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Nearly 20 years after its rediscovery, mystery surrounding long-lost Pow Wow Days button solved

TOMAHAWK LEADER **EDITOR**

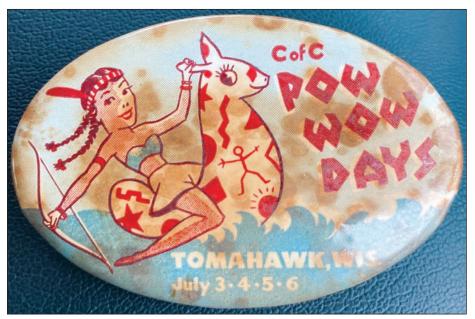
TOMAHAWK - A mystery surrounding a longlost button with Tomahawk ties has finally been solved - nearly two decades after its rediscovery.

On Nov. 10, 2005, while in the process of relocating his cottage from Clear Lake to Half Moon Lake, Bill Sparr spotted an object in the sand where the cottage's porch had been. Picking the item up, he discovered it was a button.

On the button were a Native American woman and the words "C of C," "Pow Wow Days," and "Tomahawk, Wis."

Also printed on button were the dates July 3, 4, 5

Sparr knew the button was from a past 4th of July celebration in Tomahawk for decades referred to as Pow Wow Days – but he did



Nearly 20 years after it was rediscovered, a mystery surrounding this long-lost button has been Photo by Jalen Maki

not know what year the button was from.

Despite making inquires with the Tomahawk Area Historical Society and the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as submitting a Letter to the

Editor to the *Tomahawk* Leader in an effort to learn more about the button's origin, Sparr was ultimately unable to unearth any more information - that is, until this year.

Local historian and Historical Society member Elaine Koth, while researching 1952 issues of the Leader, discovered that Sparr's mystery button was, in fact, from 1952 - the inaugural year of Pow Wow Days in Tomahawk.

of 5,000 brightly-colored booster buttons made that year. An article in the May 3, 1952 issue of the Leader explained that the buttons were sold for \$1.00 apiece as an advertising campaign for Pow Wow Days, then organized by the Chamber.

The buttons were distributed from the Chamber's Information Booth to local businesses to be sold.

Mrs. Arlette Hoffman led the button sale. She was assisted in distribution by Duane Krull, Robert Voelz, Gene Urban, Clarence Anderson and Lester Dean, according to the Leader article.

"The buttons will admit the bearer to all Pow Wow Days events, which will include street dancing every evening, the Order of the Arrow Indian pageant, a Paul Bunyan program depicting early Tomahawk history, the W.O.A. boat races, 'Festival of Music Under

other entertainment activities and displays," the article stated.

Tomahawk's first Pow Wow Days celebration also featured concessions and a carnival on Railroad St. between Somo Ave. and W. Wisconsin Ave., as well as a 4th of July parade honoring Tomahawk-area native Sgt. Einar H. Ingman Jr., who had been awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman in 1951.

A total of 73 units took part in the Pow Wow Days parade, which would become a staple of Tomahawk's annual Independence Day celebration in the decades to follow.

The Pow Wow Days button will be displayed at the Tomahawk Area Historical Society museum, 18 E. Washington Ave., open from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Tribal leaders, Evers on hand for ground blessing ceremony for teen recovery, wellness center

BY EILEEN PERSIKE MMC STAFF

TOWN CASSIAN - A ground blessing has taken place north of Tomahawk in the Town of Cassian in Oneida County - an event that celebrated the coming together of Wisconsin's tribal communities and re-

Wellness Center. It's a project nearly two decades in the making, led by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC).

gional partners to create the

Adolescent Recovery and

The celebration was held in part to "Imbue the ground with the wisdom of tribal elders" and connect to the healing energy of nature.

"It's not about sticking that shovel in the ground first and breaking the ground," said GLITC CEO Brian Bainbridge.

about starting it in a good way so we can heal from this ground."

connectivity Cultural will remain an integral part of the facility, combining "multiple Tribal wellness themes and harnessing the healing power of nature, fire and water," according to a facility brochure.

The 36-bed residential facility aims to provide culturally relevant services and treatment for Native American youth, ages 13 to 17, who are suffering from substance use disorders and any co-occurring mental health conditions. It will also be available to non-Native teens.

"It gives my heart happiness to see our flags flown in a place that will not only provide our kids their indigenous journey to healing, but it also reminds our kids and anyone who is fortunate enough to come here that they are supported, loved, seen and valued by all of our tribal nations," said Shannon Holsey, President, GLITC Board of Directors.

Holsey noted this is one of only 12 such collaborations in the country.

The non-profit GLITC was established to "provide a means by which Member Tribes could unite against the threat of termination and act as a mechanism for tribes to work through the challenges of governance and services for their communities."

Completion of the recovery and wellness center, according to the brochure, "will help meet an urgent need for our member tribes and Native American youth, and the non-Native youth of Wisconsin" to overcome threats of historical trauma, benefit not only to tribal opiod use disorder and mental health effects of isolation and an increase of drug use due to the COVID-19 pandemic and aftermath.

Bainbridge said more than 1,000 properties were considered before purchasing the 150 acres in Cassian.

Governor Tony Evers and many of his cabinet secretaries attended the event. Evers said the project has received bipartisan support going back to former Governor Scott Walker's 2017 budget, which included \$200,000.00 for a feasibility study.

