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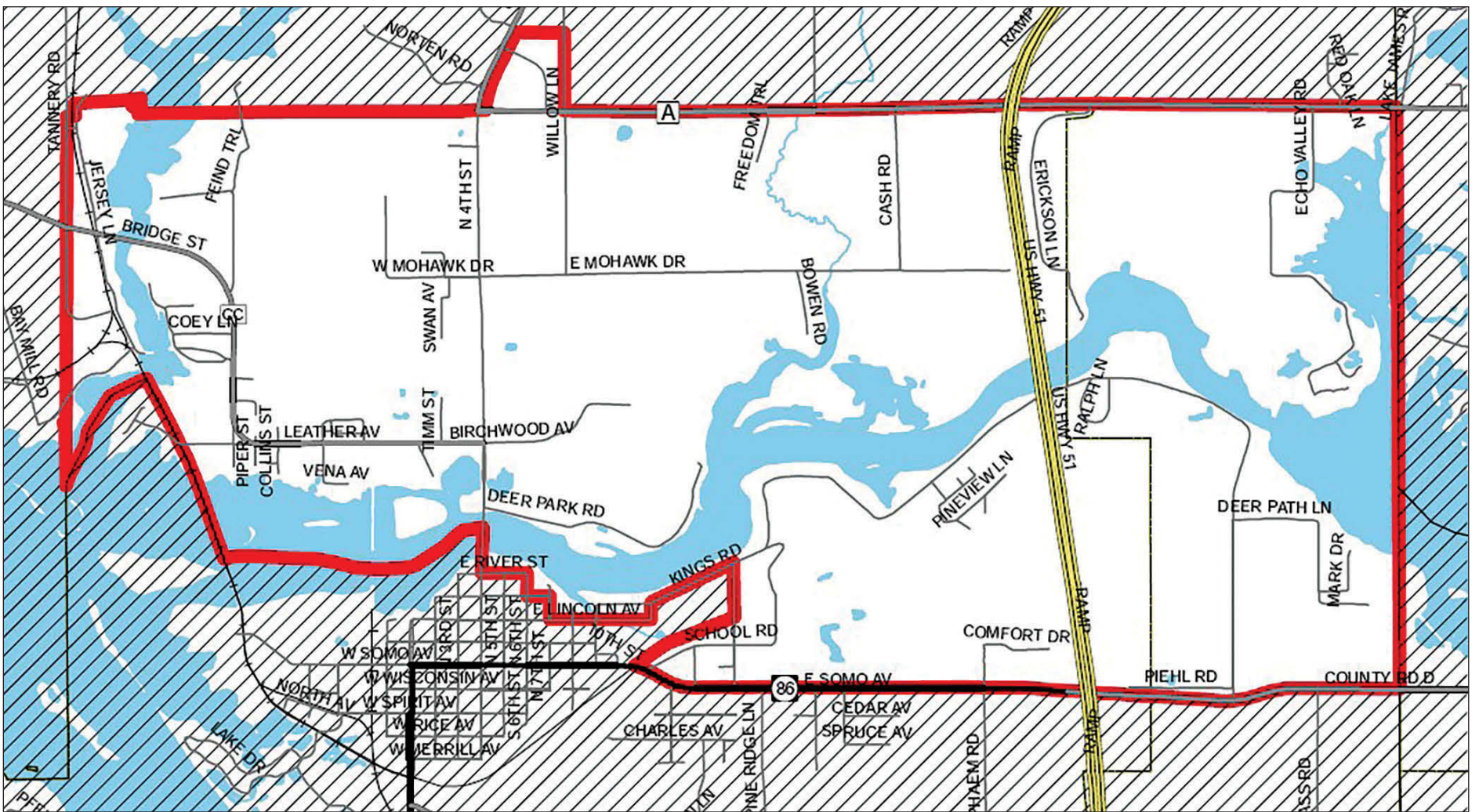
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Lincoln County board seeking applications for vacant District 16 Supervisor position

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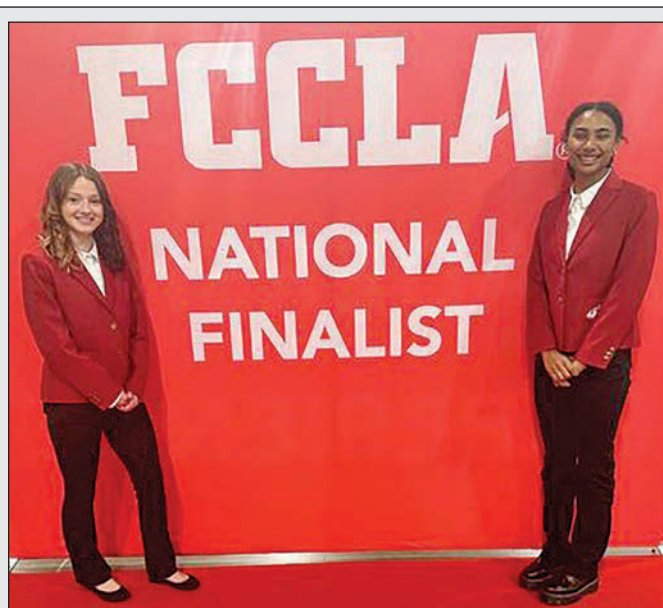


District 16 covers Wards 5 and 6 in the City of Tomahawk, as well as Ward 3 in the Town of Bradley.

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Marie Weizenicker and Joseph Jones earned Gold.



Emma Hoff and Siannah Calkins received Top 10 National Finalist honors. Photos courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk



Tomahawk High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students competed at the 2023 National Leadership Conference, held in Denver, Colo., from Sunday, July 2 through Thursday, July 6.

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is seeking applications for a vacant seat on the board.

On Friday, June 30, Michael Loka retired from his position as District 16 Supervisor. Loka, who had served in the post for more than three decades, announced his intention to step down during the board's meeting on Tuesday, June 20.

District 16 covers Wards 5 and 6 in the City of Tomahawk, as well as Ward 3 in the Town of Bradley.

Interested District 16 residents are asked submit a letter of interest that includes personal qualifications to Lincoln County Clerk Chris Marlowe at chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us or the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, 801 N. Sales St., Suite 201, Merrill, Wis., 54452.

Applications will be accepted until 12 p.m. on Monday, July 31.


Selected candidates will be interviewed at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The board will approve the appointment to fill the vacancy during its Tuesday, Aug. 15 meeting.

The successful candidate will serve the remainder Loka's term, which ends on April 15, 2024.

For more information, contact Marlowe at 715-539-1019 or chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us.

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Construction on WIS 107 in Lincoln County set to begin next week

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), on Friday, July 21, announced that construction on WIS 107 in Lincoln County will begin next week.

Work is slated to start on Monday, July 31.

WisDOT said crews will replace the culvert pipes 0.6 miles north of Eggert Dr. and 0.2 miles north of Rock Falls Dr.

Structure repairs and pavement improvements to the bridge over Joe Snow Creek and a bridge structure replacement and pavement replacement at Skanawan



Creek will also take place.

During construction, WIS 107 will be closed and detoured via WIS 64, County Rd. J, U.S. 51 and County Rd. S.

Construction is scheduled for completion by October.

“The schedule is dependent on favorable weather conditions and construction progress,” WisDOT stated.

For more information regarding traffic impacts, transportation news and improvement project updates in Wisconsin’s North Central Region, visit www.projects.511wi.gov/region/north-central/.

Single-vehicle rollover in Town of King claims life of Lac du Flambeau man

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF KING – A Lac du Flambeau man was killed in a single-vehicle crash in the Town of King on Saturday, July 15.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, at approximately 6:48 p.m., deputies responded to the area of County Rd. A and Villa Rd. for a report of a single-vehicle rollover.

Upon arrival on the scene, it was discovered that the operator and lone occupant

of the vehicle had sustained fatal injuries in the crash.

The family of the victim requested that the victim’s identity be withheld.

Speed is believed to be a factor, the Sheriff’s Office said. The crash remains under investigation.

The Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Tomahawk EMS, the Tomahawk Fire Department and the Lincoln County Coroner.

Supervisors approve electronic timekeeping, broadband grant resolutions

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

MERRILL – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors last week gave the thumbs up to a pair of resolutions focused on electronic timekeeping for county employees and broadband internet expansion.

The board approved the resolutions during its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, July 18.

Electronic timekeeping

A resolution given the green light by the board will allocate \$148,500.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the implementation of an electronic timekeeping system for county employees, many of whom currently use paper timesheets.

In May, the board approved a resolution directing \$101,000.00 to the purchase of electronic timekeeping software. The resolution approved last week requested an additional \$47,500.00, with the cost increase attributed to areas of improvement within the system that were identified during implementation.

According to the resolution approved last week, the switch to the MUNIS program will allow for the elimination of the currently-used BAMBOO human resources software.

“The upfront purchase is

expensive, but the annual costs are covered through the removal of BAMBOO,” the resolution stated.

The implementation of electronic timesheets through MUNIS will eliminate most manual time entry for 250 county employees, enable employees to enroll in their own benefits and update personal information, reduce workload and human error of human resources and payroll specialists and increase telecommuting opportunities and oversight of real-time supervision, according to the resolution.

Utilizing ARPA funds for electronic timekeeping has the potential to reduce expenditures and tax levy obligations while creating a “more attractive organization for recruitment” by modernizing county procedures, which could “potentially increase revenues through relocations,” the resolution said.

“The electronic timekeeping will also help create efficiencies within our organization that reduce the county’s liability, as well as allow management more effective supervision tools,” the resolution stated.

Broadband grant

The board also gave its stamp of approval to a resolution accepting \$18,171.15 in Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program grant

funds from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (WPSC).

The funds will go towards supporting broadband internet expansion in Lincoln County.

According to the resolution, on Feb. 1, WPSC established funding allocations for the BEAD grant program to assist Wisconsin counties and federally-recognized tribes to define the need, vision and strategy for deploying broadband in communities.

Later that month, the board approved a resolution declaring its intent to participate in the BEAD program, and in March, the county informed WPSC of its plan to take part in the program.

The county participated in the program collaboratively with Centergy Inc., the local Regional Economic Development office.

The resolution said WPSC awarded a total of \$100,855.75 on a reimbursable basis to Centergy Inc. for Adams, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage and Wood counties to “support local broadband planning efforts and build local capacity that will be needed throughout the BEAD planning and initial implementation period.”

