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TPD offering security surveys for properties in city

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Police Department (TPD) last week announced that it is offering security surveys for properties in the City of Tomahawk.

A Wednesday, April 19 post on TPD's Facebook page said that upon request, an officer will visit a property and conduct a survey provided by the Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association (WCPPA).

The post said the surveys are designed to "identify areas of concern."

The Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys focus on residences, multi-family units, businesses, schools and retail establishments, according to WCPPA.

"Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) adjusts the environmental design of a residence or business by using lighting, landscaping and overall design," WCPPA's residence survey said. "These adjustments then make the business or residence undesirable to opportunistic criminals."

WCPPA said CPTED has been used to combat crimes that might occur in residences, businesses, parking lots or common areas.

"This includes assaults, robberies, burglaries and thefts," WCPPA stated. "CPTED has been extremely successful in combating the opportunistic criminal."

WCPPA said the four "key concepts" of CPTED are "natural surveillance" – the placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way as to maximize visibility; "natural access control" – the physical guidance of people coming and going from a space by the placement of entrances, fences, landscaping and lighting; "territorial reinforcement" – the use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fencing, pavement treatments, signage and landscaping; and "maintenance," which allows for the continued use of a space for its intended purpose and serves as an additional expression of ownership.

TPD said its goal is to "provide opportunities to decrease and prevent crime by working together in our community."

"We look forward to working with you and making Tomahawk a safer place," TPD stated.

To learn more about the surveys, visit www.bit.ly/40piVGM.

For more information or to schedule a survey, contact Officer Watruba at 715-453-2121.



Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) recently made a donation to cover the costs for two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at the School District of Tomahawk. PCA Tomahawk Mill Manager Don Gennrich explained that the district only had one AED, and Arland Wingate, the district's Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, reached out to Sue Geraty, the mill's Registered Nurse, to request assistance in improving the safety of the school complex by adding an additional AED. PCA and the mill's two unions came together to cover the costs for not one, but two AEDs to be placed in the elementary school building and the athletics area. Pictured, from left: Gennrich, Wingate, IAM Lodge 1713 President Ken Sloat, USW Local 248 President Bob Garrou and School District of Tomahawk Administrator Wendell Quesinberry. Photo courtesy of Don Gennrich

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Reopening MAY 3rd!

Collaboration is Key as Downtown Bakery Readies to Reopen

There is a saying about a village raising a child. Tomahawk's Kallijah Paraska has learned it takes a dedicated staff to reopen a bakery.

The Boulangerie, a European style bakery in downtown Tomahawk, closed last winter because of a family medical emergency. Kallijah feared her family responsibilities would keep the ovens off and doors closed for the entire year. But the Boulangerie staff had other ideas.

"Our employees collectively came forward to ask if we could develop a plan of how they can help us reopen and keep the bakery open," Kallijah said. "The plan would allow me to bake early come and go throughout the day as our family continues to heal."

"I also want to thank the community for their kind thoughts, cards, texts and prayers over the past several months."

Owning a bakery is a lifelong dream for Kallijah. It started as a child accompanying her mother and grandmother to a bakery in Alma, on the banks of the Mississippi River.

"The window displays and aroma as

we approached and walked inside is still an enduring sensory and visual memory today," said Kallijah. "As we entered the bakery, there were workers dressed in white aprons and white hats and people would sit at the bakery bar eating a pastry and drinking a cup of coffee."

The Boulangerie was fortunate to hire talented, dedicated and experienced staff to fill in while Kallijah is away from the bakery. Once open, they will continue to offer fresh bread, sandwiches, soup, pasta salads, green salads, viennoiserie, patisserie, full cakes and cakes by the slice, espresso and refreshments and seasonal delicacies with a daily lunch special weekdays and Saturday breakfast special.

Boulangerie will reopen Wednesday, May 3 and their days and hours of operation are Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For special events in the Tomahawk Main Street location they will also be open with the exception of the Fall Ride.



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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Tuesday, April 18:

A Brantwood man, 24, avoided injury following a one-vehicle crash Sunday night, April 16, in the Town of Tomahawk. A preliminary investigation indicated the vehicle the man was operating was eastbound on State Rd. 86 east of Zenith Tower Rd. when it lost control due to road conditions, entered the ditch and rolled over.

A Gleason man, 50, was taken into custody following a traffic stop in the Town of Harrison Sunday afternoon. A deputy on patrol stopped the vehicle the man was operating near the intersection of State Rd. 17 and Town Hall Rd. after observing it having difficulty staying within its lane of travel. Following a preliminary investigation, the man was taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail on a 6th offense charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

An Amherst woman, 47, was taken into custody following a traffic stop Saturday night, April 15, in the Town of Skanawan. A deputy on patrol on U.S. Hwy. 51 stopped the vehicle near the intersection with County Rd. S after observing the vehicle traveling 87 MPH in a 65 MPH speed zone. Following a preliminary investigation, the woman was taken into custody on a first offense charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and later released to a responsible party.

A Tomahawk male, 17, was taken into custody following an incident in the Town of Bradley on the evening of Tuesday, April 11. A deputy on patrol near the intersection of County Rd. L and Derleth Rd. observed a vehicle pass her patrol vehicle in a no-passing zone and attempted to stop the vehicle. After activating her patrol vehicle's lights and siren, the vehicle the male was operating continued northbound on County Rd. L at speeds in excess of 100 MPH. The vehicle and driver were later located at a residence, where the male was taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail on a charge of fleeing and eluding an officer.

Eleven motorists reported striking deer in Lincoln County this past week, up from four the week before.



Tomahawk Elementary School students recently took part in sewing projects in the library. Third graders made pillowcases, while fourth and fifth graders made chicken stuffies.



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Merrill community grieves loss of two teens

BY TINA L. SCOTT
MMC STAFF

MERRILL – The Merrill community is grieving the loss of two teenagers who died earlier this month.

Aiden Grefe, age 17, and Dakota Brown, age 16, both of Merrill, went missing early Sunday morning, April 16. Aiden's mother last heard from him at approximately 8 a.m., and witnesses indicated they had seen the two teens walking into the woods near State Rd. 17/Single Mill Rd. in the Town of Harrison in Lincoln County.

At that time, Aiden was believed to have been wearing a sleeveless white shirt and sweatpants, and Dakota was last seen wearing a bright pink sleeveless body suit, light blue ripped jeans, and either black high top Converse or white Vans shoes. She may also have had a gray zip-up hoodie sweatshirt with her. She did not have her phone or other electronics with her. This information was provided by family and



Brown



Grefe

friends on Facebook.

The weather changed dramatically on Sunday, starting with rain and transitioning to sleet, freezing temperatures, snow and high winds as the day wore on and into Monday morning.

Family and friends searched for the missing teens to no avail.

A formal search ensued on Monday, April 17, led primarily by Lincoln County Sheriff's

Office (LCSO) and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) with assistance from the Wisconsin National Guard, multiple fire departments, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Oneida County Forestry Department, the Oneida County Land Records, the Rosewood Barn and Derek's Town and Country. At that time, the LCSO asked

that all private search efforts be halted, as they would interfere with the organized search.

On the evening of Monday, April 17, the OCSO issued a press release saying "two deceased persons were found in the Oneida County Forest in the town of Enterprise."

"The deaths are being investigated jointly by the OCSO, the LCSO, the Oneida County District Attorney, the Lin-

coln County District Attorney and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Department," the release said. "At this time, due to the limited information that we have, no more information will be released."

While neither the OCSO nor the LCSO would confirm the "two deceased persons" were Aiden and Dakota, Aiden's mother, Rachel Grefe, made the confirmation on her Facebook

page Monday evening, saying: "As some of you may know and are aware, my son Aiden and his friend Dakota were found this evening deceased. I want to thank all the volunteers and friends and family and the community as one that has come together for my child and Dakota."

"Please keep my family and Dakota's family in your prayers as we have lost our beautiful babies and need love and strength to help get us through," her message said. "Again thank you all who have sent love through messages or showed up out on the searches! Much love from myself Aiden's mother, his sister Molly, and brother Evan and the rest of Aiden's close family!"