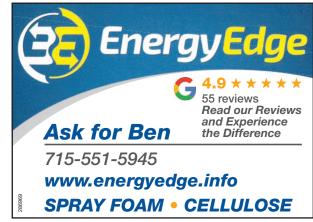
In 2019, Evers and the Republican legislature supported \$640,000.00 for architectural plans, and in 2021, \$350,000.00 was approved for construction.

"This facility is needed and will be an incredible

nations, but to this region and the entire state of Wisconsin," Evers said following the ceremony. "(It) will provide culturally competent care that acknowledges experiences and history of native nations and will have a generational impact in native communities through-

out Wisconsin and beyond. We desperately need these resources in our communities, and I'm grateful to all the partners who have made today happen."

Bainbridge said the hope is to break ground in the fall, once Oneida County has approved the necessary permits.





Wisconsin tribal leaders, Governor Tony Evers and several cabinet secretaries attended a ground blessing ceremony in the Town of Cassian late last month. MMC photo





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Trig's donates \$10,000.00 to TFD for thermal imaging cameras

BY JALEN MAKI TOMAHAWK LEADER **EDITOR**

TOMAHAWK - A recent donation from Trig's to the Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD) will go towards purchasing equipment that could help save

Wednesday, Aug. 2. representatives from Trig's stopped by TFD to make a \$10,000.00 contribution to help the department buy thermal imaging cameras.

Thermal imaging cameras allow firefighters to see through smoke and low-light conditions, monitor how a fire is spreading and quickly locate people trapped in a fire.

TFD already had several thermal imaging cameras, but only enough to outfit the department's officers with them. The donation from Trig's will go towards the purchase of 19 additional units enough for each firefighter to carry one.

Trig's Tomahawk Store Director Melanie Juedes and Trig's Director of Operations Terry Trygges-



A donation from Trig's will go towards purchasing 19 thermal imaging cameras for the Tomahawk **Photos by Jeff Schulz** Fire Department.

eth, as well as Kindl Furtak, Director of Marketing and Communication for T.A. Solberg, were joined several Tomahawk firefighters at TFD for last week's donation.

Noting that safety is a high priority, firefighter and TFD Secretary Melissa Nieman said the cameras will help in interior firefighting situations, assisting firefighters in locating fires. Nieman added that using the handheld cameras to locate fires more quickly



will ultimately help limit structural damage for homeowners.

TFD Chief Paul Winter said he is "very, very

grateful to Trig's for their donation," which will allow the department to "put personal thermal imaging cameras in every firefighter's pocket."

"They're extremely useful, not only trying to find victims in a fire, but in the event somebody were to get lost or have a difficult time seeing in smoky conditions," he explained. "They're able to see perfectly clear with these devices, and it could get somebody out of some pretty serious trouble."

Winter noted that firefighters also use the cameras to locate hotspots, which are hidden in walls.

"It's an incredibly valuable resource for us," Winter said.

Furtak said Trig's is "really excited to make this donation to the Tomahawk firefighters."

"We feel like this is much-needed equipment that's going to help both with rescuing potential victims in fires, but also to help them to put fires out more quickly (and) to keep the firefighters safe," Furtak stated. "These are such important people in our community. They do so much for us, so we're really happy to be able to give back."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Remnar Lee, was born to Tera Hintz and Aaron Halambeck, Irma, at 9:29 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches

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Pictured, from left to right: Shannon Murray, Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Superintendent; Kevin Blake, MAPS School Board; Nathan Brozonowski, Merrill High School (MHS) Class of 2023 graduate who worked in the Fab Lab to design the check; Patti Hilgendorf, Executive Director of Kinship of Tomahawk; Jeremy Ratliff, MACR; Merrill Mayor Steve Hass; and Josh Zalewski, MHS Fab Lab instructor. Not pictured: Tomahawk Mayor Steve Taskay.

Merrill Area Community **Rides Charity raises funds** for Kinship of Tomahawk

BY TINY L. SCOTT MMC STAFF

TOMAHAWK - MACR (Merrill Area Community Rides Charity) recently presented Kinship of Tomahawk with a check for \$1,109.00, representing the proceeds from the June 17 Annual Mud 'N Jams ATV/ UTV/Motorcycle Ride and Poker Run.

Founded in fall 2016 with a single goal – to raise funds for area individuals, families and non-profit organizations - MACR grew quickly and, in 2018, expanded to include three annual events: Sleds N Jams

Snowmobile Ride and Poker Run, held the third Saturday in February; Mud 'N Jams ATV Ride and Poker Run, held the third Saturday in June; and Rosco's Ride Motorcycle Ride and Poker Run, held the third Saturday in September.

To date, MACR has raised and contributed more than \$40,000.00.

The donation to Kinship of Tomahawk was a milestone for MACR because it is the first time the organization selected a recipient from outside of the Merrill

In 2022, the MACR Board

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of Directors unanimously voted to increase and expand their reach to include all of Lincoln County.

Kinship was nominated by a community member utilizing the application process and ultimately selected to be the recipient of the proceeds from the 2023 Mud 'N Jams event.

This year also marks the fifth anniversary of MACR partnering with the Merrill High School FAB Lab to design, produce and donate customized, oversized "donation checks" to present to the recipients of their fundraising efforts.

Gleason's Ben Sosnovske among finalists for WFBF's 35 Under 35 Award

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

GLEASON - A Gleason resident is among the finalists for an award from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation (WFBF).

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, WFBF announced that Ben Sosnovske is one of the 35 Under 35 Award finalists.

The 35 Under 35 Award, presented by WFBF's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) program in partnership with Insight FS, "recognizes the creativity and innovation of young farmers and agriculturists who are preserving agriculture through leadership in environmental, social and economic activities," according to WFBF's website.