“Funds will support planning activities that include, but are not limited to, outreach initiatives, conducting local needs assessments and developing local plans for broadband development,” the resolution stated.

Lincoln County’s total share of the BEAD funds amounts to \$18,171.15 on a reimbursable basis for the period of Feb. 1, 2023 through May 1, 2025.

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Tomahawk-area artists among those on Northwoods Art Tour

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Summer is in full swing up north, and it's time for the 24th annual summer Northwoods Art Tour.

The Northwoods Art Tour will be held from Friday, July 28 through Sunday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Some of the Northwoods' finest artists and artist-owned galleries are allowing visitors a behind-the-scenes view of how their work is created. Don't miss this rare opportunity to discover where many Northwoods artists live and work, view their processes and inspirations, and have the unique opportunity to make purchases directly from them.

Follow the tour map and take a drive through some of the prettiest back roads of Northern Wisconsin.

At the southern tip of the tour are artists in the Tomahawk area. There you will find one of the tour's new artists, Linda DeBroux, who owns the Chapel Art Gallery and works with pottery and mixed media.

The Fifth Element Gallery in Tomahawk is also new, owned by Shayna Kelley, who is a teacher and a contemporary artist. Plus, there are the returning Tomahawk-area artists, including Lisa Krueger, a painter and Andrea Fenner, a pastel artist.

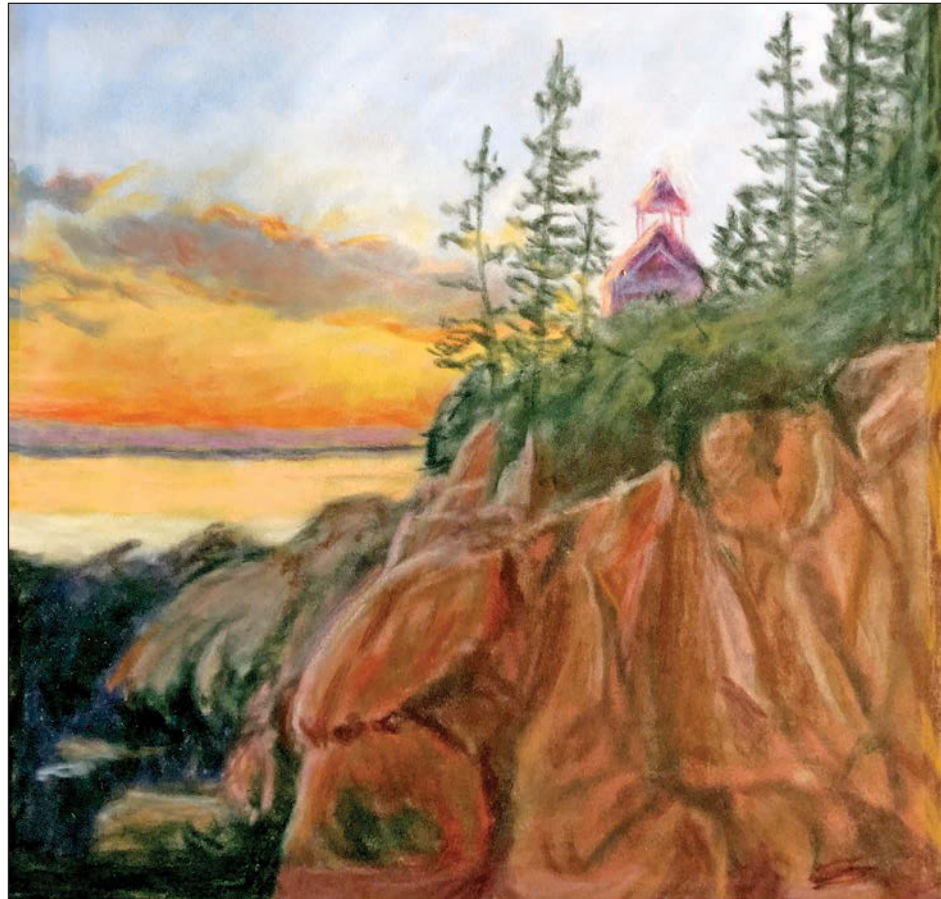
Traveling north, stop in Rhinelander and look at Betty Christian's unique jewelry designs in silver, copper and gold.

Heading north on Hwy. 17, check out Eagle River, where there is a cluster of five artists. Wendy Ahnen is an art quilter and her husband makes unique wood-turned pieces. Donna Welhoefer creates sterling silver jewelry.

"I create because it is in my blood," Welhoefer said.

Don't forget the other artists in the area.

On Hwy. 70, going west, there are several more artists in St. Germain. Tamara Lauder is a potter and printmaker, who creates because it is within her. She sees art in everything. Sheri Smith is a hand weaver, who designs one-of-a-kind scarves, shawls, ponchos and vests.



A landscape by Andrea Fenner of Irma.

Continue west to Hwy. 51 and take a detour south and then west at Hazelhurst to see Jenny Gibson's 100-year-old sock machine. Phyllis Schuit displays exquisite, quilted wall-hangings with hand embroidery, while her husband David Barnhill reveals nature's art through his photography.

Over in the Lac du Flambeau area, stop to see Christine Alfery's contemporary fine art. Christine says that creating has been a spiritual calling for her.

At La De Da Gourds, Karen Caldwell sells hard-shell gourds.

"If you come to my studio, my gourds will make you smile," said Caldwell.

Lisa Opfer is a new member and creates

whimsical pottery. Jillayne and Jeff Waite create unique garden art and unusual indoor sculptures.

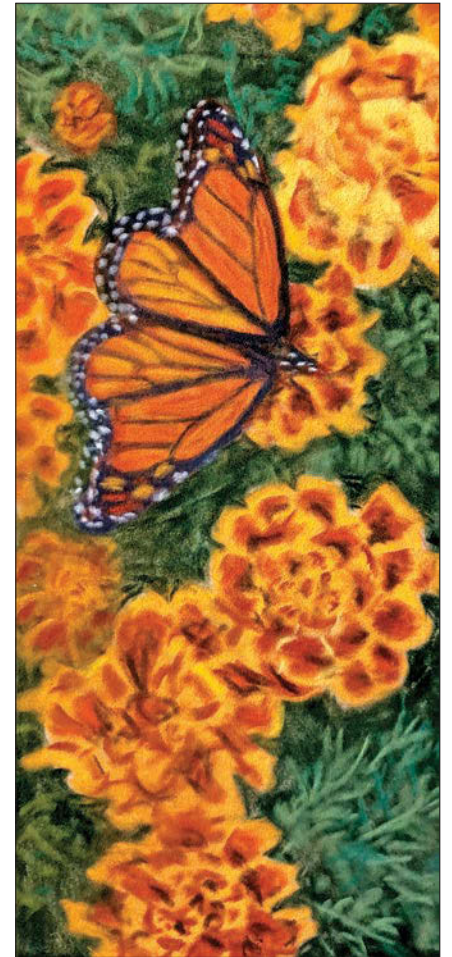
Jack Stayer of Sand Lake Trading Co. creates stained and fused art glass. His pieces are one-of-a-kind art glass rarely seen by the public. B

ob Kovar is wildlife and landscape photographer, who said, "My photography is a heart-felt creative process."

In Boulder Junction, Sara Muender, owner of Moondeer Gallery, is a multimedia artist.

"I like to play; my work is normally very whimsical in a variety of styles," she said.

Mary Burns of the Manitowish River



Contributed photos

Andrea Fenner primarily works in pastels to create her art pieces.

Studio weaves on a unique hand-jacquard loom. She has a new exhibit, "Women and Water: Woven Portraits from around the World."

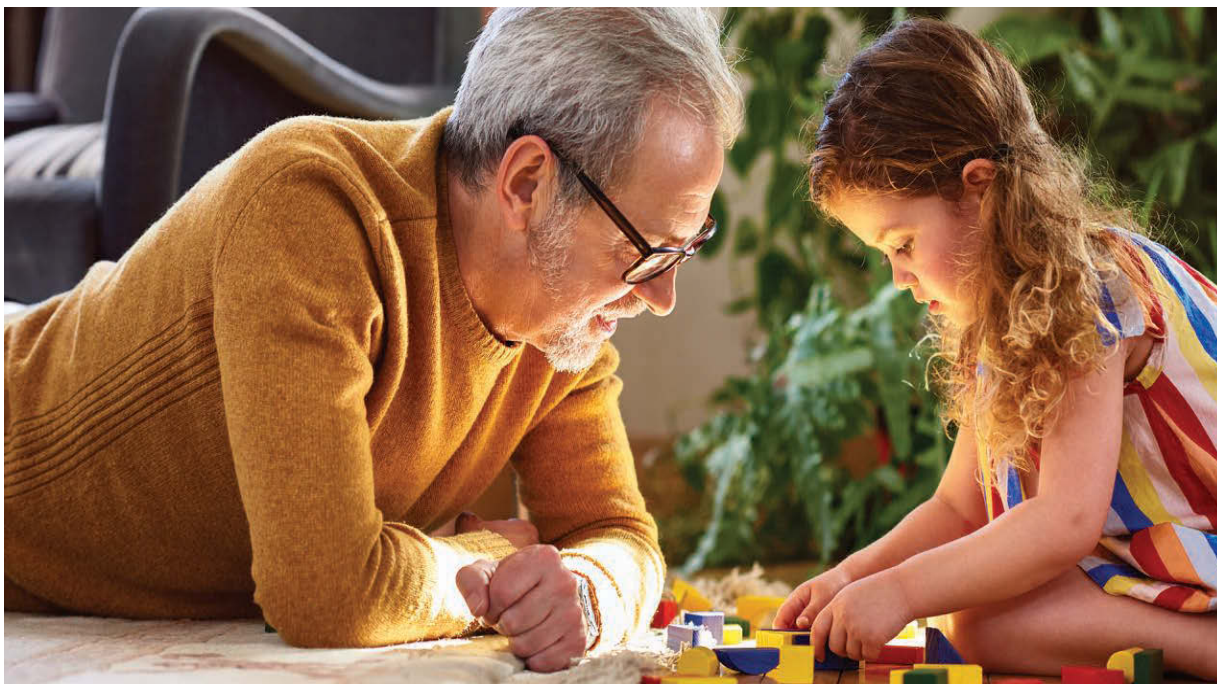
And don't forget Steve Klemann's spectacular handcrafted furniture. He is worth the drive to the Land O' Lakes area.