Additional counselors were available at Merrill High School on Tuesday, April 18, to help students.

The deaths of the two teenagers are considered an active investigation. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Hunter Leroy, was born to Denise and Christopher Fehrman, Tomahawk, on Thursday, April 13, 2023. He weighed 2 pounds, 0.5 ounces and was 13 1/4 inches long.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open Book, Board of Review meetings

Property Taxpayers please read!

We would like to remind property taxpayers to talk with their assessor or attend their Town/City Open Book meeting to review the assessment roll if they question the assessed value of their property.

Some municipalities have Open Book meetings starting in April. If you are not satisfied with the outcome at the Open Book

meeting then you can appeal the assessment to the Board of Review, which is a panel of your local officials.

The Board of Review meetings are held between April and December and will be listed in your local papers, posted at your town/city hall, and on the town/city website if they have one. You may also contact your Town/City Clerk or your assessor to determine the date and time of the Open Book and Board of Review meetings.

You can also go to the Department of Revenue website to check an Open Book and Board of Review calendar to find out if your municipality has posted the dates on the calendar. That site is www.bit.ly/3oqXOX5. This site will also list your town clerk and assessors name and phone number.

The law requires a precise order to follow and specific information

be presented by the taxpayer when appealing your assessment. The Board of Review is a hearing in which you are sworn and give testimony. For more information on this subject, you can visit www.bit.ly/3UMcpILand and type "Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owners" in the search window. This booklet and others are also listed on the DOR site with the calendar.

Once the Board of Review certifies the assessment roll and adjourns their meeting, no further changes can be made to your assessment. It is important that you act now to review your assessment because once you receive your tax bill it is too late to object to the assessment and taxes.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary updates are posted at www.tomahawkleader.com



Joanne K. Rupel, 64, of Merrill, formerly of Tomahawk, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Joanne was born May 15, 1958 in Madison to Donald and Dorothy Joan (Nelson) Knudson. She was married to Bill Rupel on June 3, 1995 in Middleton, Wis.

Joanne lived much of her life in Middleton and Tomahawk. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, crafting, and loved spending

time at Crystal Lake. Her greatest enjoyment was time spent with family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving Joanne is her husband, Bill of Merrill; three children, Kathy Anderson, Monona, Wis.; Susan (Bob) Graves, La Crosse; and John Rupel, Monona; three sisters, Donna (Duane) Fuller, Arkdale; Martha (Rick) Heintzleman, New Mexico; and Kristine (Matt) Podgorsak, New York. Joanne is further survived by five grandchildren, Laila, Mya, Cici, Abbygail, and Colton. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Knudson.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life for Joanne. The date and time will be announced.

Krueger Family Funeral and Cremation Service, Tomahawk, is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com.



David M. Powers, age 89, of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Friendly Village Rehabilitation and Care in Rhinelander. He was born Jan. 23, 1934 in San Francisco, Calif., to the late Charles and Elma (Wertanen) Powers. Dave moved with his parents and two brothers to Brantwood, Wis., in 1949.

He was married to Beverly Schultz on Oct. 14, 1972; she survives. Dave was employed at Blount Industries in Prentice, Wis., as a designer in the

jigs and fixtures department for many years. Dave loved hunting and fishing and especially hunting for ducks and geese in Saskatchewan, Canada. He also loved flying radio controlled model airplanes.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Powers, son, David Powers Jr.; two brothers, Tony (Judy) Powers, and Greg (Nancy) Powers. He is also survived by three daughters from a previous marriage, Cindy, Terry, and Brenda. He is further survived by his hunting buddy, Bob Kabel.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Elma Powers.

Graveside Services for David Powers will take place this spring at Prairie Rapids Cemetery in the Town of Nokomis and will be announced at that time.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, is assisting the family. View Dave's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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Associated Clergy of Tomahawk "Pastor's Corner"

JOY, NOT APATHY

While doing some research for a sermon a few weeks ago, I came across some interesting information. The word joy is found over four hundred and thirty times in the Bible while happiness is found only ten times. We are told to be joyful in all circumstances (1 Thes 5:16), but I'm sure we are not happy in all circumstances. Joy is inspired happiness and is a gift from God. Joy is often found during trials and tribulation even during a time of unhappiness. If we live a life of joy it can lead to enthusiasm and is contagious.

Some year ago while writing one of my books, I discovered that the word enthusiasm comes from two Greek words when translated means full of the Spirit. No wonder it is so powerful. Enthusiasm is energy plus joy. Psalms 118:24 says "This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." We are told to be joyful always, so I would suggest that we replace alarm clocks with opportunity clocks and leap out of bed in the morning, looking for opportunities to share the love of Jesus with anyone who might ask where our joy comes from.

Because joy is contagious, you will find those around you are more joyful. Imagine the epidemic of joy you can help create simply by "being joyful always" as scripture suggests. Philippians 4:4 says "rejoice in the Lord always: I will say it again: rejoice!"

I recently read an article that suggested that one of the problems with Christians today is that they suffer from apathy. How can that be possible? We have just celebrated the season of Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, assuring the JOYFUL HOPE of eternal life. Apathy is also true of non-Christians today. It must be a modern day malady!

Apathy should not be a challenge for us. After all, we have the "Good News" to share with others that our past is forgiven, our future is guaranteed, so we can't help but be joyful in the present!

As followers of Christ let us lead the way in defeating apathy, replacing it with the joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



Dennis E. Mannering
Volunteer Outreach Pastor
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Correction Notice: The wrong author was credited for the February 22 article which was written by Pastor John Miskemin and the December 28 article was written by Dennis Mannering.

Richard (Dick) Elmer Andrus, 99, Wausau died April 14, 2023.

Dick was born March 10, 1924 in Tomahawk, Wis., son of the late Percy and Myrtle Andrus. He was a 1942 graduate of Tomahawk High School. He married Nathalie Beilke on August 26, 1950 in Wausau.

Dick was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He worked for Wisconsin Public Service in Wausau for over 40 years until he retired at the age of 62. Dick was very active in his church, loved to garden, take care of his yard, golf and do woodworking projects. He was an active golfer until the age of 97. Dick also loved to spend time at the family cabin on Lake Nokomis.

He is survived by: his children, Mary Kay Bensen (Ted), John Andrus (Janean) and Rev. David Andrus (Debb); five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife Nathalie, sister Maureta (Andrus) Dodds and his parents.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau, with burial at Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau.



Carl A. Westbrook, 94, a life-long resident of Tomahawk, passed away on April 23, 2023 at Country Terrace Assisted Living.

Carl was born Nov. 12, 1928, to Gordon and Clara (Hoffman) Westbrook at the family farm a few miles from Heaford Junction (north of Tomahawk). He worked on the farm for many years prior to employment at Solar Queen, Tomahawk, as a machinist. When Solar Queen closed, he obtained and held a position as a

machinist at Prentice Hydraulics (Omark Industries), Prentice, until he retired.

Among his many interests, Carl enjoyed hunting not only on his own property, but also "out west" in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. Many hunting trips took place with friends and family members over the years. Carl also enjoyed traveling to the Southwest and other areas of the country.

Every year, Carl put in a large vegetable garden with his specialties being onions, potatoes, and sweet corn. Gladiolus were the only flower that he ever grew, and they were beauties. Carl had a special place in his heart for bluebirds and hummingbirds. Bluebird houses were on many fence posts, and he knew just when the eggs hatched in each house.

Carl was the ultimate storyteller, and had a wonderful sense of humor. There was always someone stopping by his house to visit. Friends, neighbors, and family came from near and far to talk about the weather, old tractors, cars, machinery, and hunting, to name a few topics.

Carl was preceded in death by his siblings, Imogene Norlander, Gordon Westbrook, Howard Westbrook, Jean Zacharias, Irene Westbrook, Mary Dumpprope, and Betty Hulce, and his niece, Brenda Wanless.

