will quickly unfold for returning migrants like cranes, robins and geese.

Are you concerned about the effect of spring snowstorms on migrating birds? These storms have shaped bird migration for millennia, and most species can deal with short-term weather setbacks.

You can help by clearing or maintaining patches of bare ground; offering mealworms, chopped fruits and suet in addition to the usual seeds; and keeping feeders full, dry and sheltered from the conditions.

As always, report your observations and discover what others see at www. ebird.org/wi/home.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress, DNR to host open houses in Tomahawk, throughout state

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN -Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are inviting the public to attend an open house the week of Monday, April 3 to learn about resource management in their

DNR staff and WCC delegates will be on hand at these open houses, held in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties, to discuss local issues of importance, answer questions from the public and open a dialogue between the public, the DNR and the WCC about areas of interest and concern.

The WCC will also hold their delegates' elections at each open house. Two



of the five WCC seats will be up for election in each county.

Lincoln County's open house will be held in the Tomahawk High School auditorium on Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m.

Location details for each county open house are available on the WCC/ DNR Open Houses webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/openhouses.

The open houses precede the annual WCC/ DNR Spring Hearings.

In addition to the op-



portunity to engage with DNR staff and WCC delegates at these open houses, the public is also invited to participate in the annual spring hearings the following week, which focus on natural resource-related advisory questions and proposed rule changes.

The Spring Hearings will again be held in a virtual format, as has been done since 2020.

This year's online questionnaire will be open for input from Monday, April 10 at noon through Thursday, April 13 at noon via the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing webpage www.dnr.wisconsin. gov/about/wcc/springhearing.

About the Wisconsin **Conservation Congress**

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where the public elects delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the DNR on responsibly managing Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. The Congress accomplishes this through open, impartial broad-ranged actions.

Learn more about the WCC and how to become involved in resource management decisions on the Wisconsin Conservation webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 121

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

Week 120 question: In the 1965 track season, THS won the conference championship over Mosinee by ½ point. Was that victory the result of a DQ by Mosinee, a DQ by Tomahawk or no entry by either team in the last event?

Week 120 answer: Mosinee was DQ in the 880 relay, which cost them the title.

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

Week 121 question: In the fall of 1965, football games were being played at the high school on Saturday afternoons instead of Pride Park. How long had high school football games been played at Pride Park: 30 years, 40 years or 50 years?

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NEW LISITING: W947 3rd Ave Gleason: Welcome to the country Gleason. Conveniently located off Hwy 17, this home sits on 1 acre and is accompanied by a 24'x36' outbuilding. The outbuilding is equipped with a paved floor and electricity. The home has new

flooring and paint throughout. The home also has a newer roof, gutters, and furnace. Located conveniently between Rhinelander, Merrill, and Tomahawk. \$124,900



Oaks Pub is a full-service bar with a fully equipped commercial kitchen. Located just a few miles north of Tomahawk on the very busy Highway 8. This is a turn-key business and is currently open 6 days a week. The Pub comes fully equipped with everything included to run a successful business. There is also a very nice 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom living quarters attached to the back. Located on the snowmobile trail and directly next to the park & ride in the wayside. This is a fantastic business



e's on Clear Lake, a traditional northern Wisconsin Supper Club is being offered for sale. Located on beautiful Clear Lake in northern Lincoln County right off Highway 8. The dining and bar area was completely renovated in 2018 and was featured on the Food Network's TV show Restaurant Impossible. The dining room has seating for 50 guests and the bar has seating for 17. During the warmer months there is a large deck overlooking the lake with

outside seating for 20. The kitchen is a chef's delight, large and well designed with a great flow for food prep. This is a well-established business with a great reputation for high quality dining. This is a turnkey business with everything needed included in the sale, \$325,000

W6512 Nokomis Dr Wooded lot near Tomahawk. Close to lakes, trails and more. The old structure on the property has not been lived in for many years. Seller nor broker know the interior condition of it. \$17,900

NEW LISTING: W5795 Robinson Rd Tomahawk: Fantastic location 25% of Tomahawk Troop proceeds will be donated to the TOMAHAWK TOGETHER "OUR DREAM PARK" PROJECT Our iconic shortbread cookie has a new name!

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Tomahawk financial advisor Richard Tegge Jr. included in LPL's Patriot's Club

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - Richard Tegge Jr., an independent LPL Financial advisor at Wealth Strategy Group in Tomahawk and Marquette, announced his inclusion in LPL's Patriot's Club earlier this month.

The award is presented to less than 7% of LPL's more than 21,000 financial advisors nationwide, according to a release from the firm.

"This is an impressive achievement that Richard has earned as a top performer and showcases his dedication to his clients," said Angela Xavier, LPL Executive Vice President, Independent Advisor Services. "It is an honor to support Richard with robust technology, integrated products and differentiated services so he can run a thriving practice. We wish Richard and his entire team continued success as they create meaningful impact in the lives of their clients."