The Northwoods Art Tour is free to all. Brochures with studio descriptions, driving directions and a map are available at area businesses, chambers of commerce and online at www.northwoodsarttour.com.

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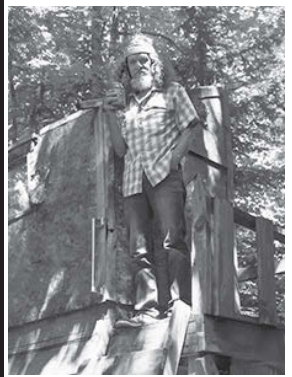


William J. Giacchino, age 76, affectionately known as "Chino" passed away Thursday, July 20, 2023 at his home in Hazelhurst under the care of Compassus Hospice and his son, Eric.

Chino was born Aug. 20, 1946 in Pennsylvania to Damion and Kada (Kursel) Giacchino. He had been an auto mechanic in the Milwaukee area and had retired to the Skunk Lake area of Hazelhurst many years ago. He loved the peace and tranquility of the Northwoods and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends. Chino was an avid gun collector and gunsmith.

Chino is survived by his son, Eric (Lisa) Giacchino of Vancouver, Wash.; two daughters, Kathrine Giacchino and Britany Esser. He is further survived by three grandchildren, Revel, Sophia, and Isabel. He also leaves behind his faithful German Shorthaired Pointer, Bullet.

Chino's life will be celebrated privately by his family. Krueger Family Funeral and Cremation Service, Tomahawk, is caring for the family. To share a memory or condolence, please go to www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com.



Jerry B. Rooni, age 66, of Brantwood, Wis., passed away on Monday, July 17, 2023, in Tomahawk, surrounded by his family under the care of Compassus Hospice. Jerry was born on Feb. 11, 1957, in Tomahawk, to the late Hugo and Marie (Majerus) Rooni.

He was a logger most of his life and also worked as a mechanic. He had fun working on model cars, regular cars, or anything with a motor and enjoyed going to car shows and to the races, especially to watch his son-in-law. Jerry loved summers, four wheeling, fishing, riding on his side by side, and drinking some Milwaukee's Best. He enjoyed mowing his lawn, motorcycling, campfires, and listening to music, most of all rock & roll.

Jerry liked sharing his memories and stories from his younger years and was a friend to all, just like his dad, Hugo. He lived in the moment and enjoyed every minute. He was truly the life of the party. Jerry loved when all three of his girls were together with him. They were his pride and joy and it always made him so happy. He loved being with his family and friends, was the best dad, grandpa, and kindest man. If you knew him, you loved him.

Jerry is survived by his children, Jennifer Rooni (Camron), Nicole (Cody) Kummer, and Mackenzie (Jacob) Domaika; his wife, Heather Rooni; his siblings, Jim (Kate) Rooni, Sid (Sandy) Lokken, and Susie (Steve) Hinsu.

He is further survived by his grandchildren, Tyler, Trenton, Leighton, and Olivia. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Hugo and Marie; his brothers, Tom Lokken and Dave Lokken; and his sister-in-law, Marge Lokken.

A celebration of life for Jerry Rooni will be held at the Brantwood Community Center at a future date and will be announced at that time.

"We will miss you so much and love you forever."

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, is assisting Jerry's family.



Carol R. (Anderson) White was reunited in heaven with her husband of 71 years, Robert (Bob) A. White, on July 15th, 2023. Carol was born in Tomahawk on May 5, 1934 to Sever and Clara Anderson. She and Bob were united in marriage on Jan. 1, 1952, prior to Bob leaving for the Army. Bob and Carol lived in the Tomahawk area for over 65 years, until moving to Eau Claire approximately four years ago to be closer to their son Dave and his wife Pam. Carol and Bob were blessed with two sons, David and Dale.

Carol was well known for her sewing, cooking and baking skills. She was a cook at many local facilities including the Nokomis School, Golden Age Nursing Home, Lincoln Hills Boys School, and Lakeland Union High School. Carol had the ability to have a conversation with anyone and had many stories to share with those she met. A frequent phrase of hers was "to make a long story short," but her stories were never "short."

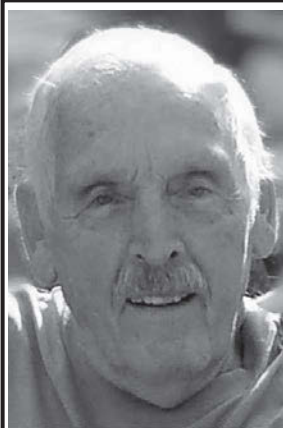
Carol defined the word "grace" and had the ability to find positivity in everything; in fact her cup was overflowing with positivity. In her final hours, Carol continued to share with those around her that she was doing "good" and in her worst days she was still doing "good." Her smile was constant and genuine.

Carol's faith was an important part of her life. She was baptized and confirmed as a Lutheran. She and Bob were members of Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk for many years. Carol was an active quilter, prayer partner, hospice volunteer, lefe maker and she participated in many other activities at the church.

Carol is survived by her son David (Pam) White of Eau Claire. She is further survived by her sister Judy Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif., along with four grandchildren, Maria (Nate) Lail of Evansville, Wis.; Catherine (Jake) Orin of Sugar Grove, Ill.; Kaela Wold of Kauai, Hawaii; and Derek (Ingrid) Wold of Eau Claire, Wis.; along with 10 great-grandchildren – Evan and Ethan Lail; Isaac, Caleb, Hudson and Hazel Orin; Kallie and Kaisa Akau; and Jiselle and Henrik Wold; two sisters-in-law – Francis Anderson of Tomahawk and Pat Anderson of Wolcott, New York, along with many other special nephews, nieces and other relatives and very good friends.

She was preceded in death by her dear husband of 71 years Bob who passed on Jan. 10, 2023; her son, Dale; mother and father, Sever and Clara; her two brothers Bob and John; and various other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the family, which will be designated to a fund at Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk.



Gene Lokken, born on September 17, 1931 in the Town of Bradley, Wis., died on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Thorne Crest Senior Living Community in Albert Lea, Minn. Gene passed peacefully in his sleep and will be missed deeply by all who knew and loved him.



On October 27, 1956, Gene married Carol Reitz of Athens, Wisconsin. Gene is survived by his beloved wife Carol; his children Pamela (Andy Sobel) Lokken, Nancy (Jim) Lageson, Jeff (Jo) Lokken, Doug (Krysis Rozanska) Lokken, Eric (Tracy) Lokken, and his brother Leslie (Lolita) Lokken. He adored his 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Elsie Lokken, and over time by his brothers and sisters -Terrance Lokken, James Lokken, Ione Rosek, Patricia Dotter, Everett Lokken and Joyce Bentley. Gene graduated from Tomahawk High School and worked in the local paper mill in Tomahawk before going on to serve in the US Marine Corp. as a radio operator during the Korean War. He obtained an engineering degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Gene worked as an engineer his entire professional career and was awarded numerous patents for his design work.

Upon retirement, Gene and Carol moved to the forty acres of land where Gene was born in the Town of Bradley, Wis. He had strong ties to the property in Bradley which had been purchased by his Grandpa Henry in 1913 upon immigrating from Norway.

Gene enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, woodworking, and our many family vacations. He loved children and drove the local school bus for several years. He was never at a loss for a funny or heartfelt story to share. He was a lifelong builder and fixer. This included constructing many of the family's homes and cabins. He made furniture from the trees harvested on their land and the children and grandchildren showcase his beautiful handmade furniture in their homes.

Gene and Carol moved to Minnesota in 2022 to be closer to family. Per his wishes, Gene will be cremated. His remains will rest in an oak urn he and Carol designed and crafted for that purpose from an oak tree on their property. He said he wanted Carol to be able to continue kissing him each morning — as was their daily routine—until she joins him once again, after which they will be interred in the family grave site at the Prairie Rapids Cemetery.



Richard C. Pickett passed away held by his family in peace on May 17, 2023. Peace was an ongoing theme in the days leading up to his death. The precious calm that eluded him since the passing of his beloved wife shortly over a year ago.

Dick, or "Tex" as his old friends knew him by, was born on Jan. 26, 1943 in Algoma, Wis., to Pete and Getty Pickett. The fourth of eight children, Dick grew up in Tomahawk. Dick was a 1961 graduate of Tomahawk High School where he excelled as a varsity member of the football and basketball teams, but his first love was baseball. He was a member of Tomahawk's 1959 State qualifying team. In 1961 he led the Road Lake Lakers to the Lincoln County League Championship pitching a 3 hit 1-0 shutout win in the championship game.

After high school, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he participated in the blockade of Cuba during the Cuban missile crises. After his service he made his way back to Tomahawk where he was an officer for the Tomahawk Police Department. Ever restless, he moved on to Las Vegas to work security for a casino. From there it was on to Palm Beach, Fla., where he fell madly in love with Aida Bentley. They were married on August 1, 1980. He lived many lives during his 80 years and loved to regale all with tales from his varied past. After moving to Florida, he continued to dabble in many hobbies and occupations, ultimately building a career in real estate and marketing spanning 30 years. After retirement, his passion erupted for the sport of golf and he began chasing the goal of shooting his age.

Dick was riotously funny. He and Aida had an innate ability to turn every setback into a funny story. Walking in the front door, which was always open, you would be assaulted with laughter. Aida loved his jokes and without her there to laugh until she cried, the jokes stopped coming. When they were at peace the world around them was loud and vibrant and hilarious. It may have looked different in his final days, but we are thankful he found Aida again and together, they are at peace.

Dick is preceded in death by his wife of 41 years – Aida; his parents – Pete and Getty Pickett; a sister – Mary Ann (Ernest Jr.) Meyers; a brother – Jim (Joan) Pickett; and an infant sister – Kathy Pickett.

He is survived by his children – Bryan (Megan) Bentley, Brook (Mike) Lavelle and Casey Pickett; siblings – Judy (Gary) White, Ken (Sherri) Pickett, Joe (Joanie) Pickett and John (Dorleen) Pickett. He is further survived by five grandchildren – Blake, Bryse and Chase Bentley, Finley and Logan Lavelle; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a gathering to celebrate Dick Pickett's life held on Aug. 5, 2023 at Memorial Park. The gathering will start at noon under the gazebo and concludes when all of the stories have been told. No cards, no flowers, just bring your stories. The "two-Timm" limit will be lifted for the occasion.

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



Kathleen G. "Kathy" Hodge, 67, of Irma, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at her home Friday, July 21, 2023 under the care of Compassus Hospice.