Carl is survived by his nephew, Mark Hulce (June), and nieces, Kathleen D'Angelo (Tony), Sharon Wiedenfeld (Jay), Sally Johnson, and Linda Westbrook, and great nephews, Adam (Jystyna) Hall. He is further survived by many nephews, nieces, great nephews/nieces, and great-great nephews/nieces. Carl's special friends and neighbors include the Younker family, Peterson family, Ron Evans and family, Don Allen and family, and many more.

Graveside Services for Carl Westbrook will take place at 1:30 p.m. in Greenwood Cemetery on Friday, April 28, 2023. The family would like to especially thank all of the Hospice staff and Country Terrace staff who took such special care of Carl over the last two and a half years.

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



Virginia "Fran" Sweek, age 97, of Tomahawk, passed away on April 17, 2023 at Riverview Health Services in Tomahawk, under the care of Compassus Hospice.

Fran was born on March 21, 1926 in Rhinelander to Milion and Kathryn (Messer) Evers. She was first married to David Whalen and was later married to Adolph Sweek, both preceded her in death. Fran enjoyed gardening, fishing, rose-maling and quilting. She was a faithful member of St. Mary

Catholic Church.

Fran is survived by her children - Dan (Sue) Whalen of Brownfield, Maine, Toni Whalen of Lake Tomahawk, Micky (Jean) Whalen of Tomahawk and Marion (Rick) Kohl of Tomahawk; daughter-in-law - Liz Whalen of Wausau; and brother - Jack Evers of Milwaukee. She is further survived by her nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Fran is preceded in death by her two husbands, son - Tom and grandson - Brian Gehrke.

The Memorial Service for Fran Sweek took place at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Fr. Louis Maram Reddy officiated. Visitation took place from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m.

The family would like to thank the staff at Riverview Health Services and Compassus Hospice for their care.

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.

MMC acquires Delphos Herald media properties

BY MMC

GREEN BAY – Multi Media Channels (MMC), which publishes the Tomahawk Leader, has acquired multiple media properties from Delphos Herald, Inc. and the Cohen family.

The purchase included The Vilas County News-Review, The Three Lakes News and The Northwoods Trader in Eagle River; the Iron County Reporter and The Reporter Shoppers' Guide in Iron River, Mich.; and The Central Wisconsin Resorter and Waushara Argus in Wautoma.

The sale closed on Friday, April 14.

"We are excited to assume the Cohen family's stewardship of these publications," said MMC CEO Patrick Wood. "We intend to strengthen and enrich the community by continuing to provide strong reporting on local news and sports and powerful advertising options for retailers and employers. It is our intention to sustain the Cohen family's legacy through the years to come by maintaining, and if possible exceeding, the high standards of journalistic integrity and customer service they set during their tenure."

"We have the utmost respect for the Cohen family, and we believe that the enduring partnership of all of our colleagues,



both here and in the rest of the company, will forge a strong alliance that supports the vitality of the community," added MMC financial Consultant, Thomas Wood. "We appreciate the support we have had from our financial partner, Nicolet National Bank. Over the years, we've found our relationship with them to be invaluable."

Roberta Cohen said her family has owned the Vilas County News-Review, The Waushara Argus and the Iron County Reporter for many years.

"My father, Murray Cohen, who passed away in Dec. 2021, loved to visit these newspapers," she recalled. "He was proud to be associated with the incredible newspaper professionals that work at each of these newspapers. I appreciate the amazing job these teams do, telling the stories of the people who live and work in their local communities with award-winning journalism. And now, I feel confident that I can entrust these newspapers to a company that shares the same vision and

values that my sister, Jennifer Shneiderman, and I have and that my father had. Family-held Multi Media Channels, led by the Wood family, is well-suited to take over the reins immediately and continue my family's legacy. I'm excited to work with them on the transiting ownership of the Vilas County News-Review, the Waushara Argus and the Iron County Reporter while maintaining the journalism excellence that readers and advertisers have come to expect."

MMC began its work in community newspaper publishing in Denmark, Wis., in 1953. Under the leadership of its founder, Frank Wood, the business expanded into other markets. Today, the company remains in the Wood family, owned and operated by both family members and employees, publishing 31 weekly and four monthly print publications and 28 digital channels that serve the central, northern, and eastern regions of Wisconsin.

LIVING IN ELAINE'S WORLD

Former governor Marty Schreiber talks about his wife, coping as Alzheimer's caregiver

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – Marty Schreiber's message was straightforward.

"People can get involved, they can make a difference by volunteering, they can make a difference by getting involved in the walk; they can make a difference by better understanding this disease."

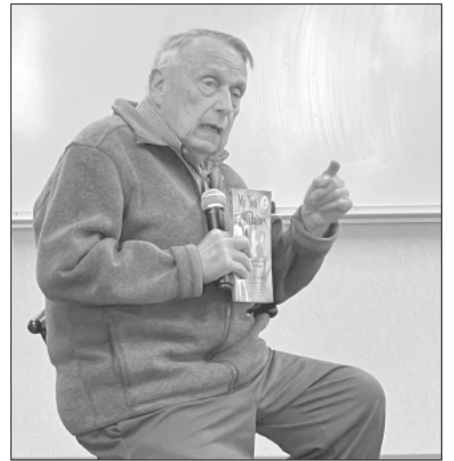
The disease is Alzheimer's, and over the last 20 years the former Wisconsin Governor learned to better understand the disease as he cared for his wife, Elaine.

In 2022, Schreiber self-published the book, *My Two Elaines; Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver*. Since then, the book was picked up by a publisher and updated by the author.

"The book is based on the principle that if Alzheimer's is bad, ignorance of the disease is worse," Schreiber said. He has been touring the state to promote his book, the Alzheimer's Association and county Aging and Disability Resource Centers and made a stop in Rhinelander.

Caregivers, and even doctors, he added, do not understand the disease and don't know how to handle it. This, he said, makes the life of the person living with this disease and the life of the caregiver more difficult.

"I call Alzheimer's 'Not a Chicken Casserole Disease,' because if I fall or have heart surgery, you'll bring me chicken casserole," Schreiber stated. "But if someone has Alzheimer's, because they don't understand this disease, friends and neighbors and relatives, even siblings will shy away from it and stay away."



Former Wisconsin Governor Martin Schreiber is touring the state to talk about Alzheimer's and the book he wrote about his wife Elaine's 20-year journey with the disease.

Contributed photo

So he wrote *Two Elaines* to help caregivers cope and survive.

In the revised edition of his book, Schreiber included notes on things he wishes he had known at the start of Elaine's journey with the disease. For her part, Elaine also kept notes and journals from the time she was diagnosed, which Schreiber said gives a firsthand insight into what was going on in the mind of someone who knows they are losing their mind.

"My wife died about a year ago after living with this disease for 20 years," Schreiber recounted. "There are many mistakes I made because I didn't understand

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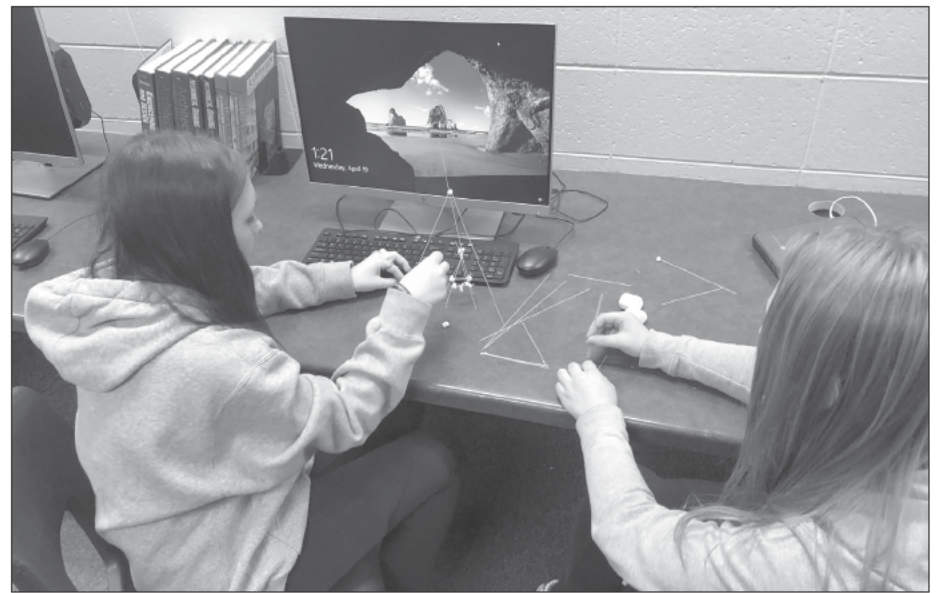
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Students also participated in a challenge where the objective was to build a boat designed to hold the heaviest payload using miscellaneous materials they could "purchase."