Tegge is affiliated with LPL Financial, a leading wealth management firm.

"LPL provides the resources, tools and technology that support advisors in their work to enrich their clients' financial lives," the release stated.

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Natural Connections: Snowshoe Field Trip

BY EMILY STONE NATURALIST/EDUCATION DIRECTOR, CABLE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Thick clouds of snowflakes swirled as I climbed the steep hill. Behind me, a string of 20 third graders from Hayward Intermediate School padded along on the Cable Natural History Museum's rental snowshoes. Their feet were quieter than usual—in many years the trails are hardpacked ice by the time we embark on this annual field trip. This year, fresh snow dampened the crunch of plastic and metal.

The students themselves were just as talkative as ever. Barely out of sight of the big yellow school bus, they'd started in with the cries of "I'm tired! I'm hungry! Are we there yet?" By age 9, they were already finding humor in what they knew to be cliché' (even if that word has yet to appear on a spelling test).

When the upper branches of a freshly fallen tree appeared ahead of us, I took quick stock of the options. "Are you ready for an adventure?" I asked, and led the students through fresh snow, up a steep bank, onto the high angle of the hillside above the trail, and then back down. "Yes! More adventure!" cried the eager ones at the front of the line. While the less adventurous ones struggled with the hill, I texted Rich Jaworski, the new director of the Museum. By the time we passed that way again, the tree had magically disappeared, even the sawdust covered by snow.

This field trip is designed around the Mammal Tour at the North End Trailhead, a roughly 1-mile loop trail where we've placed life-size metal silhouettes of 25 Wisconsin mammals. But when we got to the start of the main loop, the first metal animal was nowhere to be seen. I gingerly stepped around the mound where I thought it should be, but no badger appeared. Forging ahead without the visual aid, I asked, "What are badgers really good at?" "Basketball and football!" was the response.



Over the course of two days, 102 third graders learned about winter ecology on the Mammal Tour at the North End Trailhead. Photo by Emily Stone

Digging dens is what I'd been thinking.

The woodchuck and chipmunk were also deeply buried by crusty layers of snow and ice. But the wolf's nose was howling out of a drift, and not far away the deer's antlers beckoned, too. At the trailhead, I'd given two students backpacks to carry, and now their jaws dropped as I pulled a full, fluffy wolf pelt from one of the packs.

After petting the fur, we talked about how wolves' big feet help them stay on top of the snow, especially crusty spring snow. In contrast, deer's sharp hooves-well suited for running quietly and efficiently through the leaf litter-punch through the crust and allow their owner to be caught.

There was no crust on this day. The snow fell so fast that our tracks were obscured by the time we completed the loop less than two hours later. And the talk of venison for a wolf's dinner must have made some kids hungry, because they scooped up big handfuls of fresh snow and ate messily. "Just so you can make an informed decision,' I told them, "every single snowflake has a piece of dust or bacteria at its center." No one was deterred.

On the second morning (it takes four rounds to get 102 third graders out on trail!) sunshine beamed down instead of snow. Just before the corner of the missing badger, tiny tracks quilted the drifts. Mice had darted from tree to tree in last night's moonlight. I couldn't resist pointing them out. "Who made these?"

I asked the kids, "Deer! Fox! Rabbit! Squirrel!" they shouted, clearly not computing that the track-maker's feet were less than half an inch

"All winter," I told them, "mice live in a magical space where snow and ground come together." "I know what it's called!" yelled a kid from the back of the line. "So," I continued, "when you look out in the woods and see this blank snow, you can also imagine entire mouse cities and civilizations hidden underneath, where they are eating, sleeping, fighting, playing, and having babies all winter long. This magical place is called ... " and I gestured to the kid..."The subnivean zone!" he yelled proudly. "I learned that from Wild Kratts" he added.

The mice often use the base of a tree as a gateway between the subnivean zone and the surface, I explained, but sometimes they just burrow straight into the snow. With eyes alert as we hiked, these portal holes appeared everywhere.

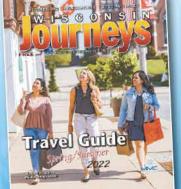
Back at the corner of the missing badger, we recapped. "Today we learned about things that animals have and do that help them survive the winter. And we put some adaptations on ourselves, too. What adaptations am I talking about?" I asked. "Snowshoes!" they yelled. And then we tromped down the hill to take them off.

Emily's award-winning second book, Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer, is now available to purchase at www.cablemuseum.org/books and at your local independent bookstore, too.

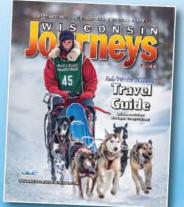
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