Kathy was born April 22, 1956 in West Bend to Guy and Edna (Wollman) Schwartz. She was a 1974 Graduate of West Bend East High School. She was formerly married to Bill Connor and later married Raleigh Hodge on Aug. 1, 1986 in Tomahawk. He survives. Kathy worked as a CNA at Golden Age Nursing Home for many years. She enjoyed traveling, especially South Dakota.

Surviving Kathy is her husband, Raleigh; two sons, Chris (Mandy) Connor and Dan Connor, all of Tomahawk; two Sisters, Nancy (Richard) Volkert, Coloma, Wis., and Janet (Dale) Nickel of Arizona. She is further survived by five grandchildren, Hunter, Haylee, Hannah, Damion, and Piper. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Donald and her father-in-law, Roland Hodge.

Funeral Service for Kathy Hodge will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, 11 a.m. at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church. Rev. Mark Gass will officiate. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Redeemer Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m.

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

The Hodge family would like to thank Compassus Hospice and their neighbor and friend, Missy for helping to care for Kathy.



Dale J. Arthur, 84, of E. Park Ave., Tomahawk, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice.

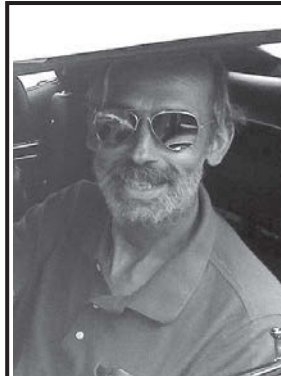
Dale was born June 27, 1939 in Chippewa Falls, Wis., to the late Minor and Thelma (Boerger) Arthur. He married Nona Beyer on Sept. 4, 1965 in Marion, Wis. Dale served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 until 1962. He had worked for Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac for 17 years and

then went back to school for a degree in wastewater treatment. He took a job in Tomahawk and for 21 years served as an Operator at the Water/Wastewater Treatment plant retiring in 2004. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and formerly served on the Church Council. Dale loved living on the Wisconsin River and enjoyed fishing and leisurely pontoon boat rides. He was also an accomplished woodworker and handyman and was always willing to help others.

Dale is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nona, two daughters, Victoria (Christopher) Rosin of New Zealand, Lynelle (Mark) Schommer of Fond du Lac, Wis., granddaughter, Danielle Schommer of Fond du Lac, and step-granddaughters Jacqueline and Jennifer. Dale is further survived by a sister, Arla Krug of Fond du Lac. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and two sisters.

A Memorial Service for Dale J. Arthur will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. The family will receive friends at Grace Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m.

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



Benjamin Gerard Garfield, 58 of Trevor, Wis., unexpectedly passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023. Ben was born in Waukegan, Ill., on July 11, 1964, to Russell and Rosalie (nee Obenauf) Garfield.

The youngest of 12, he spent his formative years in Lake Zurich, Ill., and Tomahawk before living his adult life in northern Illinois. Ben will be remembered for his love of animals and the outdoors, his creativity, and his love for family. Ben used his creativity to invent easier ways to do things and for a time tried to get his inventions patented. He loved and was very proud of his children Ben Jr. and Ashley. Ben spent many days outside fishing with his son and just passing time with him. It was more about being outside with his son than how many fish they caught. Ben never met an animal he couldn't bond with. His German Shepherd Lilly was always by his side and his Poodle Sweetie before that. He lived for years on a hobby farm enjoying his pygmy goats, many dogs, as well as other stray animals he adopted along the way. He once kept a camel for a carnival that had come to town until other arrangements could be made.

Our Benji is survived by his son Ben Jr., daughter-in-law Schaleen, and daughter Ashley as well as 10 brothers and sisters – Russ (Angie) Garfield, Kathy (Tom) Contri, Pam (Dan) Mowers, Bill (Melody) Garfield, Wanda (Don) Garfield, Donna (Don) Powell, Chris (Ted) Heitschmidt, Charlie (Julie) Garfield, Bev (Red) Ingman, and Ted (Sheryl) Garfield. He is further survived by his ex-wife and mother of his children Joni Balfanz, aunts, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including Joanne Straz. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Richard Garfield.

Ben's burial will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Noon at the Prairie Rapids Cemetery in the Town of Nokomis, just north of Tomahawk. A celebration of life will follow at the Lake Nokomis Town Hall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pine Crest can survive, flourish under different ownership

I just read my weekly Tomahawk Leader. I believe it necessary to clarify some things about what I read in "letter to the editor" this week from your good reader Mr. Hobbs of Tomahawk in regard to Pinecrest Nursing Home.

First let me say, I am a lifelong Democrat who believes intensely in helping the poor, disadvantaged, elderly and handicapped. I also have been a 27 year licensed nursing home administrator in good standing. I am now semi-retired of recent.

Readers: There are a few things you need to realize. Medicare is the premium payer for all nursing homes. I would venture to guess Pine Crest does not have a 70% Medicare occupancy. If they did we would all be getting reductions in our property taxes. Medicare is good business for nursing homes.

I think the writer is saying Pinecrest has a 70% occupancy of Medicaid, the State program that helps the poor that have run out of assets. It has until recently been a losing proposition for any long term care provider. In the last budget the Evers administration has secured a record breaking increase in nursing home Medicaid reimbursement.

Sadly, private stand alone facilities such as Pinecrest have become less and less in our state and country. Facilities need a network of centers that have collaborative efforts in purchasing and economies of scale.

In the nursing home business you must have positive cash flow whether you are for profit or not for profit, except if you are government owned. In this case the tax payers foot the bill for nursing home losses. Not considered a huge problem in years past. But now county run or state run nursing homes are receiving backlash for these vast expenditures from the public in higher taxes.

All nursing homes in the country are held to extremely high standards by state and federal statute. Bad nursing homes are punished and good ones thrive.

Pinecrest can survive and flourish under different ownership. The government allows nothing less.

Even if the writer meant "Medicaid vs. Medicare" a 30% mix of other insurers such as Medicare, insurance, private pay, VA, is very good. Pinecrest should make a profit, however it just simply isn't the case with private stand alones just not able to compete for many reasons.

I know Pinecrest is very beloved in especially the Merrill area. The taxpayers of Lincoln County simply cannot afford this. When I lived in Shawano County and this very issue came up it was soundly defeated by taxpayers and the nursing home was sold. It was a similar situation. I voted to sell the Shawano County Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Torgerson, LNHA
Tomahawk

NCHC therapy dog Alvin retires

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WAUSAU – North Central Health Care (NCHC) last week announced the retirement of its therapy dog, Alvin.

On Friday, July 21, NCHC hosted a retirement celebration for Alvin at Mount View Care Center in Wausau, where attendees had the opportunity to walk down memory lane with Alvin and extend their appreciation for his unwavering support.

Among those in attendance was Alvin's brother Theo, who currently serves as a therapy dog with the Wausau Police Department.

Alvin joined NCHC in Feb. 2019 after receiving his training as a therapy dog with a K9 training facility in Anniston, Ala. NCHC staff spent two weeks in Alabama learning commands and Alvin's training routines before returning and welcoming Alvin to Central Wisconsin.

"Since 2019, Alvin has provided countless individuals and families with emotional support and comfort in various settings, such as NCHC's hospitals, nursing homes, schools and out in the community," NCHC said. "Most recently, Alvin has served as a Therapy Dog on the Crisis Assessment Response Team (C.A.R.T.), providing support out in the community with a Crisis Professional and law enforcement officer by his side."

NCHC said Alvin offered countless hours

of affection, providing a sense of security to reduce anxiety and stress in those he interacted with.

"Through his gentle interactions and unconditional love, Alvin has helped people improve their moods, boost morale and promote relaxation," NCHC stated. "His presence often encourages communication and socialization, benefiting people of all ages, particularly those facing emotional or physical challenges."

NCHC added that Alvin's therapeutic abilities "made him an invaluable contributor to enhancing human well-being in our community and in the NCHC workplace."

"Alvin has truly enjoyed NCHC and all the humans he has encountered over the years," NCHC said. "We know he is looking forward to naps all day, every day, and will miss the hugs and treats he receives from his coworkers and friends."



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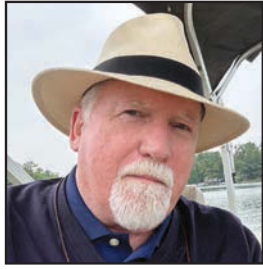
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

**Going Back
Going Forward**

Dear Reader,

In the realm of passing time, where the currents of life have flowed relentlessly, traversing beneath the sturdy arches of many bridges, one finds oneself unable to retrace their steps. Such is the nature of our journey, where the exuberance of youth and the aspirations of an uncharted future paint vivid images in our minds, far grander than the stark realities we face each day.



As the years have stretched on, extending far beyond the reach of any remaining vitality, the ties that once bound us to those who embarked on divergent paths have faded into little significance. Each of us chose roads untraveled by the other, rendering us unrecognizable if we were to chance upon one another in some gathering or occasion, after years of life passing by without sporadic check-ins to gauge each other's progress.

After a prolonged absence from someone we once held dear, the very essence of that connection transforms, even if fragments of memories linger on. One can't go back in time, because life evolves in stages, stages that fit uniquely with an individual's aging process.

PATRICK J. WOOD
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OPINION

SHIFT IN HEALTH

Fueling your health with food: A guide to eating for optimal well-being

BY DR. WENDY HENRICHS
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In our fast-paced world, it is easy to overlook the importance of nutrition in maintaining good health.

Remember that what you eat contributes to eighty percent of your body composition. It also plays a crucial role in how you look, how you feel, and your overall health and well-being.

By making conscious choices and adopting healthy eating habits, you can fuel your body with the nutrients it needs to thrive. A way to improve your diet and promote healthier eating habits is by embracing the concept of eating foods with five ingredients or less. By focusing on whole, unprocessed foods that are minimally altered, you can nourish your body while enjoying the benefits of simplicity in your meals.

The benefit of simplicity

Eating foods with fewer ingredients offers several advantages for your health. It encourages you to choose whole foods that are closer to their natural state.

Whole foods tend to be more nutrient-dense and provide essential vitamins,

minerals, phytonutrients and antioxidants. When you limit what you eat to five ingredients or less, your exposure to artificial additives, preservatives, added sugars, or unhealthy fats that are commonly found in highly processed products is greatly reduced.