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this disease. I would argue with her about what was and what wasn't and finally, when I understood this disease and realized that I should be living in her life, rather than keep her in my life, that made all the difference in the world. Join the world of the person who now is."

Living in Elaine's life involved what he calls "Therapeutic Fibbing," to help her live her best life possible. This practice developed one day after Elaine

asked how her parents were doing, and he told her they were both dead.

"Seeing the shock on her face, I said I'm never going to put her through that again. So next time she asked me, how are my parents? I said, 'They're really well, they're doing good,' and Elaine said, 'That makes me feel so good,'" Schreiber said.

When Elaine was diagnosed in the early 2000s, Alzheimer's could not be cured, prevented nor delayed. The same remains true today. There are drugs

on the market now that can delay the disease to some extent, he noted; if you can afford the drugs.

Hope, Schreiber said, lies with the Alzheimer's Association and the ADRC.

"The Alzheimer's Association played a great role in helping me survive, live and cope," he added. "They have a 24-hour hotline that

you can call anytime, because sometimes you're so exasperated you don't know what to do."

They can also help with tough decisions.

Elaine lived her last eight years in an assisted living memory care unit. For her husband, it was an "unbelievably difficult decision" and was both emotionally

and financially challenging.

Schreiber said it is crucial that caregivers also take care of themselves – some 40% of caregivers nationwide die before their loved ones – and ask for help when needed. Families in rural areas, often the most underserved, he noted, can always contact

their county Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Alzheimer's Association.

The 24/7 hotline for Alzheimer's Association is 800-272-3900.

Call the Oneida County ADRC at 715-369-6170.

Rhineland's 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, Sept. 16.

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Nicolet College Foundation honors students, donors with Promise Luncheon

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The Nicolet College Foundation recently held a Promise Luncheon to honor students in the program and thank the donors who make it possible for qualifying students to attend college tuition-free.

Nicolet student Madelin Keepers attended the event and is one of the 69 students who have benefited from the oftentimes life-changing program since it was founded in 2016, a release from Nicolet said.

“I would like to start off by expressing my sincere gratitude to each one of you,” Keepers said during her presentation. “The thought of starting my new journey in college was very stressful and scary. However, upon

learning that I received the Promise, there was an immediate weight lifted off my shoulders. My family has always struggled with money growing up and knowing that I would be getting a college education without having to worry about the financial aspect of it has been an incredible experience.”

Under the program, the Nicolet College Foundation will pay the balance of tuition and fees for eligible students after federal and state grants have been applied. Nicolet said the Foundation will cover this cost for up to 15 credits per term, until completion of an associate’s degree or 70 credits.

“Many people may feel that college is not an option for them because of cost,” said Heather Schallock, Nicolet Vice Presi-



Nicolet students, staff and Foundation donors, as well as members from the Nicolet Foundation Board and the Nicolet Board of Trustees, attended the recent Promise luncheon at the college. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

dent of Community Engagement and Executive Director of the Nicolet College Foundation. “Others might be reluctant to enroll because they think they will be overwhelmed with student debt. The Nicolet Promise addresses both of those issues.”

Nicolet said the program also aims to encourage young adults to stay in the Northwoods at a time when many leave seeking opportunity elsewhere.

“The chance to earn a tuition-free college education is a huge incentive for young adults to stay in the

region,” Schallock stated. “The skills they will learn are in high demand across the Northwoods. Our hope and goal is for these students to graduate and start careers that are financially and personally rewarding in area communities.”

During the luncheon that was prepared by Nicolet Culinary Arts students, Schallock also expressed gratitude to all of the Foundation donors who have made the Promise program possible.

“All of our donors have a great deal of faith in students attending Nicolet and want to do whatever they can so everyone who wants a college education has the opportunity to earn a college education,” she said. “For that, I say thank you.”

As for Keepers, she will

graduate from Nicolet this spring from the college’s University Transfer Liberal Arts program and then transfer this fall to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to pursue a bachelor’s degree in social work.

“With the education and experience that I have received from Nicolet, I know that I am more than ready to take this next step into my future,” she said. “My biggest desire in life is to help anyone that needs it, whether it be large or small. I want to make a difference in people’s lives, in the same way that each one of you has made a difference in mine.”

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Veterans benefit expo

A multi-county veterans benefit expo will be held at the Hodag Dome, 863 Hodag Dome Dr., Rhinelander, on Friday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Veterans Service Offices from Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Price and Vilas counties, along with dozens of vendors, will be present. For more information, contact the Oneida County Veterans Service Office at 715-369-6127 or cvso@co.oneida.wi.us.

Community Ecumenical Choir concert

The Community Ecumenical Choir will perform a spring concert, entitled "Travelin' Home," on Sunday, April 30 at Prentice Baptist Church, 757 Cherry St., Prentice, at 7 p.m. The choir is comprised of approximately 30 men and women from several churches in Lincoln, Price and Taylor counties. Dolly Hadden is this spring's director, and the choir is accompanied by pianists Joan Points and Judy LeMaster. All are welcome. A free will offering will be used to cover minimal expenses and make donations to the Camp Forest Springs scholarship fund and the Fill-a-Belly Backpack program. Fellowship and refreshments follow the concert.

Harlem Wizards coming to Tomahawk

The Harlem Wizards will take on the Kinship Crew at the Tomahawk School Field House on Wednesday, May 3. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the game will start at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bit.ly/3miCGla, and prices are as follows: Students/seniors, \$9.00; adults, \$11.00; reserved tickets, \$20.00; courtside, \$35.00; bench-warmer, \$80.00; students and seniors at the door, \$11.00; adults at the door, \$13.00. All proceeds will benefit Kinship of Tomahawk. For more information, contact Patti Hilgen-dorf at 715-966-0996 or kinshiptomahawk@hotmail.com.

LCVSO holding office hours in Tomahawk this spring

The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office (LCVSO) will hold office hours at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., this spring. Office hours will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9; and Thursday, May 18. Walk-ins will be accepted, but appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment, call 715-539-1083 or email veterans@co.lincoln.wi.us.

Aspirus blood drive

A blood drive will be held in the Spruce Room at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk, on Friday, May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment, call The Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102.

LCHD to offer monthly COVID-19 booster clinics

The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) is offering the COVID-19 Pfizer bivalent booster vaccine to individuals 12 years and older at monthly immunization clinics, held at LCHD, 607 N. Sales St., Merrill, on the second Wednesday of each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; and the third Wednesday of each month, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, call 715-536-0307 or email LCHHealth@co.lincoln.wi.us.

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.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Everything



Dear Reader,

We live in a world that seems to have everything. And yet, we don't always feel that way. So here's a question to ask those you love: "What is the one thing that I can do for you that would help you over the next three years?"

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PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

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Price County is accepting applications for a Judicial Assistant within the Circuit Court. This position provides clerical, secretarial, and administrative support to the Circuit Judge. The responsibilities include complex and specialized clerical and administrative duties including but not limited to: act as secretary and scheduling clerk to the Circuit Judge; maintain internal files and records of the Circuit Judge and coordinate flow of case files and information between the office of Circuit Judge, Clerk of Court and other court-related and court-attached agencies within Price County, and within other counties within the judicial district; perform duties in the nature of research, preparation and transcription of court decisions, documents, policies, and correspondences; and perform liaison duties with other agencies and courts.