"In the second year of the program, 45 innovative and deserving YFA members submitted video applications," WFBF said.

Applicants were evaluated for their involvement in one of five categories -Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Future, Sustainable Self, Sustainable Service and Sustainable Storytelling.

Sosnovske was nominated in the Sustainable Environment category, which recognizes individuals who are good stewards of the land and their resources. Representing Lincoln County, Sosnovske joins finalists from Green, Vernon and Wood counties in the category.

"The YFA Committee is ecstatic to see how many young farmers and agriculturalists were nominated for the 35 Under 35 program," said WFBF YFA Committee Chair Savannah Brown. "We look forward to recognizing and meeting these deserving individuals in December at the YFA Conference."

"The 35 Under 35 program has been a success again in 2023," said Insight FS General Manager Ben Huber. "It is refreshing to see the leadership qualities and sustainability initiatives being driven by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the YFA program, and Insight FS is proud to be a partner again in 2023. Congratulations to all the nominees and finalists. You are the best and brightest our industry has to offer."

Each finalist will receive an embroidered vest sponsored by Insight FS. The top individual in each category will be announced during the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December. The finalists are also invited to attend an exclusive networking reception during the conference.



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OBITUARIES

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(Monika) Neumann, Mosinee, Connie Anderson, Tomahawk

Paul Neumann, and Sandy (Glen Sorensen), Alexandria

Nancy was an avid outdoor woman. She used to joke about

being the only kid to cry because she had to leave camp. She

made numerous canoe trips to the Boundary Waters and has

camped in every state park in Minnesota retiring from camp-

ing and kayaking well into her 70's. Nancy was also a gifted

painter, hand embroiderer and quilter, leaving many trea

Nancy's children dubbed her motto as "Do not follow where

the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." She did not like to leave any road unexplored.

Nancy is survived by her son, Barry, daughters, Connie and Sandy, sister and brother-in-law, Jean and John Payne of

Tucson, Arizona, and sister-in-law Bev (Norman) Ceaglske of Cambridge, MN. Nancy also leaves three grandchildren, Kris (Jill) Neumann of MN, Allie Anderson, Madison, Kirk

(Leann) Sorensen, Fargo ND, and great grandchildren, Hayden, Harper and Michael Neumann of MN, Kayden, Keaton

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Nor

A celebration of Nancy Neumann's life will be held at 1:00

p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Clear Lake Condo

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home is assisting the family with

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www

sures behind for her children and loved ones.

and Lauryn of ND, Leo Tauchman, Madison.

man and son, Paul.

MMC's George Stanley named Wisconsin Newspaper Association President

BY KRIS LEONHARDT MMC EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY - Multi Media Channels (MMC) Local News Initiatives Advisor George Stanley has been named President of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA).

Stanley was elected as

President at the WNA's annual meeting in March and was presented with the gavel at the WNA Board of Directors meeting on July 21 in Madison.

"Since before Wisconsin became a state, local newspapers have helped bind and build our com-

Neumann, age 90

away peacefully

Tuesday, August

Nancy was born in Madison,

WI on January 19, 1933 to

Norman and Lucille (Ostby)

Ceaglske. She graduated high school from Washburn High

School in Minneapolis, MN in

1950. Nancy attended Stout University and graduated with

a Home Economics degree

Nancy formerly married to

Neil Neumann together they

had four children, Barry

munities," Stanley said. "Through WNA, working together in these challenging times to sustain and support local news outlets that inform our democracy and nurture healthy, active community life. It's a great thing to be a part of."

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

He is also the project manager for the State of Local News 2023, an effort of the Local News Initiative at Northwestern University, as well as a past president of the News Leaders Association.

Stanley stepped down as Editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Regional Editor for the USA TODAY Network in Januarv 2023.

He led the Journal Sentinel newsroom as Editor since 2015 and Managing Editor since 1997.

The newspaper's work won national awards for reporting on health, business, education, justice, politics, sports and the environment, including 10 Pulitzer finalists and three Pulitzer Prize winners.

Stanley has participated



Pat Reilly, at left, of The Dodgeville Chronicle, passes the gavel to incoming WNA President George Stanley during the WNA Board of Directors meeting held July 21 in Madison.

Photo courtesy of Julia Hunter/WNA

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

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

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

"George brings with him a wealth of experience and ethical practices that will benefit the association and its membership," said MMC CEO Patrick Wood. "We are fortunate to have a man of his caliber to lead the association and continue to

guide local journalism."

Dave Wood, who serves as General Manager for several MMC publications, also serves on the WNA Board of Directors.

MMC is the publishing company for the Tomahawk Leader.

Former Tomahawk Leader publisher Larry Tobin previously served as WNA President, as well as in several other roles with the as-

The Pastor's Corner

August 9, 2023

Wow! It is hard to believe that August is already

here. When my sons were still in school, I remember

Then August would hit, and we would be off to

the races trying to gather everything that was needed

to get them ready for the upcoming school year. We

depended on a lot of hand-me-down clothes and the

generosity of others to get them fully outfitted for the

Helping our children to do their best in school

school with little to no trouble. Others struggle almost

everyday. Part of the learning process involves learning

There are a lot of joys in the learning process and

alone in this journey of raising your children to become

school staff work hard alongside of you. Churches and

stayed behind in the Temple, "listening to the teachers

wisdom." Though Jesus is the Son of God, he also had

to go to school and learn how to interact with others.

and asking them questions...and Jesus increased in

for a new school year. Here is my prayer for you:

Luke 2 tells the story of Jesus who, at the age of 12,

God cares about you and your family as you prepare

Wisdom-filled God, thank you for the gift of learning.