Meal prep made easy

Adopting a five-ingredient approach simplifies your meal prep by reducing the number of components you need to prepare ahead of time while still ensuring balanced nutrition throughout the week.

Plan out simple recipes that utilize common pantry staples, such as legumes, canned tomatoes or lentils; fresh organic produce; organic or grass-fed beef, wild game, free range organic chicken, wild caught fish, eggs or tofu for protein; and good fats from olive oil, avocado oil, coconut oil or grass fed butter.

You can create satisfying meals even on busy days when you keep it simple, and always include fresh or frozen vegetables.

Mindful eating

Eating foods with fewer ingredients encourages a more mindful approach to eating.

By focusing on the quality and simplicity of your meals, you become more attuned to your body's hunger and fullness cues. This can foster a healthier relationship with food.

You are also more easily cued into what foods make

you "feel" good (not bloated or gassy) or cause your energy to drop, versus ones that don't.

Seasoning is your friend

While limiting yourself to foods with five or less ingredients may seem restrictive when it comes to flavor profiles, there are numerous ways to enhance taste without compromising simplicity.

Seasoning with herbs that are fresh or dried add a lot of flavor along with basic seasoning from salt, pepper, onion, and garlic.

Putting it all together

Here is your formula to create a meal using foods with five or less ingredients: start with three to six ounces of a protein of your choice, along with one to three tablespoons of good fats, which both create a feeling of satiety; two to five cups of different vegetables, such as green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, or a salad; a half cup of sweet potatoes, rice, lentils, or legumes; salt and pepper to taste; and unlimited herbs, garlic, and onion. You could also make a soup or stew using fresh vegetables, a protein, olive oil, herbs, etc.

The idea is to choose foods with five or less ingredients. Read labels if you are using something from a package or a can. The easiest way to accomplish this is to create meals and snacks using fresh or frozen whole foods from the perimeter of your grocery store.



Henrichs

If you want to feel more energized, improve your memory, your sleep, how you feel and look, or just improve your eating habits, then do this diet and health reset. Commit to the five-ingredient-or-less challenge for 10 days. If you want to completely clean up your diet, do this for 30 days. If you want to continue this after your challenge, do this for five out of seven days each week. Your future self will thank you.

Remember, it is never too late to make a Shift in Health.

Dr. Wendy Henrichs is a board certified chiropractor and nutrition counselor at Timber Land Chiropractic in Rhinelander. For a complimentary chiropractic, nutrition or lifestyle counseling consultation, visit www.TimberlandChiropractic.com, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, or call 715-362-4852.

College News

Morgan Ernst, Viana Johnson, McKenna Roessler, Arianna Schreiner and Natalie Zastrow, all of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire spring 2023 Dean's List.

Kaleb Kaminski, Tomahawk, graduated from Valdosta State University after completing degree requirements during spring semester 2023.

Alex Bishop, Megan Guoin, Amalie Kurth and Cal Waters, all of Toma-

hawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

Megan Guoin, Tomahawk, was named to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor's List for the spring 2023 semester.

Michelle Lodholz, Tomahawk, graduated from Upper Iowa University in May.

Wyatt Wenninger, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in May.

Noah Lawniczak, Tomahawk, was named to the Carthage College Dean's List for the spring 2023 term.

Karlie Woodall, Tomahawk, earned Semester Highest Honors for spring 2023 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Megan Marcks and Jacob Zietlow, both of Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in May.

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Habitat for Humanity begins work on 25th home

Rhinelanders project draws help from Hudson church group

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – A groundbreaking ceremony held in Rhinelanders for the 25th Habitat for Humanity home was heavy on the “ceremony” earlier this month.

With a cement foundation and several walls standing in the backdrop, the ground had been broken and progress underway for awhile, thanks in part to the help of a Hudson-based mission group.

Coordinators with the Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip group from Mount Zion Lutheran Church reached out to the Northwoods chapter to offer assistance.

“One of our strengths is we raise money within the congregation to purchase the walls for a project and then we have the ability to pre-build the walls, and that’s an outreach program in the community – they can come and help build the walls,” said Group Project Manager Mark Arneson, who works as a contractor. “We do that in advance, and we bring them with us and install them. It gives them a nice shot in the arm, is the way we like to see it.”

All of this was underway on Itasca St. the same time work on the Habitat for Humanity home on Thayer St. was continuing.

“We are excited about this – this is the first time we’ve had two houses going at once in the same year, so we feel like we are growing and we’re going try to do more and more – as much as we can,” said Executive Director Dave Havel. “This is a big day for us, and we’re happy to be able to provide a home for someone who is looking for an affordable home.”

The two-bedroom, two-bath home will belong to Becky Rick and her daughter Sadie. It is under construction on a corner lot donated to Habitat for Humanity by Aspirus last year.

“I just want my own house so I can do what I want to do with it,” Becky said. “I saw Habitat houses being built for a long, long time. When the one was built on the west side, I thought, what the heck, I’ll try.”

She contacted Havel, who helped her with a loan application with USDA Rural Development. Once approved, “one thing led to another,” Havel recalled.



Volunteers, Habitat for Humanity Northwoods board members, representatives from Aspirus and future homeowners gathered for a ceremonial groundbreaking in Rhinelanders earlier this month. **MMC photo**

As with the project on Thayer St., the Rhinelanders High School building trades class will be working on the new home once school begins in the fall.

“It’s such a win-win because the students, of course, are learning a skill,” Havel said. “Many times, if they’re on the site working and contractors come by and see their

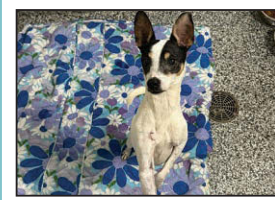
work, next thing you know they’ve got a connection and job offers. It’s really great they have an opportunity to help and of course for us, it’s an opportunity to get great volunteer help.”

Completion of the home is expected in spring 2024.

The home on Thayer St. will be ready for the family to occupy this summer.

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Members of Nicolet College's graduating 2023 Cosmetology class are, front row, from left: Savanna Higgins, Lexi Heise, Jessica Cox, Grace Bishop, Brianna Cline, Brenda Dickinson; back row: Chloe Mullins, Charleze Valliere, Kaylee Strejc, Rae Kammel, Josh Newman, Marcella Reynolds, Colleen Shepard, Gina Calhoun. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

Aspirus Health highlights UV Safety Month

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – In recognition of UV Safety month, Aspirus Health is sharing information on how to be safe in the sun.

“A little sunlight is good for you,” Aspirus said in a release. “Your body uses it to make vitamin D, which keeps bones strong. But it doesn't take long for the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays to start causing damage.”

That damage can lead to premature wrinkles, age spots and even skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States.

“Many people go into summer with the goal of getting a suntan, not realizing how incredibly damaging it is to their skin,” said Nikole Larkin, Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Plastic Surgery and Aesthetics. “In fact, there's no such thing as a safe tan, and we should be doing what we can to protect our skin from getting one.”

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), when the sun's UV rays beat down, your skin tries to protect itself by kicking production of a pigment called melanin into high gear. The added melanin provides a sun protection factor (SPF) of about 2 to 4—far below the minimum 30 SPF that the American Cancer Society



Photo courtesy of Aspirus

(ACS) recommends for sun protection.

“It's the added melanin that causes your skin to darken and that tan signals that you were out in the sun too long,” Aspirus stated.

Reduce sun exposure and skin cancer risk with these top tips from the ACS and the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD):

- **Seek shade.** Don't stay out in direct sunlight for too long. The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. That's the time to stay in the shade. A good rule of thumb: If your shadow is shorter than you are, seek shade.

- **Put on a hat.** A hat with a two- to three-inch brim all around is a good choice, as is a shade cap (a baseball cap with fabric down the sides and back). Baseball caps and straw hats offer less protection.

- **Wear sunglasses.** Melanoma can develop in the eyes, so choose glasses

that block 99% to 100% of UV rays and wear them every day. Darker glasses don't necessarily mean more protection—check the label to be sure.

- **Wear protective clothing.** Cover as much of your skin as possible. Dark colors and tightly woven fabrics offer the most protection. To get an idea of how protective clothing is, hold it up to bright light. If light comes through, the sun's rays can get through too.

- **Use sunscreen.** Choose a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more. Apply it generously to all exposed skin before you go outside. Reapply at least every two hours and after swimming or sweating. You should follow these rules even when it's cloudy.

- **Use lip balm.** Protect

UV SAFETY

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Nicolet College celebrates 2023 Cosmetology program graduates

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Fourteen individuals recently graduated from the Cosmetology program at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.

In a release, Nicolet said the event marked the culmination of the students' “rigorous training and the beginning of their careers in the beauty industry.”

“We are incredibly proud of the graduates of the Cosmetology class of 2023,” said Marie Stott, Head Instructor of the Cosmetology program. “They've demonstrated an unwavering commitment to their craft and have shown tremendous growth throughout their journey. All of them have mastered the latest techniques, trends and practices in the Cosmetology field. We have every confidence that they will achieve remarkable success in their careers.”

Nicolet said the graduates are now eligible to take the Wisconsin Cosmetology

License Examination. Upon receiving a license, graduates will be ready for employment in a variety of positions in barber shops or salons.

“During their course of study in the 39-credit technical diploma program, the graduates learned a wide variety of skills that included basic and advanced hair cutting and styling, adding texture and color to hair, nail and skin care, salon science, shaving and communication skills,” Nicolet stated.

“With a curriculum that emphasizes hands-on experience, industry knowledge and the latest trends, these graduates are ready to become trailblazers in the field and enjoy successful careers as they move into the next chapter of their lives,” Stott said.

The next start date for the year-long Cosmetology program is Tuesday, Sept. 5.

For more information, visit www.nicolet-college.edu or call the college at 715-365-4493.

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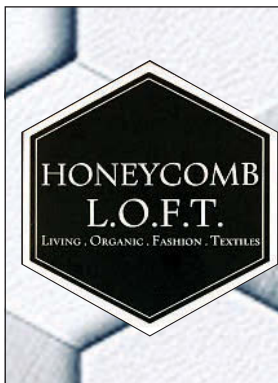
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News Briefs

Northland Bible Church Vacation Bible School

Northland Bible Church, located approximately nine miles north of Tomahawk on Olson Rd., just off County Rd. L, will host its daily Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. The theme this year is "Get a Grip - How to handle your Bible in everyday life." Music, games, snacks, crafts and puppets are all part of the fun. Children ages 5 through 12 are invited. Transportation is available. The church van will be in the parking lot of Kwik Trip, 682 N. 4th St., at 9 a.m. each morning. The van will leave promptly at 9:15 a.m. and will return at 12:30 p.m. Bible School will conclude with the Northland Fair on Friday, Aug 4 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Alex Lindsay at 715-612-1841.