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Hawks
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Aspirus observes Medical Lab Professionals Week

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – In recognition of Medical Lab Professionals Week, observed from Sunday, April 23 through Saturday, April 29, Aspirus Health is shining a light on the skilled laboratory professionals who patients may never see, but nonetheless play a vital role in healthcare.

Medical lab professionals conduct tests that provide crucial information for detecting, diagnosing, treating and monitoring disease. They use specialized instrumentation and techniques to analyze patient samples, such as blood, urine, body fluids, tissue and stool. They work in hospitals, clinics, blood banks, research and reference labs and even forensic labs.

"Each year, about 14 billion lab tests are ordered in the U.S., and 70% of medical decisions depend on those test results," said Michael Hawks, Director of Laboratory Services with Aspirus Riverview Hospital and Clinics.

Aspirus said the need for lab professionals is rising due to population growth and aging, increased coverage of screening tests and the development of new tests.

"It's estimated that demand for lab professionals will increase by 24% by the year 2025," Aspirus stated.

"The U.S. is already experiencing a shortage of lab professionals," Hawks said. "This provides an outstanding opportunity for those who enjoy math, science, chemistry, biology and helping others. Common traits of a lab professional include problem solving, an interest in technology, reliability, integrity and attention to detail."

Aspirus noted that because the results they produce impact medical decisions, lab professionals are specially educated and trained.

"They possess a wide range of education levels, including certificates, two-year associate degrees, bachelor's and master's degrees and doctorate and medical degrees," Aspirus stated.

"Please join Aspirus Health in thanking the medical lab professionals who work every day and every night to provide reliable, timely results so our healthcare providers can accurately diagnose and care for us all," Hawk said.

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Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Apr. 26	1:25AM	4:59AM	9:35AM	5:24PM
Apr. 27	2:03AM	5:48AM	10:39AM	6:12PM
Apr. 28	2:33AM	6:36AM	11:45AM	6:58PM
Apr. 29	2:57AM	7:20AM	12:52PM	7:41PM
Apr. 30	3:17AM	8:02AM	1:58PM	8:23PM
May 1	3:35AM	8:44AM	3:04PM	9:04PM
May 2	3:52AM	9:25AM	4:11PM	9:46PM
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United Way of Wisconsin, Bright by Text providing free childhood resources to parents, caregivers

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Earlier this month, the United Way of Wisconsin announced it had teamed up with Bright by Text, a national parent texting program, to put expert tips, games and child development information directly into the hands of parents and caregivers.

“The United Way of Wisconsin is thrilled to expand the use of Bright by Text across Wisconsin,” said President and CEO Charlene Mouille. “This tool will help parents and caregivers be more intentional with their time with children. We are excited to work with state and community partners to reach all families in Wisconsin.”

The texting service includes topics like brain development, games and activities, health and wellness, STEM, safety and more. Bright by Text partners with experts like PBS, Vroom, Sesame Street, CDC, and others to

United Way of Wisconsin

develop content for families with children aged prenatal to age eight.

In addition to expert content, Bright by Text includes messages about information and resources specific to Wisconsin communities like digital library resources, food pantries, and preschool open enrollment periods. Community organizations across Wisconsin will collaborate with local United Ways to submit information about services and resources available to families and children.

Bright by Text helps parents and caregivers make the most of time at home with their children by illustrating fun and easy activities, providing positive parenting tips and resources, and even sharing video content to guide a child’s development. The program is proven to build nurtur-



ing caregiver-child relationships and positively impact a child’s healthy development and school readiness.

Chelsea Powell shared her perspective as both a Wisconsin parent using Bright by Text and Deputy Director at Higher Expectations.

“I got a text recently about how toddlers can have very strong emotions that can be difficult to manage, with a link to learn more about how to work with my toddler on their emotions, which is super helpful,” she stated.

“Parents and caregivers can feel assured that they are receiving important local announcements and information in Wisconsin thanks to the United Way of Wisconsin and its partners,” United Way said. “Bright by Text is a free resource available to all families.”

To sign up, parents and caregivers with children under age eight can text the word **BADGER** to 274448. They will receive two to four text messages per week, and each message includes a link to a landing page with more detail, short modeling videos, and links to related resources. Families may sign up multiple children and will receive text messages specific to each child.

About United Way of Wisconsin

The United Way of Wisconsin (UWWi) is a statewide organization providing member support services to the local and independent United Ways in Wisconsin. Through UWWi member support services, local United Ways in Wisconsin have the capacity to build stronger communities individually and collectively.

For more information, go to www.unitedwaywi.org or call 608-246-8272.

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DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, April 16	38	24
Monday, April 17	30	26
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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. We should read the Bible with the intent of learning who God is and what He says.

Over the last few weeks we have looked at the meaning of the words *faith* and *believe*, and why people may not *believe* or *have faith* in God. Last week we looked at John 14:27-31 and the peace Jesus gives to those who believe Him. Today we shall look at John 17:14-19 and what makes a believer different from the world.

John 17 is Jesus’ prayer for His followers, knowing that the next day He is to be taken and crucified. In this prayer, Jesus lays bare His concern for His people. Beginning in verse 14 is His desire that His people would be known as His people.

Beginning in verse 14, Jesus prays to the Father, *I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil [in the world].* Here Jesus states that He had given His people God’s message (*word*) and it had made them to be different from the world in which they lived, to the extent that the world did not like them—just like the world did not like Jesus and was about to crucify Him. Notice, Jesus does not pray that the Father would take them out of the world to protect them from persecution, but that the Father would protect them from absorbing the evil that was in the world.

In verses 16 and 17 Jesus goes on to pray, *They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.* Jesus desired that His people, who were being separated from the world by God’s message, that they would be kept separate from the world (sanctified) by God’s message. Why? Because God’s message (*word*) is the truth.

In verses 18 and 19, Jesus then points to Himself as an example to His people to remain in the world and yet be separate from it, saying, *As you [Father] have sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.* The emphasis in this is that God’s people would be separate from the world by God’s message, because it is *the truth*.

Jesus did not, and does not, want His people to become a part of the world, even though He wants us to live in the world. The reason Jesus prays for this is seen in verses 20 and 21 where Jesus continues His prayer: *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me.* Jesus wants His people to be one with Him so that the world would know that Jesus is the Son of God, who was sent to us by God. This can only happen if we are being shaped by God and not by the world.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
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 d/o/b 03/10/2023
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 Case No. 23-IN-15
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 2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/19/1970 and date of death 03/10/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N11622 Grand Ave., Tomahawk, WI 54487.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 4, 2023.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
DATE SIGNED: April 5, 2023
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 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln

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County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
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BY THE COURT:
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Case No. 22-CV-000121
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MARATHON COUNTY
 PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY
 AS SUBROGEE OF
 LORI A BROOKS
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KRISTY M KEDROWICZ
 Defendant.
 Case No. 23CV000048
AMENDED SUMMONS
 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
 TO: KRISTY M KEDROWICZ
 N2389 SNOWFLAKE LN
 MERRILL WI 54452
 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
 Within Forty (40) days after April 19, 2023, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The