Thank you for the teachers and staff who give their

Thank you for every student. Help them to do their

Thank you for every parent and guardian. Give them

best to provide a safe and affirming environment for

our children to learn. Bless them in their work. Bless

their families. Grant them all they need to be at their

very best. Provide all they need to thrive. Bless them

patience and wisdom in every situation that arises.

Provide for their physical, financial, emotional, and

spiritual needs. Help them to ask for help when they

Surround all these with your loving and divine

presence. Fill them with your love. Thank you, God.

respectful to others and to themselves.

need it – especially from you.

in their relationships. Help them to be loving, kind, and

there are a lot of challenges. Know that you are not

healthy, independent, and confident adults. The

community organizations are available to help.

can be a full-time job. Some children fly through

how to get along with others.

how much I loved them being off for the summer.

On the 4th of July week I began a series looking at how our freedoms relate to the Bible. Today we shall look at the concept of the rule of law. The idea of the rule of law is that no one is above the law, but all citizens (including the leaders) must live by the same rules. This is a concept taught in the

was the idea that one day Israel would have a king.

a king and what the king's responsibilities were to be. A key passage about the king is Deuteronomy 17:18,19 where we read, And it shall be, when the king sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write himself a copy of this law...and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them. The king was to read and know the law God had given to Israel; the law was to rule the behavior of the king even as it did his people. The king was not to make his own laws but was to enforce

When we read the history books of the Old Testament, we find that when the kings followed the laws of God, the nation had peace and prospered. But if the king was wicked, he would change the law, make his own laws and exempt himself from their requirements. The wicked kings did away with the rule of law and made themselves the law.

It is common knowledge that power tends to corrupt. The purpose of the rule of law is to restrain the sinful natures of rulers as much as it is to restrain the sinful natures of the ordinary citizen: rulers can be just as selfish as the people they rule. Selfish ambition is not unique to any one class of people, but its effects can be more damaging in society the greater the influence the person has.

where different branches of government could check the power of the others. Obedience to the constitution is an important part of the concept of the rule of law. The rule of law is taught in the Bible because it deals honestly with the fact of our sinful, selfish nature, which is found even in rulers.

Pastor Charles Scheele Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com

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.

When God brought Israel out of Egypt and gave to them the land of Palestine, He also gave to them laws by which to govern themselves. One of God's laws was that all who would live in the land were to follow the same rules. Or as it is put in Leviticus 24:22, You shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God. The Jew, Gentile, rich, or poor, were all to live by the same rules. And as Leviticus 24:22 put it, it was to be this way because God is God. Also written within the law

The law was very precise about who they could choose for God's laws. This is the rule of law.

The writers of our constitution understood this principle and built into the constitution a system of checks and balances

very best.

Ssociated Pastor Lisa A. Weaver Clergy Tomahawk and **Spirit UMC**



Robert S. Parker "Scott' (61), Tomahawk, Wis.

Our beloved Son, Brother, Dad and Papa passed away on Aug 2, 2023 after unexpectedly suffering a stroke. Scott was born to Robert and Trudy Parker or Aug. 30, 1961, in Freeport, Ill He moved to the Tomahawl area in the late 1980s and fell in love with the Northwoods He met Kristine (Kris) Moed-erndorfer in 1991; they married on Sept. 27, 1996 and raised their three children, Cassandra Christopher (CP) and Matthew

CP and Matt played hockey growing up, during that time Scott extremely enjoyed driving the Zamboni and helping out around the rink. He worked at Crystal Finishing System LLC in Wausau since April of 2008. Scott and Kris divorced in 2015 but continued to do family gatherings and holiday celebrations together as a family. Scott started dating Pam Timm in May of 2021. They enjoyed going out together to new bars and restaurants, along with taking joy rides on his Harley.

Scott is survived by his three children, Cassie, CP, and Matt (Nicole). He was a proud Papa to four grandsons, Mason Zapar, Carson Parker, Theo Wicklund and Elijah Parker. He is further survived by his mother, Trudy Parker; his brothers Steve (Cathy), Minnesota, and Mike(Stephanie), Illinois; along with nieces Samantha, Makenzie, Maddie, Abigail and Ava; his ex-wife, Kris Parker, and his girlfriend, Pam Timm. Scott was predeceased by his father Robert Parker and sister Susan Parker.

Aside from his overwhelming love for his family, Scott had a deep love of fishing, his Chicago Bears and NASCAR racing. He also loved hockey, especially when it was his kids on the ice. For years he wanted a Harley motorcycle, finally in 2018 he got one and it brought him a tremendous amount of

Scott's family will host a celebration of life on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at 2 p.m.. The celebration will take place at Kahle Park in the Town of Bradley, Wis. In lieu of sending flowers for the celebration, please consider helping his family with any financial donation to assist in the costs for cre mation services, celebration of life, hospital bills or any costs that they may incur for this unexpected and tragic loss www.gofundme.com/f/wqq7h-scott-parker has been set up; any donation would be greatly appreciated.

The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to the entire staff in MSICU at Aspirus Wausau Hospital who compassionately cared for him and his loved ones, UW Health in Madison for honoring his wish of becoming an organ donor and those who visited him in his last days.



A digital rendering of the expansion to Aspirus Wausau Hospital's emergency department. **Photo courtesy of Aspirus Health**

Aspirus Wausau Hospital begins construction on emergency department expansion

FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER**

WAUSAU Aspirus Wausau Hospital began construction on an expansion of its emergency department last week.

Work started on Monday, July 31.