Antique and Classic Outboard Motor Show at SARA Park

The Northwoods Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club Inc. (AOMCI) will host its annual Antique and Classic Outboard motor show, swap meet and sale at SARA Park, 900 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, from Tuesday, Aug. 1 through Friday, Aug. 4, beginning at 8 a.m. each day. Admission is free. For more information, call Karen Dalle Ave, Northwoods AOMCI Chapter President, at 715-356-5649.

CESA 9 offering Substitute Teacher Training

CESA 9 in Tomahawk will offer Substitute Teacher Training on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Individuals with an Associate or Bachelor's degree and who successfully complete the training are eligible to apply for a Substitute Teacher permit. For additional information, visit the CESA 9 website at www.cesa9.org or call 715-453-2141.

Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital blood drive

A blood drive will be held in the Spruce and Tamarack Rooms at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., on Friday, Aug. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102.

Lincoln County Veterans Picnic

The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office (LCVSO) will host a Lincoln County Veterans Picnic at Veterans Memorial Park in Tomahawk on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. LCVSO asks attendees to bring utensils (plates, forks, spoons and knives), as well as a chair and a salad or desert dish to pass. Meat, condiments, soda, water, napkins, ice and picnic tables will be provided. To make a reservation, contact Patty Soward, Tomahawk VFW Post 2687 Auxiliary President, at vfwauxiliarytomahawk@gmail.com or 715-966-5397. For more information, con-

tact Tiffany Daigle, Deputy Veterans Service Officer, at 715-539-1084.

Lincoln County Retired Educators awarding scholarships

The Lincoln County Retired Educators will award two scholarships this year. One will go to a Merrill High School graduate and the other to a Tomahawk High School graduate. Applicants must be in the School of Education, be a Junior or Senior, and intend to teach in Wisconsin. To request an application, Tomahawk graduates should email glderleth@gmail.com and Merrill graduates should email jbekp4@gmail.com. Merrill applications are due back via email by Thursday, Aug. 18, and the award recipient will be notified by Friday, Aug. 25. Tomahawk applications are due back via email by Tuesday, Aug. 29, and the award recipient will be notified by Friday, Aug. 31.

Construction on Lincoln County roads

Road construction will run through Thursday, Aug. 31 on the following Lincoln County roads: County Rd. L; County Rd. S east of U.S. Hwy. 51; Prairie Rd. in the Town of Merrill; and Meyers Rd. in the Town of King. Lincoln County Highway Commissioner John Hanz recommends using alternate routes, if possible.

Chamber seeking photos for 2024 Visitor Guide

The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce is seeking photo submissions for the 2024 Visitor Guide. When submitting a photo, please name the picture as the location that it was taken. All submissions have a chance to be featured on the front of the guide. For more information or to submit a photo, visit www.gototomahawk.com/guidephotos or call 715-453-5334.

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Wash-

ington 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.

Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms

Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms, W5676 Water View Ln., Tomahawk, are open every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 7:30 for prayer support. Eagle Summit is part of the International Association of Healing Rooms and features trained volunteers who offer free, confidential

prayer support. Eagle Summit is a faith-based center open to all. For more information, contact Paula at paulapmt25@gmail.com or call Eagle Summit Healing Center 715 224-3490.

Historical Society encourages use of Allan Bell Memorial Trail

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is encouraging Tomahawk residents and guests to visit the Allan Bell Memorial Trail, located behind the high school office on Kings Rd. "There, you will find a very interesting half-mile walk with ten interpretive signs set up by high school students," the Historical Society said.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, July 17:

On 07-12-2023 deputies were sent to the area of USH 51 and the 208 mile marker (STH 64) in the Town of Pine River for a reported vehicle in the ditch. Reporting party indicated that they thought the driver of the vehicle, a St. Germain man, 55, was impaired by drugs or alcohol. First deputy on scene made contact with the driver and also noticed signs of impairment. The driver was placed through a series of sobriety tests, and as a result of the tests, he was arrested for 1st offense OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital for medical clearance and then to the Lincoln County Jail. No injuries were reported.

On 07-15-2023 deputies were dispatched to an address on Packer Dr. in the Town of Harrison for a reported ATV

rollover crash with injuries. Preliminary investigation revealed that the driver, an Appleton man, 20, was N/B on CTH B when he lost control of his vehicle and entered the ditch on the opposite side of the road. Upon entering the ditch, the driver struck a group of trees. The driver could not remember the details of the crash. He did sustain serious injuries and was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital for treatment.

On 07/16/2023 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a reckless driver traveling S/B on STH 17 near the intersection of CTH G in the Town of Merrill. It was reported that the vehicle was traveling all over the road at varying speeds. A responding deputy located the suspect vehicle traveling S/B on STH 17. As the deputy passed the suspect's vehicle, the deputy reported that the suspect crossed over the center line and almost struck the

deputy's squad. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a Wausau woman, 22, was arrested for OWI. She was transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

On 07/16/2023 a deputy on routine patrol attempted to stop a vehicle on Pope Rd. in the Town of Merrill for operating a motor vehicle at night without headlights. The driver of the vehicle, a Wausau man, 31, failed to stop for the deputy, leading the deputy on a short pursuit that ended in the Little Florida trailer park located on Pope Rd. Once the suspect stopped the vehicle, he fled on foot, but was arrested a short time later. The driver was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked on several charges. No injuries or damage was reported due to the pursuit.

There were five car vs. deer crashes reported in the week, with one causing minor injuries.

UV SAFETY FROM PAGE 8

your lips by wearing lip balm that contains sunscreen.

"Taking extra precautions now can give long-term benefits down the road, such as maintaining a more youthful appearance and decreasing your risk of skin cancers," Larkin stated.

Aspirus Plastic Surgery and Aesthetics is located at 1901 Westwood Center Blvd. in Wausau, with some providers now offering outreach in Rhinelander and Plover. To learn more about products and services available, visit www.aspirus.org/plastic-surgery or call 715-870-2162.

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Drawing Saturday @ 8:00 pm-Ticket must be present to win.

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LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTIES FOR SALE – August 2023

The required Bid and Purchase Agreement must be used to bid on these parcels

Table listing properties for sale in Lincoln County, including Town of Birch, Town of Bradley, Town of Corning, Town of Harrison, Town of Rock Falls, Town of Russell, Town of Somo, and City of Tomahawk. Columns include parcel number, description, and minimum bid.

Any special assessment, judgment or lien shall be the liability of the purchaser. All sales shall be by sealed bid specifying a fixed dollar amount. Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order...

LEGALS

Legals section containing two notices: one from the State of Wisconsin regarding the estate of Rose Lee Lynd, and another from the State of Wisconsin regarding the estate of Robert Meyer.

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TOWN OF MERRILL BIDS WANTED. The Town of Merrill is seeking bids for snowplowing. All bidders must: Have proof of insurance and bond of \$200,000 minimum. Must be able to plow and/or salt 24/7 including weekends and holidays November to April.

07062023.1 *Ordinance to lower speed limit on town highways. STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County The Town Board of the Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. 349.11, Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

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TOMAHAWK: Thursday, 7/27-Saturday, 7/29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 10383 N PINE SQUARE RD

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Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202

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Estate Sales 7208

Merrill: Thursday, 7/27, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. July 27-30 and August 3-6. Double Estate Sale 3 piece entertainment center, vinyl albums, milk glass, brass decorative pieces, library tables, twin bed, full size headboard, curio cabinet, bachelor tall boy dresser, many glass globes, wingback chairs, teapots, tea sets, tea cups, men's cuff links and more. Buyer responsible for loading and transporting items. W754 State Highway 64

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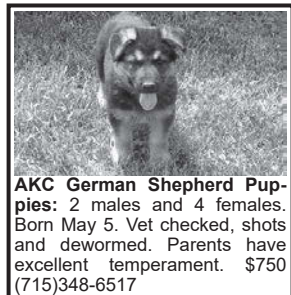
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LEGALS

TOWN OF MERRILL

W4594 PROGRESS AVE., MERRILL, WI 54452

BIDS WANTED

The town of Merrill is seeking bids for double chip sealcoat on Prairie Road, approximately 4,330 feet long and 22 feet wide.

All questions can be addressed to Town Chairman Mike Hass at 715-218-7821 or email: camper52@charter.net

Bids can be mailed to Town of Merrill Clerk at W4594 Progress Ave., Merrill, WI 54452 or hand deliver 30 minutes prior to August Board Meeting at Town Hall on August 4, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAKE NOKOMIS LAKE DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Lake Nokomis Lake District will be held on **Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.,** at the **Tomahawk High School Auditorium, 1048 E King Rd, Tomahawk, WI 54487.** This is a public meeting and is handicapped accessible. Registration will start at 8:30 A.M.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Review of 2022-23 LNL D action items
- Public comment
- Nominations for commissioner
- Vote for commissioner
- Finance Review
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee Update
- Proposed budget for Upcoming Year
- Budget Vote
- Commissioner Election Results
- Meeting Closing and Adjournment

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\$11,050 Administration
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Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day event to be held at Prairie Trails Park in Merrill

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its partners are inviting the public to help search for aquatic invasive species (AIS) on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day is a fun, hands-on effort that relies on volunteers to monitor streams, lakes and wetlands at designated sites across the state for signs of non-native plants and animals. These aquatic invasive species pose risks to Wisconsin waterways and native wildlife. Volunteers have a choice to register at one of over twenty event locations hosted by local conservation groups.

Coordinated in partnership with UW-Madison Division of Extension, UW-Stevens Point Extension Lakes, River Alliance of Wisconsin and the DNR, Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day is entering its 10th successful year.

Information collected will be used to inform and guide monitoring and response efforts. Volunteers are key to the success of

the event.

“Projects like Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day are a fun and simple way for volunteers to get engaged and for the local site leaders and the DNR to collaborate,” said Maureen Ferry, DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Coordinator. “The DNR has a long list of sites with suspected but unverified aquatic invasive species that Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day targets. This increases the chances of volunteers finding a species. Plus, each year, we make new detections.”

Last year, more than 150 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to monitor more than 234 sites across the state.