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answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, MARATHON COUNTY, 500 FOREST ST, WAUSAU WI 54403-5568 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
 If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.
 If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
 Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin April 11, 2023.
 KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
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Town of Nokomis Accepting Bids
 The Town of Nokomis, Oneida county, Wisconsin is now accepting bids for reconstruction and paving of approximately 1650 FT. on Prairie Rapids Rd.
 Plans specifications/information can be obtained by contacting Dave Halfmann, Nokomis Service Department via e-mail nokomisshop@frontier.com or 715-351-9364 during office hours Monday through Friday 6:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
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The Town of Nokomis, Oneida county, Wisconsin is now accepting bids for double chip seal on the following roads.
 Lylas Road, approximately 735 FT.
 Lee Road, approximately 520 FT.
 Jenny Lake Road, approximately 1700 FT.
 Plans specifications/information can be obtained by contacting Dave Halfmann, Nokomis Service Department via e-mail nokomisshop@frontier.com or 715- 351-9364 during office hours Monday through Friday 6:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
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LINCOLN COUNTY TIMBER SALE May 8, 2023
 Lincoln County is offering 12 Timber Sales on 682 acres.
 10,371 Tons Aspen Pulp 148 MBF Basswood Logs 10,650 Tons Red Pine Pulp/Logs
 8,660 Tons Mxd Hwd Pulp 142 MBF Red Oak Logs
 1,660 Tons Red Oak Pulp 133 MBF Hard Maple Logs
 1,885 Tons Basswood Pulp 61 MBF Mxd Hwd Logs
 610 Tons Fir Pulp
 370 Tons Red Pine Pulp
 190 Tons Spruce Pulp
 70 Tons Hemlock Pulp
 List of sales, maps of cutting areas, access information, cutting requirements and contract specifications may be secured from the Lincoln County Forestry Department Office, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-539-1034. List of sales and maps are also available online at www.co.lincoln.wi.us. All bidders must file a declaration of intent to bid, unless previously filed, on forms provided at the forestry office.
Sealed will be accepted until 8:50 A.M., Monday, May 8, 2023 and will be opened at 9:00 A.M., Monday, May 8, 2023 at a meeting of the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee in the Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 257, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill.
 Lincoln County encourages all individuals attending in person to follow the most recent CDC guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
 Any contractor who wishes to phone in and attend by teleconference when bids are opened should contact the Lincoln County Forestry Dept. at 715-539-1034 for call in instructions.
 The Forestry, Land and Parks Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and accept the bids most advantageous to Lincoln County.
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
TOWN OF SCHLEY – LINCOLN COUNTY
 The TOWN OF SCHLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY, will be accepting sealed bids for approx. 4,000 cubic yards of screened crushed rotten granite, cannot be from Hogarty Pit. Required are minimum of 10 or 12 quad axle trucks or semi trucks and trailers.
 For further information please contact:
 Tim Klimek, Chairman at 715-921-2543.
 Bids will be opened Monday, May 8, 2023 at the Schley Town Hall during the Town Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
 Sealed bids to be submitted to: Town of Schley Clerk, W1981 Heineman Road, Merrill, WI 54452 or delivered to the Schley Town Hall prior to bid opening. Bids received after 6:00 p.m. on May 8, 2023 will not be accepted or considered.
 The Town of Schley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof which may be deemed most advantageous to the Town. Contractor to provide certificate of insurance showing liability and workers compensation coverage.
 Remember to Recycle
 Becky Dallman, Clerk
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NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK FOR THE CITY OF TOMAHAWK, Lincoln County
 The City of Tomahawk assessment roll is available for review during normal business hours until the Board of Review meets. The assessment roll is a public record. Assessments are also available via the internet at www.ascent.co.lincoln.wi.us. The assessor will conduct an open book session from 4:00-6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 19th, 2023 at City Hall, 23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, Wisconsin. The assessor is also available by appointment, by telephone at 715-266-2409 or email at mikeschnautz1@gmail.com
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE CITY OF TOMAHAWK, Lincoln County
 The City of Tomahawk Board of Review will convene on **Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.** at City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St. to hear assessment objections. The Board of Review will meet for at least two hours.
All property owners who wish to appear before the Board of Review must file a notice of intent to file an objection at least 48 hours before the Board of Review meeting.
 No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view such property. No person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board about that person's objections except at a session of the Board of Review. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the objection is heard, that person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board member under Wisconsin Statutes and if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take. When appearing before the Board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information the person used to arrive at that estimate. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or object to a valuation, if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method, unless the person supplies to the assessor all of the information about income and expenses as specified in the manual under s. 73.03 (2a), that the assessor requests.
 All objections to assessments must be filed at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please do not come to the meeting and attempt to file an objection. Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at least 48 hours in advance of the Board of Review, if you have any questions.
 If you have any questions about the assessment process, please feel free to contact the Clerk-Treasurer at City Hall 715-453-4040
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Guns 7264

GUN SHOW APRIL 28, 29 & 30th SAUK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, BARABOO, WI Fri. 3pm-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. For more info: **563-608-4401** or **markrauspromotions.net (WCAN)**

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Of the Current Opening:

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Notarized affidavit (application) forms must be received at the address below no later than **Friday, May 5, 2023, at 4 p.m.** Applicants must participate in the board appointment meeting and public hearing of the District Board Appointment Committee on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** To accommodate any candidates unable to attend on this date to be interviewed, a second meeting and public hearing are scheduled for **Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 3 p.m.** (if needed).

Meetings will be in-person with a virtual option. Candidates will need to provide at least two letters of recommendation supporting his/her candidacy to the Nicolet College District Board before being interviewed at the scheduled public hearing.

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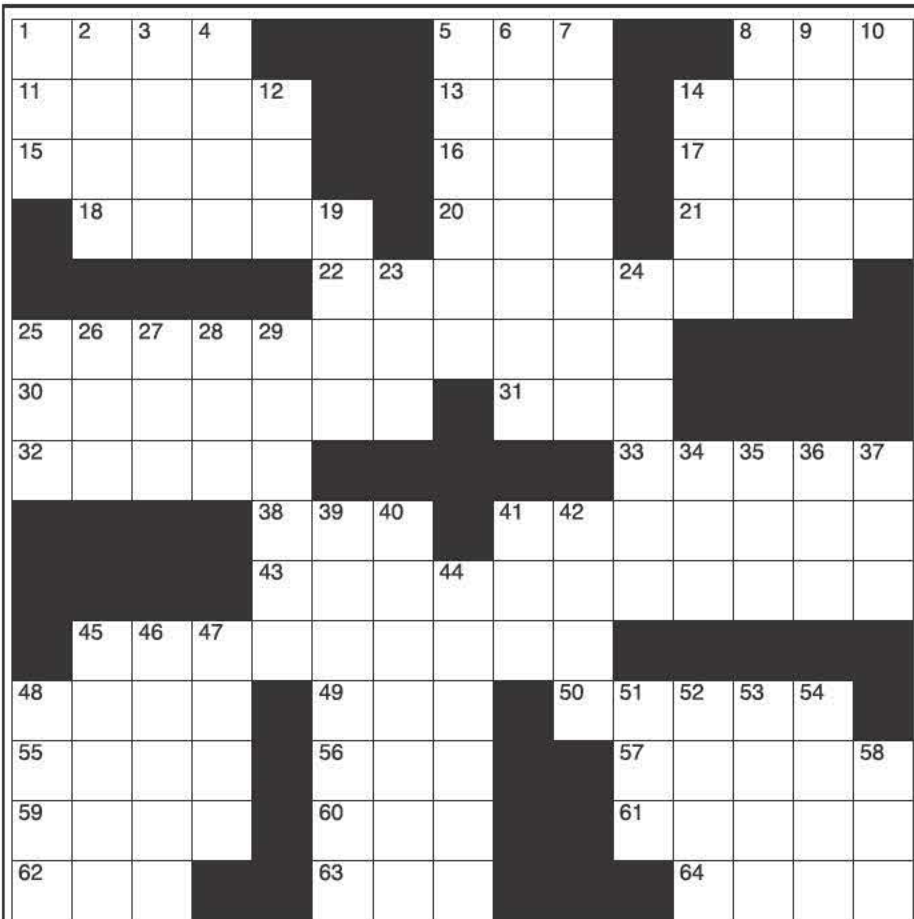
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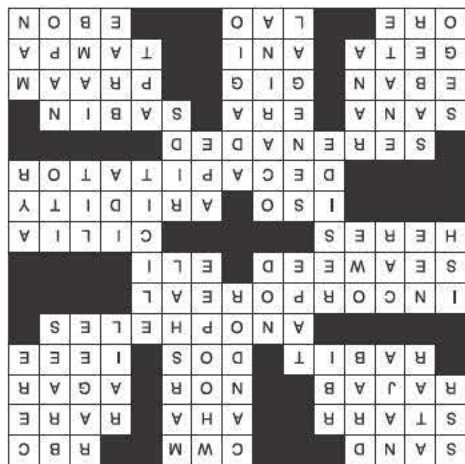
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16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist
49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer DiFranco
61. FL city
62. Naturally occurring solid
63. Language of indigenous Asian people
64. Dark brown

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5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillside
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of
27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay

29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
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Leader Sports & Nature

Hatchet sluggers fall to Nekoosa, drop doubleheader against Northland Pines

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet baseball team fell short in three games earlier this month.