The project is scheduled to take place in three phases over the course of approximately two years.

In a release, Aspirus Health said the 29,500 square foot expansion will "help address present and future constraints on emergency care in Wausau and the surrounding communities by nearly doubling the current space."

"We've seen a growing need for emergency services at Aspirus Wausau Hospital," said Aspirus Associate Chief Nursing Officer Robin Rudie. "We have an excellent staff of medical professionals here, and we need to make sure they have the optimal space to treat our patients."

Aspirus said some of the significant enhancements in the project include additional and larger rooms (an increase from 18 to 30), an

additional triage room, additional critical care rooms, a larger waiting room, improved patient parking and enhanced, energy-efficiency heating, cooling and lighting equipment.

The expansion also includes a remodel of the existing space. Aspirus said the hospital will maintain its 18 current treatment rooms with no disruption in currently available services.

Aspirus is asking patients to "please pay attention to signage on the Wausau campus for temporary changes in entrances and parking."

Alzheimer's Association offering Dementia Conversations program in Rhinelander

FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER**

RHINELANDER - A program developed by the Alzheimer's Association to help family and friends become more comfortable with difficult dementia-related topics will be offered in Rhinelander next week.

The Dementia Conversations program will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program will focus on several topics, includ-

- Why it is important to talk to one's doctor about concerns about changes to memory, thinking and behavior as soon as they are noticed.
- · How to encourage someone who is reluctant to talk to their doctor about memory concerns to
- Strategies for how to talk to someone when

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there are concerns about their ability to drive safely and to develop a plan for when "retiring" from driving becomes necessary.

- · The importance of making legal and financial plans for the future.
- · The necessity of planning ahead, learning about community resources and developing a supportive care team.
- "Alzheimer's disease affects more than six million people in the United States," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said. "It is the most common form of dementia and causes memory, thinking

and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. However, the earliest signs are often dismissed as part 'getting older' and the conversation with family and friends about those changes can be challenging and uncomfortable."

To learn more about the program or to register. contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or *jstpierre*@ alz.org.

Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or www.bit. ly/3Fh8bSe.

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After considering Senate run, Tiffany opts for House reelection bid

TOMAHAWK LEADER **EDITOR**

WISCONSIN - After considering a bid for United States Senate, U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.), on Tuesday, Aug. 1, announced that he will instead seek reelection to the House of Representatives.

In May, Tiffany said he was mulling a Senate campaign and that he would make a decision this summer regarding a potential

Tiffany said last week that after talking with his family, he ultimately decided to forego a challenge to incumbent Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.).

Instead, he will pursue another term as Representative of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.

"While Tammy Baldwin is vulnerable due to her record as a rubber stamp for President Biden, I can make the greatest impact continuing to serve the great people

vehicle for approximately 5.3 miles

before the driver stopped and fled

on foot. A potential suspect has

been identified: the investigation



Tiffany

of Wisconsin in the House of Representatives." Tiffany stated. "Let there be no doubt, I will continue to hold the Biden administration accountable for their fiscal recklessness, open border disaster and the weaponization of the Justice Department against the American people. America and Wisconsin can do better than the current status quo. I look forward to working with our nominees for President and U.S. Senate to turn Wisconsin red in 2024.'

With Tiffany opting to seek reelection to the House,

there were no Republican candidates challenging Baldwin as of press time on Monday, Aug. 7. Another prospective GOP opponent to Baldwin, State Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Green Bay), in June said he would not run for Senate in 2024.

Tiffany has represented Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District since May 2020, when he defeated Democrat Tricia Zunker in a special election called after former Republican Rep. Sean Duffy resigned.

Tiffany defeated Zunker again in Nov. 2020 and emerged victorious over Democrat Richard "Dick" Ausman on his way to reelection in Nov. 2022.

Prior to his election to Congress, Tiffany represented Wisconsin's 35th Assembly District from Jan. 2011 to Jan. 2013 and served in the state's 12th Senate District from Jan. 2013 until his May 2020 election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

continues. No injury or damage was done as a result of the pursuit. As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, July 31: On 07/26/2023 a deputy on On 07/27/2023, the evening of routine patrol observed a car with widespread damage from traveling N/B on Horn Lake Rd. in the Town of Birch. The deputy noticed the vehicle was traveling well over the speed limit, and it also matched the description of a vehicle that was possibly involved in a burglary. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver On 07-29-2023 the Sheriff's Office refused to stop, leading the deputy on pursuit. The deputy chased the

July 27, deputies were kept busy storms that had passed through the area. Most calls consisted of trees lines down. Deputies responded to at least 18 weather-related calls

received a driving complaint where a vehicle was observed weaving all over the road N/B on USH 51. The R/P advised that the vehicle in question cut another driver off and was varying speeds. A deputy and a

Wisconsin State Trooper that were dispatched to the call located the suspect vehicle. The deputy stopped the vehicle on USH 8 near CTH Y in the Town of Bradley. The deputy made contact with the driver, an Oconomowoc man, 46, and noticed signs of impairment. The driver was placed through a series of sobriety tests and as a result of those tests was placed under arrest for second offense OWI. The driver was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was released after sobering up.

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

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Kristina Boardman named WisDOT Deputy Secretary

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FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER**

WISCONSIN - Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary Craig Thompson, on Wednesday, Aug. 2, announced that he had appointed Kristina Boardman as the agency's next Deputy Secretary.

Boardman replaces outgoing Deputy Secretary Paul Hammer, who is leaving the department to become Deputy Secretary at the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Boardman is WisDOT's first female Deputy Secretary. She had previously served as the Administrator of WisDOT's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) since 2016.