This is a free event and is recommended for ages 8 and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

An Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day event will be held at Prairie Trails Park, N2121 County Rd. K, Merrill. To learn more about the event and to register, visit www.tinyurl.com/5enf58ae.

For more information, contact Emily Heald at emily.heald@wis.edu.



Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day is slated for Saturday, Aug. 19.

Photo courtesy of University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension

DNR: Spring surveys show mixed results for ruffed grouse, pheasant, waterfowl

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Friday, July 21, announced that data is now available from annual spring surveys of Wisconsin ruffed grouse, pheasant and waterfowl.

The spring waterfowl breeding survey indicated stable population numbers and habitat conditions for migratory birds. In contrast, the spring surveys showed ruffed grouse and pheasant counts below the five-year average, including an 11% decrease statewide in ruffed grouse drumming activity from 2022.

The decreases observed in the ruffed grouse and pheasant populations in this year’s surveys were not unexpected.

“We are entering the down phase of the 10-year abundance cycle,” said Brian Dhuey, DNR Wildlife Surveys Specialist. “It is likely we will continue to see some declines in abundance in the coming years before we start to see increases, with the peak of the next cycle likely coming around 2029, 2030 or 2031. While the number of birds detected is down overall, there will still be pockets of good ruffed grouse abundance, although these areas will be fewer and harder to find this fall.”

Pheasant populations are also down relative to historic averages.

DNR reported the 2023 average pheasant observations at 0.46 pheasants per stop, similar to 2022’s average of 0.47 pheasants per stop. The count remains below the most recent five-year average of 0.55 pheasants per stop.

While pheasant numbers are down statewide, abundance was markedly higher in the northwestern part of Wisconsin’s pheasant range than in the central or southeastern portions.

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Wisconsinites encouraged to apply for County Deer Advisory Council

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging members of the public with a passion for conservation to apply for a seat on a County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC).

Each County Deer Advisory Council includes representatives from the hunting community, as well as from a variety of stakeholder groups with interest in hunting and deer management.

The application period for each county is open until Tuesday, Aug. 15.

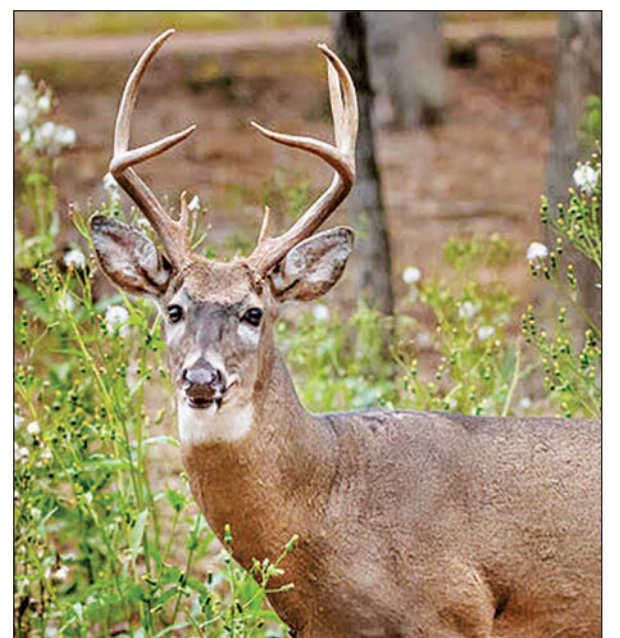
Council members meet annually to review deer management data, gather public input and provide recommendations to the DNR and the Natural Resources Board regarding deer management decisions in their county.

Applicants must have experience or involvement with at least one of these seven stakeholder categories: agriculture, forestry, tourism, transportation, hunting, land management and local government.

“All council seats are open to new applicants,” said Jeff Pritzl, DNR Deer Program Specialist. “County Deer Advisory Councils are provided an in-depth look at deer management issues and meet with DNR staff as representatives of their community. Those selected will serve for three years and, during that time, will reach out to the stakeholders they represent as they develop recommendations for the fall season framework each year.”

County Deer Advisory Councils were established in 2014 and continue to provide an open venue to develop county-specific deer population objectives and herd management strategies through public involvement. In doing so, council members review and consider a variety of metrics on deer herd trends, impacts to habitat and various human-deer interactions.

For more information about the councils and to find the application, visit the DNR’s CDAC webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Hunt/cdac.



Wisconsinites are encouraged to apply to sit on their local County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) this month.

Photo courtesy of Bob Haase

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Natural Connections: Learning from Banded Loons

BY EMILY STONE
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With a dozen sets of eyes scanning the water, it took us almost no time at all to spot the family of loons. A little cheer went up from the pontoon boat when we finally got a clear look at the fuzzy chick paddling around behind their parents. Since this was the first Loon Pontoon Tour on Lake Owen of 2023, the chick was as much a surprise to me as to the participants on this Museum program.

I pegged this little fuzball with the big brown eyes at about 2 weeks old, even though they were swimming independently behind Mom and Dad and not riding on a safe, warm back. Zooming in on that cute little beak, I happened to get the tail end of an adult loon in the photo, too. Below



The green and white bands visible on this loon's legs identify him as a 20-year-old, banded as a chick on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage by researcher Mike Meyer. Banded loons are incredibly valuable for loon research.

Photos by Emily Stone

all those snazzy black and white feathers and quicksilver waves, there were some other, more unusual colors, too: this loon was wearing leg bands!

Bird banding is an old, if not ancient, practice, but loon banding has only been possible since 1988 when researcher Dave Evers developed a way to capture and band loons on Michigan's Seney National Wildlife Refuge. His technique revolutionized loon research by

allowing identification of individual loons from afar, without recapture. Colored leg bands are how we know that loon pairs split their parenting duties roughly 50/50, and that loons can live at least 34 years.

A week later, I revisited that same loon family (the chicks grow so fast!) and got even clearer photos of the loon's leg bands through the crystal clear water of Lake Owen. This time, I emailed the photos to researcher Walter Piper. His Loon Project blog at loonproject.org is a great resource for updates on loon behavior, ecology, population, and more. He wrote back "This looks like white over green, green over silver. If so, it is this bird, banded in 2003 as a chick on

Turtle Flambeau Flowage!"

Wow! A 20-year-old loon, still producing chicks, 50+ miles from where he was hatched! I asked Piper for more information, but this wasn't one of the hundreds of loons he's banded. Instead, we reached out to Mike Meyer, a biologist with the Wisconsin DNR's Science Services department, now retired. Mike confirmed that "yes this loon was banded as a chick on August 5, 2003 in a loon territory on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage we termed Beaver Creek. Beyond that we have no information, that is until your observations...which is excellent dispersal data...Always nice to hear from our past loon acquaintances..."

As it turns out, Mike has many past loon acquaintances from his 25+ years of research.

I gave Mike a call last week, hoping to hear a story of the night this particular loon, "white over green, green over silver" was captured. But as Mike began describing his summer field seasons, I quickly understood why he didn't remember this individual loon.

Each spring, Mike and his team began monitoring loons on the 50-60 lakes

in their study area to see which pairs had chicks. A fluffy little chick is too small to take a leg band, so researchers waited until the chicks were 5-6 weeks old. Then the fun really began.

Their "day" started at 10 p.m. as the 3-5 person research team arrived on the first lake just in time to use the last light to spot the loons. When it was completely dark, they piled into a small boat with a small motor, a spotlight, a musky net, and a boom box. Using the spotlight, the researchers sought out the shining white breast feathers of the loons. Then they used the boom box to play the sounds of peeping chicks and other loon calls. This brought the family close, and kept them at the surface to investigate.

You always try to capture the female first, Mike told me. "She's the first one to get outta there, because she wants to live to reproduce another day." That's what the musky net is for. Then, the chick can

be dipped up, and finally the male, although "circumstances make shuffle the deck," Mike chuckled, stating a fact of fieldwork. The loons were housed in dark plastic tubs with air holes, and everyone headed to shore where the banding, measuring, and sometimes blood drawing, could take place on stable ground.

"It's a bit of an operation," explained Mike. He had stories of skin torn and bruised from loons' strong, serrated beaks, and having to swim for a boat that wasn't pulled up all the way, and even having the sheriff called on them for acting suspiciously with spotlights at 2 a.m.

With all of this, they averaged 3 lakes per night, caught 95% of the loons they attempted, and banded more than 2,000 loons. Mike's work on mercury toxicity in loons helped establish Wisconsin's 2010 mercury

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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.

Since the 4th of July we have been looking at the writing of our constitution. We have taken a quick look at two competing philosophies that were present in the world of our founding fathers. We have been the benefactors of their choice to follow the teachings of the Bible concerning human nature and its application to government, as it had already been applied to the government of Geneva, Switzerland, in 1541. We are fortunate they rejected the philosophy called the enlightenment.

The foundational principles of the enlightenment was that truth can be discovered only through reason and experience, and that all religions are false. The enlightenment allowed for only one god, human reason, as the final authority for all beliefs. That same philosophy has now managed to replace much of Christianity as a guiding light in modern American culture – in education, moral principles, and politics. In some churches it has even replaced the authority of the Bible. So we may ask, "How can this happen?" It is not a mystery and God tells us in His Word, the Bible, how this happens.

The Bible teaches that all people are sinners; the only exception was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who had left Heaven and entered our world as a man so that He might die for the sins of mankind (1 Peter 2:22-24). Outside of Jesus Christ, all people have been sinners who sin. The nature of our sinfulness is selfishness. We are tempted by what we want (James 1:14) and we sin when we try to get what we want while ignoring the Creator's definitions of morality and responsibility (Ephesians 2:3, Romans 1:18).

The Bible warns that when we do not honor God as God, we will redefine who God is and what He says to match what we want (Romans 1:21-32). In the end, we will have made our thoughts the final authority for what we will accept as true. The principles of the enlightenment follow the Bible's definition of our sinfulness and our sin against God. The consequence of depending on our own ideas about God is that we will never know God or His definition of morality. Instead, our favored sins become acceptable because they are what we want. Even violence can become acceptable if it gives us what we want. Human reason, on its own, has no authoritative standard by which to judge morality because its opinions change with our desires.

God alone has any real moral authority because He is the Creator of all things and He never changes. His definitions of morality and responsibility are consistent where human reason, base on personal desires, can never be.

Different religions encourage different forms of government, and the teachings of the New Testament have a history of encouraging the formation of democracies with political freedom and personal responsibility in the cultures they have influenced – including our own. It is the rejection of God that brings despotism, as the last century has shown us.