Nekoosa

Tuesday, April 11 saw the Hatchets jump to a quick 1-0 lead at Nekoosa in a game moved from Tyler Kahle Field in Tomahawk due to field conditions. Second baseman Brayden Larson walked, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly by shortstop Tyler Jablonski.

The Papermakers would answer in the bottom of the frame, however, scoring seven runs, with the first eight hitters reaching consecutively. The lead would expand to 11-1 as Nekoosa posted a single run in the second and three in the third.

The Hatchets fought back in the top of the fifth inning, plating three runs. Centerfielder Zach Friske walked, went to second after Brody Rigney, who came on in relief on the mound to start the third inning, was hit by a pitch. Three pitches later, pinch hitter Landon Hoff drove both in with a double, and he scored on a hit by third baseman Grant

Albrecht.

Nekoosa answered again with two runs in the bottom of the fifth, and ended the game by run rule one inning later. Rigney covered the final three innings on the mound, allowing two earned runs, while Addison Peissig and Rigney contributed the other Hatchet hits.

Doubleheader vs. Northland Pines at Mosinee

The Hatchets traveled to Mosinee for a conference doubleheader against Northland Pines on Thursday, April 13 – matchups that were previously scheduled on Monday and Thursday in Tomahawk and Eagle River, respectively – and dropped both games, 14-4 in game one and 12-2 in six innings in game two.

Pines struck first in game one with two runs in the top of the second, as a pair of walks, an error, wild pitch and run-scoring ground out did the damage.

Tomahawk would answer in the bottom of the third – Eagles pitcher Landon Hoeft had set down eight consecutive Hatchet hitters before catcher Drew Tollefson socked a long home run to right-center, breaking up

both the perfect game and shutout. Tomahawk would put two more runners on following the blast, but were not able to do more damage.

The Eagles answered the Hatchet tally with five in the top of the fourth, sending ten batters to the plate and using two hits, four walks and two errors to aid the scoring. Pines would plate three more in the fifth after Tomahawk tallied twice in the bottom of the fourth. Friske and Rigney reached to open the inning and scored on hits by third baseman Noah Pearson and Tollefson.

Pines would put the game away with four in the top of the seventh – the Hatchets tallied one more before the game ended.

Game two saw Larson toe the slab – he worked into the fourth inning, but inconsistent defense ran his pitch count up and he was unable to record his 12th out. He finished the outing allowing only one earned run (seven total) with one walk and six strikeouts. Tomahawk's lone run while Larson was on the mound came in the top of the third as Peissig led off with a hit, moved to second on another

hit by Jablonski and scored on an Eagle error.

The Hatchets managed their second run in the top of the sixth, as Ethan Ihn walked, went to second when Monty Framke walked and later scored on a groundout by Tollefson.

The Eagles ended the game by run rule in the bottom of the sixth, plating five runs off Framke and Nick Arndt. Peissig reached base three times, while Framke and Rigney had the other Hatchet hits.

More action from the Hatchet sluggers

Winter weather was expected to change the schedule during the week of Monday, April 17, as the Hatchets were slated to play Medford on Monday, April 17 and Thursday, April 20, with a non-conference game at Merrill on Friday, April 21.

The Hatchets were scheduled to host Lakeland at Tyler Kahle Memorial Field on Tuesday, April 25.

On Thursday, April 27, the Tomahawk sluggers are scheduled to travel to Lakeland for their second matchup against the Thunderbirds this week. Opening pitch is at 5 p.m.



The Ladies One-on-One Pool League recently wrapped up its season. Finishing in first place was Maday's Fish Trap One, followed by Cockatiels One in second place. Pictured are members of Maday's Fish Trap One: Amy Steinbach, Tess Vehrs, Penni Maday, Chris Foster and Gladys Salo.

Contributed photos



Pictured are members of Cockatiels One: Marie Rell, Pam Hatina, Sue Buchanon and Sadie Heitschmidt. Missing from photo: Mary Smith and Lorna Fisher.



Top ten shooters: First place, Tess Vehrs, Maday's Fish Trap One; second, Marie Rell, Cockatiels One; third, Chris Foster, Maday's Fish Trap One; fourth, Amy Steinbach, Maday's Fish Trap One; fifth, Sue Buchanon, Cockatiels One; sixth, Debbie Ohn, Holly's; seventh, Gladys Salo, Maday's Fish Trap One; eighth, Renee Merrigan, Maday's Fish Trap Two; ninth, Bette Stillman, Prairie Rapids Tavern; tenth, Maggie Schmidt, Holly's.

TRILLION TREE PLEDGE

More than 12.9 million trees planted in Wisconsin last year

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Ahead of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Friday, April 21 released an annual report regarding Wisconsin's progress on the Trillion Tree Pledge.

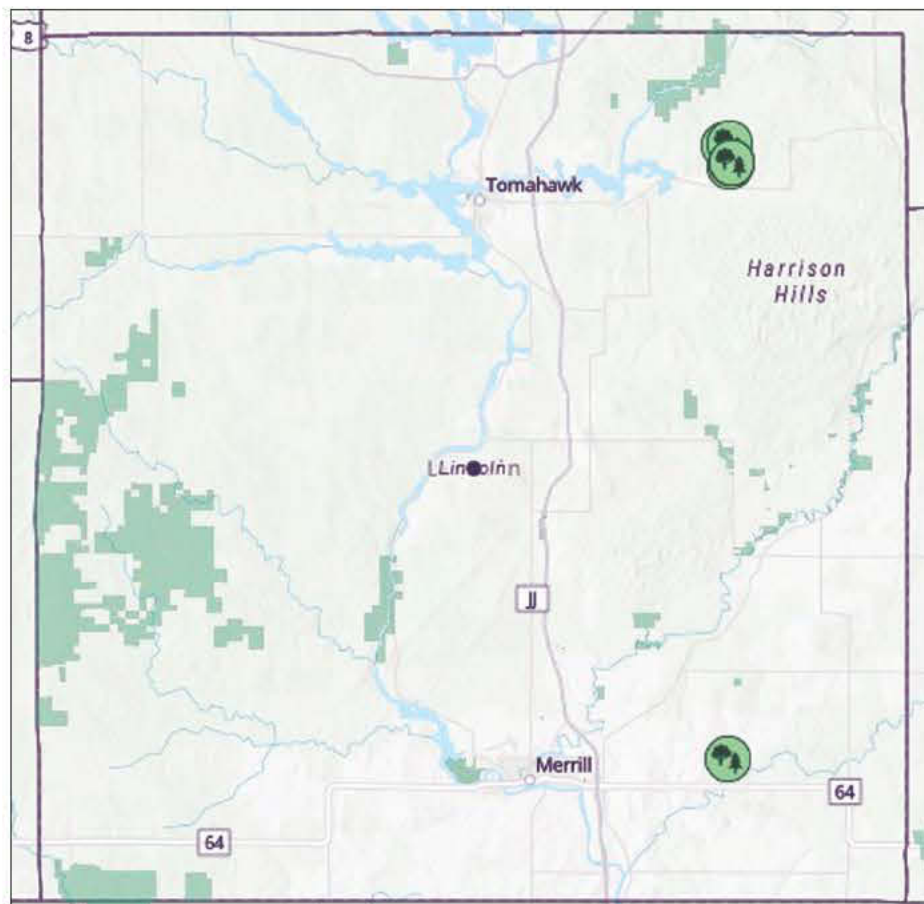
On Earth Day 2021, Evers signed Executive Order #112, joining the global Trillion Tree Pledge and committing to plant 75 million new trees in rural and urban areas and conserve 125,000 acres of forest in Wisconsin by 2030 in collaboration with public, private and non-governmental partners.

"When fully realized, Wisconsin's tree pledge will result in nearly 29 million metric tons of carbon dioxide stored over the next 50 years," a release from Evers' office stated.