As Chief Operating Officer, Boardman will oversee the department's operations, which include 3,200 employees, dozens of field offices and a biennial budget of more than \$8 billion,



Boardman **Photo courtesy of WisDOT**

according to a release from WisDOT.

"As DMV administrator, Boardman led WisDOT's division that serves millions of Wisconsinites each year through online, in-person, phone and mail interactions," WisDOT stated. "Under her leadership, DMV continually excelled in areas of customer service, efficiency and innovation."

WisDOT said some of Boardman's key accomplishments include innovating an award-winning online service for customers to title and register their vehicles, implementing the federal REAL ID program in Wisconsin and expanding opportunities to schedule appointments at DMV service centers.

Boardman is also currently Chair of the American Association of Motor Administrators Vehicle (AAMVA) International Board of Directors, a national leadership role she holds through September.

"The department greatly benefits from Boardman's 28-years of state government service, which includes 10 years as a legislative aide for the Wisconsin State Assembly before transitioning to WisDOT in 2005," WisDOT said.

Prior to becoming DMV administrator, Boardman served as DMV Deputy Administrator and Director of DMV Field Services.

Application period for USDA's Organic Certification Cost Share Program now open

FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER**

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is inviting organic food processors and producers to apply for reimbursement of costs related to organic certification from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Organic Certification Cost Share Program.

A release from DATCP said farms and businesses that produce, process or package certified organic agricultural products are eligible to be reimbursed for 75% of certification-related costs - up to \$750.00 per category of certification - for expenses paid from Oct. 1. 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023.

Farms or businesses must be located in Wiscon-

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or be actively seeking certification through an accredited certifier during that time frame.

Application materials and instructions are available on DATCP's website at www.tinvurl.com/2s4vbnvd.

Applications must be mailed to DATCP-DAD, Organic Cost Share Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, Wis., 53708, emailed DATCPorganiccostshare@wi.gov or submitted through an online form at www.tinyurl.com/4x39tp7c. Applications will be ac-

cepted through Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Questions about the program and application process should be directed to DATCP Organic Agriculture Programs Specialist Andrew Bernhardt at DATCPorganiccostshare@ wi.gov or 608-572-0512.

About the Organic **Certification Cost Share Program**

Funding for the program originated in the 2002 Federal Farm Bill and was renewed in the 2014 Federal Farm Bill. Funding comes from the federal government through the USDA National Organic Program. DATCP administers the funding in Wisconsin.



Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library book sale today

Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library will hold its final summer book sale in the basement of the library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., today (Wednesday, Aug. 9) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Many books for all ages, as well as magazines, CDs, tapes and rummage sale items, will be available. No items will be priced. Donations are appreciated, with all proceeds benefitting the library.

Aspirus, Milestone blood drives

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. A blood drive will be held at Milestone Senior Living, 314 E. Lincoln Ave., Tomahawk, on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is requested. To register, call Julie at 715-224-3747.

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

Historical Society Speaker Luncheon

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society will host its annual Speaker Luncheon at Inshalla Country Club, N11060 Clear Lake Rd., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lifelong and recentlyretired printer Louie Heuser will discuss old-time printing experiences, as well as Nick and Sons Casket Factory, the box plant and other predecessors at what's now the Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) mill site and a variety of other historical topics. A video about the Linotype machine, used at some newspapers well into the 1970s and still functioning in Heuser's print shop, is planned. Audience questions and personal memories will be welcomed. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. to offer time to view historical displays. The noon meal will feature a salad and dessert, with the program to follow. The cost for the luncheon is \$9.00. For more information or to make a reservation, call 715-453-7118 or 715 453-3931 or email tedmerc37@gmail.

Lincoln County Retired Educators offering scholarships

com by Saturday, Aug. 12.

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.

News Briefs

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 pos-

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.

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Full-time positions have a starting hourly wage range of \$22.05 to \$24.11 for day shift and \$23.05 to \$25.11 for night shift depending on experience, and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, 10 days of vacation after 90 days of service, paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, paid maternity/ paternity leave, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk. Dental, vision. Wisconsin deferred compensation, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available. Part-time positions are not eligible for any benefits except those required by law.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at www.co.price.wi.us, by emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us, or by calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications must be received by the Price County Office of Administration to be considered for this position. Recruitment remains open until filled.

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Full-time positions have a starting hourly wage range of \$22.05 to \$24.11 for day shift and \$23.05 to \$25.11 for night shift depending on experience, and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, 10 days of vacation after 90 days of service, paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, paid maternity/paternity leave, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk. Dental, vision, Wisconsin deferred compensation, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available. Part-time positions are not eligible for any benefits except those required by law.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust Plaintiff.

Brian D. Jones, et al. Defendants Case No. 2020CV000006

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 23-CV-000075 The Honorable Robert R. Russell Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage) amount claimed exceeds

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Dated this 24th day of July, 2023. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff

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STATE OF WISCONSIN LINCOLN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ADVIA CREDIT UNION

TOWN OF LYNNE Request For Quote/Bid

The Town of Lynne is requesting quotes/ bids to renovate a town storage building. The building has a steel structure, aluminum siding, and is approximately 65 feet long with four 12' x 10' doors on the front side of the building (former fire house).

In order to accommodate town road equipment, we would like to modify the structure and install two larger doors across the front of the building, replacing the current four.

The town reserves the right to reject any, and all quote/bids, and to accept the quote/ bid most advantageous to the town, even if that quote/bid is not the lowest in cost.