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Perfection and Mercy

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus utters one of the most awesome sentences ever recorded in spiritual teaching. He said:

You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matt 5:48)

I have known many people over the years of my life. Most have been hard working folks of honest integrity who loved their families and did their best to build a good community to live in. Some were artist of exceptional talent who enriched the lives of others by their endeavors. There have been people who shined with the light of integrity to such a degree that they draw others to eternal truth. But not one was perfect.

So, was Jesus using a rhetorical flourish when he declared that we must be perfect as is our heavenly Father? Or is he pointing to something else? I believe he knew we humans were incapable of attaining pure perfection all the time.

At the beginning of the Sermon of the Mount, Jesus list the Beatitudes, a list of attitudes and acts that can transform our Spiritual lives. They are simple yet powerful. One of the Beatitudes declares:

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. (Matt 5:7)

In our modern era, psychiatry identifies those who think they are perfect as Narcists. The beauty of knowing God's will for our living is the power to attain a degree of perfection in our lives, without trying to be totally perfect in every way. A start may be working to be merciful at least once a day. Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy and a degree of perfection. That indeed is a blessing!

Mercy leads to perfection and draws us closer to the cross of Jesus. Blessed are the merciful for they shall know greater perfection and more of Jesus in their lives.

Dr. Patrick Shelley,
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July 26	---	5:58AM	1:57PM	6:22PM
July 27	11:37PM	6:47AM	3:12PM	7:14PM
July 28	12:07AM	7:41AM	4:29PM	8:11PM
July 29	12:48AM	8:42AM	5:43PM	9:13PM
July 30	1:42AM	9:46AM	6:48PM	10:19PM
July 31	2:53AM	10:51AM	7:39PM	---
Aug 1	4:15AM	11:24PM	8:18PM	11:55AM
Aug 2	5:42AM	12:25AM	8:48PM	12:54PM

Solar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is August 16th.

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LOONS FROM PAGE 14

emission reduction rule for coal-burning power plants. Banded loons have contributed immensely to our knowledge of their population dynamics, migration, threats they face on their summer breeding grounds, and more. "Loons are biosentinels of lake health," Mike told me. "If you have loons on your lake, you're doing it right."

I wonder if "white over green, green over silver" remembers that dark night 20 years ago when he first met Mike Meyer. Probably not. But as part of the valuable long-term research on banded loons, both Mike's and the loon's contributions to science will be remembered for decades to come.

Emily's award-winning second book, Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer, is available to purchase at www.cabl-

emuseum.org/books and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Our new exhibit: "The Northwoods ROCKS!" is open now! Our Summer Calendar of Events is ready for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cable-museum.org to see what we are up to.

SPRING SURVEYS FROM PAGE 13

Similarly, wood duck populations decreased from 2022, although populations remain above the long-term average. The survey team also reported average to above-average wetland conditions across the state during the survey period.

Surveyors estimated the state's breeding duck population at 545,065 birds, a 3.5% decrease from the 2022 estimate, yet 23.4% over the long-term average.

Canada goose numbers are also slightly lower than 2022, yet remain 58.4% higher than the long-term average.

Conversely, DNR's annual breeding waterfowl survey showed stable numbers for mallards and blue-winged teal, two of the state's primary breeding waterfowl. Highly

pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has not shown any measurable impacts this year on waterfowl populations at a statewide or continental scale, and we had excellent nesting conditions immediately after the survey. The dry conditions during the brood

rearing period have not seemed to negatively impact brood success based on staff feedback.

Find these and other wildlife survey reports on the DNR's Wisconsin Wildlife Reports webpage at www.tinyurl.com/bdx-59cp4.



Spring surveys showed ruffed grouse and pheasant counts below the five-year average, including an 11% decrease statewide in ruffed grouse drumming activity from 2022.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

Sports Briefs

Tomahawk Community Fun Runs

The Tomahawk Community Fun Runs are now underway. Runners of all ages are invited, though runners under the age of 14 should be accompanied by an adult, as runners are not supervised. Runners meet at Veterans Memorial Park, where a description of the running route will be com-

municated. Runs typically occur Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., with occasional 7:30 a.m. Tuesday runs from Sunset Point. View the Fun Run schedules at www.tinyurl.com/ybwkjdjz. For more information about the Tomahawk Community Fun Runs group, visit www.strava.com/clubs/1066717.

Summer morning lap swim

Summer morning lap swim will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex Mondays through Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool). Walking on the indoor track and water aerobics will return in the fall.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 140

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 139 question: Who was captain of the 1970 football team: Jeff Kahle, Mike Fischer or Joe Cordova?

Week 139 answer: Captain of the 1970 football team was Joe Cordova. He was also the

Blue Helmet Winner and MVP.

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

Week 140 question: The WIAA went from one class to two classes in the State basketball tournament in what year: 1970, 1971 or 1972?



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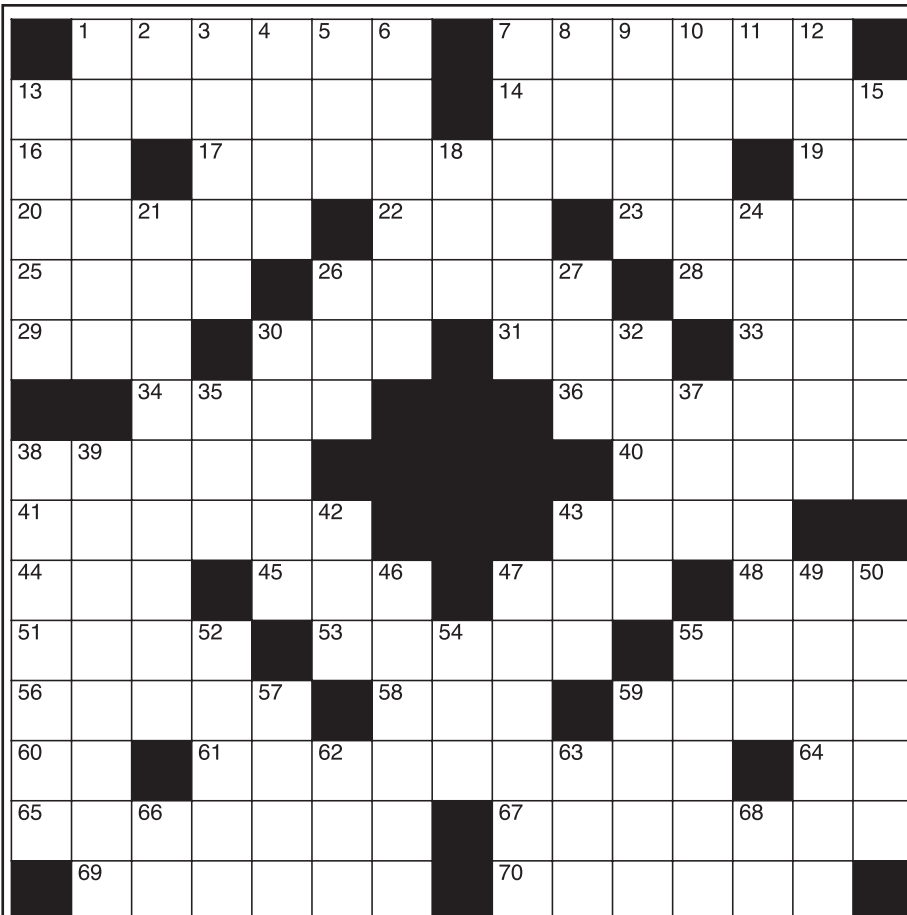
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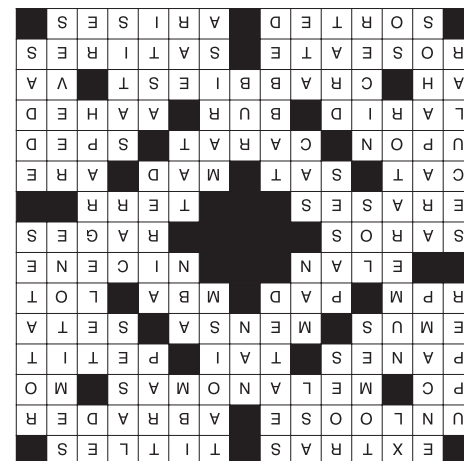
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bonus materials
7. Formal names
13. Free from restraints
14. One who scrapes away
16. Type of device
17. Skin cancers
19. The Show Me State
20. Plate glasses
22. Red-brown sea bream
23. Small (Fr.)
25. Flightless Australian birds
26. High IQ group
28. Stiff structures
29. Revolutions per minute
30. Where a bachelor lives
31. Licensed for Wall Street
33. A place to park
34. Energy, style and enthusiasm
36. An important creed in Catholic Church
38. 18-year astronomical period
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Noted child psychiatrist
44. Feline
45. High schoolers' test
47. Not happy
48. They _
51. On top
53. Precious stones unit of weight
55. Moved quickly
56. Seagulls
58. A seed with hooks or teeth
59. Partner to "oohed"
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most unpleasant
64. Organization help service members
65. Type of cockatoo

- 67. Humorous criticisms
69. Went through and organized
70. Wakes up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Settle in tents
2. Big
3. Books
4. Masses of eggs in fish
5. Language
6. Not standing
7. Chinese philosophy
8. Computer giant
9. A device to catch
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. Actor O'Neill
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Not lower
15. Revolves
18. Leavened bread
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Cable
26. Adult male
27. Airborne (abbr.)
30. Bullfighting maneuvers
32. Broadcast
35. _ Angeles
37. Vehicle
38. Not religious
39. North American peoples
42. A baglike structure
43. Body art (slang)
46. Picked for a role
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former hoopster "Big Country"
50. Icelandic poems
52. More pleasant
54. It can add flavor to meat
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. _ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed
63. Body part
66. Thus
68. In reply (abbr.)



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 Tomahawk Family Restaurant
 Tomahawk Flooring and Decorating
 Tomahawk Warehouse Liquor
 Van Strydonk Construction
 Tomahawk Iron and Metal
 Aquatic Arts Bait and Tackle
 Outboard's Bar and Grill
 Marathon Gas
 Edgewater Country Club
 Pine Point Bar and Resort
 Winding Trail Grill and Bar
 Nut-Zee's Resort and Restaurant
 Maple Bear Campground - Bar and Grill
 Corner Bar
 Tomahawk Sports Center
 Chuck and Tim's Pizza
 Gerber Collision Center
 Hilgy's LP
 Wholesale Carpets and Tile
 Associated Bank
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