According to the Wisconsin Trillion Tree Pledge 2022 Annual Report, more than 12.9 million trees were planted, and more than 2,000 acres of forestland were conserved in Wisconsin in 2022.

In total, the state has planted more than 22.2 million trees since Evers committed to the Trillion Tree Pledge in 2021.

The forest products in-



Nearly 3,000 trees have been planted in Lincoln County as part of the Trillion Tree Pledge, according to Wisconsin's Tree Planting Map. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

dustry in Wisconsin accounts for more than 60,000 jobs and has a total industry output of \$24.4 billion, and for every 10 jobs in the forest products industry, 12 additional jobs are supported in other state sectors, according to the release.

"The governor's 2023-25 biennial budget includes several investments to strengthen Wisconsin's forest regeneration and management, take preventative action against invasive species and expand the forestry industry workforce across

the state," the release said.

According to the 2022 report released last week, of the 12.9 million trees planted, the DNR supplied nearly 3.5 million of the seedlings planted, including more

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Misty Bergsrud, Samantha Renner and Theresa Hillman Green earned Good Sportsmanship awards.



Misty Bergsrud was named the league's Most Improved Player.

Sports Briefs

Inshalla Senior Golf League

The Inshalla Senior Golf League is gearing up for the 2023 season. The league has a two-man format and plays on Thursday mornings, with tee times beginning at 9 a.m. Individuals may sign up. Minimum age to participate is 50 years old. For more information, contact Dale at 715-367-0088 or dws2621@gmail.com.

TMS Golf Club lessons

Middle school students in grades six through eight are invited to take part in the Tomahawk Middle School Golf Club's golf lessons at Edgewater Country Club, N10369 Echo Valley Rd., Tomahawk, each Monday and Tuesday through Tuesday, May 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day.

Attending all lessons is not required. Cost for lessons is one payment of \$25.00. Checks can be made out to Edgewater Golf. For more information, contact Bradd or Mary at Edgewater at 715-453-3320; or coach Garth Gerstenberger at 715-612-1480.

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 Hatched 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).



Greater prairie chicken males strut their stuff on display grounds called leks each spring. Photo by Chrissy McClarren and Andy Reago

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 127

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 126 question: In the 1967 track season, THS defeated Merrill 60-58. The victory came on the last event. Was that event the 440m relay, 880m relay or mile relay?

Week 126 answer: THS defeated Merrill 60-58 when the mile relay

team of Tony Beiler, Bob Pecor, Denny Theiler and Mark Taylor won the event.

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

Week 127 question: In what year did THS switch from spring baseball to summer baseball: 1966, 1967 or 1968?

TREES

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more than 2.1 million that were planted on private lands; over 1 million that were planted on DNR, federal, Tribal, and other public lands; more than 175,000 that were planted in county forests; more than 36,000 that were planted in school forests; and over 35,000 that were given to elementary school students last Arbor Day.

The release said DNR's reforestation program has supplied Wisconsin landowners with more than 1.6 billion seedlings since its founding in the early 1900s.

"The DNR is coordinating the implementation of the pledge on behalf of the state of Wisconsin," the re-

lease stated. "The DNR cannot meet the commitment alone and relies on partnerships with private nurseries to help fill the gap. In 2022, private nurseries supplied an estimated 500,000 trees planted throughout Wisconsin for conservation purposes, in addition to all the trees supplied by private nurseries for landscaping purposes."

"Planting trees and conserving forestlands are simple but powerful tools to help store carbon dioxide, improve air quality, protect wildlife habitats and combat the climate crisis, all while supporting our statewide economies," Evers said. "We are thrilled to be nearly a third of the way through reaching our tree planting goal, and we're go-

ing to continue this momentum forward so we can keep building a healthier, more sustainable future for our state."

"We rely on the efforts and support of residents, organizations, and businesses to achieve the goals listed in the pledge," said DNR Secretary Adam Payne. "We encourage you to plant a tree – or a thousand trees – and then record it on Wisconsin's Tree Planting Map so it counts towards the pledge."

More information about the Trillion Trees Pledge, Wisconsin's Tree Planting Map, the list of partners, and the full report of 2022 accomplishments are available at www.bit.ly/40trOzc.

Natural Connections: Prairie Chickens

BY EMILY STONE
NATURALIST/
EDUCATION DIRECTOR,
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The sun had set on a lovely, summer-like afternoon...and now it rose on the cold, gray, damp of early spring. Well, at least I assume it did. The only sign of our star's presence was a gradual decrease in my reliance on headlights.

Thanks to the magic of GPS, I managed to find the school bus parked in a soggy gravel lot in the middle of farm country. I darted through the raindrops and claimed a seat behind a few other groggy people. More straggled on, and as the 6:00 a.m. meeting time arrived, volunteer coordinators Sharon Schwab & Dan O'Connell introduced themselves and took attendance. Seven of about 20 registered participants had decided not to brave the cold rain for a rare chance to see prairie chickens.

This grassland birding bus tour was part of the annual Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival. I'd been invited to give a talk at the library in Wisconsin Rapids the night before, and couldn't pass up an opportunity to see a new bird. While the greater prairie chicken's cousins, the sharp-tailed grouse, live a little closer to me up in Northern Wisconsin, I've always been too busy building exhibits in April to reserve a dauntingly early spot in a bird blind.

April is the best month to view both birds because that's when they dance.

Prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse both start their breeding season with the avian version of a night club. Males get together on open, elevated, flat areas with short grass and good visibility called a lek. These criteria make it easy to spot danger. It also makes it easier for the males to be seen.

Once a group of prairie chicken males has gathered, they all dance like crazy to attract the girls. Not only does dancing

together attract more females, it also lets the males compete for attention, and the females can choose the best mate. First, the guys extend orange eye combs, lower their head, and raise two tufts of neck feathers that stick up like bunny ears. Then they stamp their feet, click their tails, and shake their wings to the ground. The most vibrant move comes when they channel their inner frog by inflating bright orange air sacs in their neck...and boom.

We bumped down gravel roads for about 20 minutes before the bus rolled to a stop. The Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area was to our backs, but Sharon and Dan were using binoculars to scan the farm field across the road. "One just flew!" someone exclaimed. And we all looked harder.

Voices called out like popcorn with sightings, and eventually Dan said he could see seven males. I'd forgotten my binoculars, and was relying on the zoom lens of my camera to get a better look. It took some doing, but eventually those bright orange air sacs caught my eye, and I focused on a displaying male prairie chicken.

Then someone asked the bus driver to cut the engine.

As the rumble quieted and everyone finished their last sentence, a ghostly sound filtered through the gray mist. Oooo-ooooo...the sound of prairie chickens booming.

Eerie though it was, the sound also reminded me of whimsical amusements like blowing across the top of a pop bottle, or swinging a hollow tube through the air. Males make the sound by passing air through their syrinx. The orange air sacs—which are extensions of the esophagus—amplify the sound. Another name for prairie chickens is *Tympanuchus cupido pinnatus*, or "drummer of love." Another name for this place is a booming ground.

Whatever they're called, there aren't many left—of either the bird or the place.

Prairie chickens used to roam the entire state, and now they exist only in a handful of counties in central Wisconsin. Market hunting in the early 1900s was hard on them, but habitat loss is the most critical factor in their demise—and their potential recovery.

We heard lots of red-winged blackbirds, but no more groups of prairie chickens on the remainder of the bus tour. Back at the site of the Prairie Chicken Festival, local famers, conservationists (often the same people), students, and families gathered to learn about efforts to restore habitat for these wild birds.

Greater prairie chickens require the largest grassland areas of any bird in Wisconsin. Within that, their habitat is diverse. In spring, open leks are key. During the summer, females need dense brush for nesting safely and open areas with lots of insects to forage with their chicks. They don't move far for winter, but benefit from good cover and cropland for foraging. Like their cousins the ruffed grouse, they might also perch in aspen trees to nibble on buds.

For all the efforts being made to save the last several hundred prairie chickens in Wisconsin, their future here is uncertain. But the Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival shows that there are people who care.

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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