For more information contact: Dave Klemm (Board Supervisor) 715-564-2679

Legals

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

Case No. 2020CV57 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, by virtue
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September 13, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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

TERMS:

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF

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Minutes 7725

Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6:00 PM District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487 Present: W. Quesinberry, R. Huseby, S. Woodall, S. Bolder, G. Steckbauer, W. Simonis, T. Burzynski, (2) staff members and (5) community members. I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called

the meeting to order at approximately

II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call: Present: C. Hafeman, D. Huseby, S. Kirsch, D. Long, B. Skubal, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R. Zimmerman. Absent: K. Kissinger IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R.

Zimmerman declared there was a V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by A.

Swenty and seconded by D. Velleux to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. District Administrator's Report: W. Quesinberry presented to the Board.

VII. Consent Agenda Items A Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2023. B Approve the Minutes from the Closed Session of the Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 C Approve the Minutes from the Operations and Finance Committee

Meeting on May 19th and June 6th, D Approve the Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on May 30, 2023

E Approve the Minutes from the Closed Session of the Executive Committee Meeting on May 30, 2023 F Approve the Invoices from May 6 -

June 9, 2023 G Employment/Contract Adjustments 1. Replacement Staff:

Cassandra Cerny Middle School Guidance Counselor Nicole Schiltz Elementary Art Teacher, 2023-24

Molly Kollath High School Math Teacher, 2023-24 Katie Denton High School/Middle

School Spanish Teacher, 2023-24 Amanda Hoff Elementary Special Education Teacher Intern Tammy Neeb Elementary 4th Grade teacher, 2023-24

 Resignations
 Kristi Anderson Elementary Safety
 Patrol Coordinator Paula Norman Library Media Specialist Sam Hernandez High School Social Studies Teacher, High School Head

Amanda Hoff Coach, PBIS Tier 1 Coach Brooklyn Symonds Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional Shirley Derleth Special Education Paraprofessional

Dawn Huseby Middle School PBIS Tier TMS WEB Coordinator, PBIS Tier 2

Keith Hanse High School Varsity Head Volleyball Coach 3. Retirement

Charles Scheele Special Education Paraprofessional 4. Above Pay

Suzie Coleman Middle School Student Council Advisor, 2023-24 Nichol Feltes High School Student Council Advisor, 2023-24 Amanda Duncan Elementary Safety Patrol Coordinator Katie Denton High School Varsity Head Volleyball Coach 5. Independent Contractors

Wendy DeNamur Occupational

Minutes 7725

Therapist contract for 2023-2024 Tim Seiter School Psychologist \$1,000 for Senior Service Day pizza and

NHS Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Ueln \$250 to FCCLA Crossbridge Community \$250 to FCCLA Foley's Tree Service

\$50 Hometown Chiropractic \$50 Park City Credit Union 10 Gaming Chairs for eSports Mike \$387.50 for the purchase of trees Trees

was taken.

for Threes Program, Milwaukee Bucks
VIII. School Perceptions Survey Results: Presentation by a Darin Sievers of School Perceptions detailing the spring survey of students, parents and staff. No action

IX. SEL Committee Update: (community) member, T. Burzynski, and W. Simonis all spoke regarding the SEL committee experience. No action was taken.

X. Staff Reports: G. Steckbauer, S. Bolder, S. Woodall, R. Huseby, W. Simonis, and T. Burzvnski.

A Annual DPI AGR Report: G. Steckbauer presented to the Board on the Annual DPI AGR Report data. XI. Approve an addition to the Early Graduation List for January 2024: Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by D. Long to approve an addition to the Early Graduation List for January 2024. Motion carried unanimously

2024. Motion carried unanimously. XII. Approve an adjustment to Lifeguard pay beginning summer of 2023. Motion by D. Velleux and seconded by A. Swenty to adjust Lifeguard pay to Student Lifeguards - \$12/hr starting pay with an opportunity for a \$0.50/hr performance increase annually. opportunity performance annually. increase Student pay will cap at \$14/hr.
Adult Lifeguards - \$16/hr starting pay

with an opportunity to receive \$0.50/hr performance annually. Adult pay will cap at \$18/hr. beginning summer of 2023. Motion

carried unanimously.

XIII. Traffic Flow Project Update: XIII. Iramic Flow Project Opdate.

Members of the Operations and Finance Committee and W. Quesinberry updated the Board on the status of the traffic flow project.

No action was taken.

XIV. Public Comment: (1) community member and (2) Board members

XV. Committee Appointments: R. Zimmerman confirmed with the Board members that the current appointments will remain for the next year. No official action was taken.

XVI. Approve contribution to Fund 46 in the amount of \$600,000.00 to complete projects outlined on the Capital Projects List. Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by S. Kirsch to approve the contribution of \$600,000.00 to Fund 46 to complete projects outlined on the Capital Projects List. Motion carried

unanimously. XVII. Recommendation to commit a beginning balance of \$110,371.61 plus or minus any revenues and expenditures in School Forest, expenditures in School Forest, Location 701 by June 30, 2023. Motion by D. Long and seconded by A. Swenty to commit a beginning balance of \$110,371.61 plus or minus any revenues and expenditures in School Forest, Location 701 by June

unanimously. XVIII. Recommendation to commit \$2,560,820 for payment of future post-employment benefits. Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by D. Long to commit \$2,560,820 for payment of future post-employment benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. Approve Restricted Funds for Kids Ahead \$25,157.00. Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by D. Long to approve Restricted Funds for the Getting Kids Ahead Grant, \$25,157.00. Motion

carried unanimously.

XX. Board Referrals: D. Velleux commended CESA 9, A. Swenty recognized staff members retiring and leaving the District. No action

Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by S. Kirsch to move into Closed Session. All aye in a roll call vote.

XXIII. CLOSED SESSION pursuant

to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c)

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student expulsions. A Pre-Expulsion Notification

XXIV. Return to Open Session n : R. Zimmerman the meeting XXV. Adjourn adjourned the meeting approximately 8:25 pm.

Board Clerk Published July 9, 2023 WNAXLP

Name Change 7730 STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Shawn Michael Winker By (Petitioner) Shawn Michael Winker

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 23CV82 NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the

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From: [First] Shawn
[Middle] Michael [Last] Winker

Name Change

[First] Shawn [Middle] Michael [Last] Callahan Birth Certificate: [First] Shawn
[Middle] Michael [Last]

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Judge's Name Hon. Galen

Bayne-Allison Place Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 BR 1 Courtroom Date 08-30-2023

Time 9:00 am If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0319 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

BY THE COURT:

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A Journey To Peru

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This is a story of a missionary, a mission, a family, and a community of learners.

Sister Marie Esterre was a devoted nun of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St Paul, Minnesota. In the late 1960s, she became the Mother Superior of the order's congregation in Arequipa, Peru. Sr. Marie also was my aunt. During a Christmas visit to our family in the States, she and Frank Wood, my father, collabo-



rated with St. Norbert College to create a program for St. Norbert students to teach and study at La Universidad de Santa Maria in Arequipa while living with Peruvian families. Dad led seven students to Arequipa in the program's first year in 1970, accompanied by our entire family of eight children. Tom and Luci Phelan guided the students in 1971, and Richard and Mechtilde Calnin helmed the program in 1972.

Nowadays "study abroad" programs are an established feature in higher education; back then, they were a rarity, and St. Norbert was charting a course through a seldomtraveled wilderness. For many of the students, the journey to Peru marked their first exposure to a different culture, leaving them forever changed and connected to people, places, and history.

The instability of the Peruvian economy under the dictatorship of Juan Velasco Alvarado posed difficulties that ultimately became insurmountable. At one point in 1971, the program participants were trapped in Peru after Aerolíneas Peruanas, the airline they were counting on to bring them home, went bankrupt. Ultimately the third year was also the last year because of the increasingly volatile political climate. Nevertheless, it was a remarkable experiment that paved the way for St. Norbert College's international study programs today.

Visiting a foreign culture with both differences and shared virtues can profoundly impact individuals. This weekend, a Peruvian Reunion at St Norbert College honors Professors Wood, Phelan, and Calnin and their spouses for blazing the trail for future learners with the installation of ceremonial benches in a prominent location on campus. This fitting memorial will remind all who participated to cherish those special moments from long ago.

PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher

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Tuesday, Aug. 1	80	60
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DNR releases revised draft of 2023 Wolf Management Plan

FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER**

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Tuesday, Aug. 1, released a revised draft of the 2023 Wolf Management Plan.

The plan will be reviewed by the Natural Resources Board (NRB) during its meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

In a release, DNR said it began developing the updated draft plan in early 2021 to "align its wolf management strategies with the current state of the wolf population and the desires of a diverse public."

"The DNR recognizes the biologically recovered status of wolves in Wisconsin. and this plan turns its attention from wolf recovery to long-term stewardship and sustainable management of wolves in the state," DNR stated.

DNR said the draft plan aims to guide the department's management efforts for the coming years and expresses the state's dual commitments of maintaining a sustainable and ecologically functional wolf population while also being responsive in addressing wolf-related conflicts and concerns.

"Both commitments are explicitly represented in the plan's overarching goal: Ensure a healthy and sustainable wolf population that fulfills the numerous ecological, cultural and recreational benefits of wolves, while being responsive in addressing and preventing wolf-related conflicts and recognizing the diverse values and perspectives of all residents in Wisconsin," DNR stated.

Extensive public input was collected and considered when developing the draft



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) released a revised draft of the 2023 Wolf Management Plan last Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

plan released last week, according to DNR.

Prior to releasing the first draft plan in Nov. 2022, DNR created and collaborated with a Wolf Management Plan Committee consisting of 29 stakeholder, tribal and external agency representatives. The DNR also consulted with Wisconsin's Tribal Nations and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), reviewed scientific literature and studied current public attitudes toward wolves in Wisconsin (www.tinyurl.com/mryswits).

DNR then held a threeand-a-half-month public review and comment period, during which more than 3,500 comments were collected. All comments were reviewed and considered in revising the draft 2023 Wolf Manage-

ment Plan, according to DNR. "The public's interest and passion towards wolves and wolf management showed in the comments the DNR received," said DNR Secretary Adam N. Payne. "This plan comes from years of dedicated effort and careful consideration, is flexible, actionable, and, most importantly, outlines a path toward responsible and sustainable wolf

management. I am thankful to everyone who contributed, reviewed the plan or submitted a comment."

How revised plan compares to November draft

DNR said many parts of November's initial draft plan received predominately positive feedback.

"Based on this feedback, the revised draft plan retains strong commitments to maintaining a healthy wolf population in the state, being responsive in assisting those who are negatively affected by interactions with wolves and relying on scientific research and data to inform management decisions," DNR stated. "The revised version also maintains an emphasis on ongoing wolf population monitoring and collaboration with other agencies, Tribal Nations, stakeholder groups and the public. Additionally, the revised draft plan continues to recognize the ecological benefits and cultural importance of wolves to the

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Fishing Report: Storms, rain didn't hurt the fish bite

FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER**

What a week of storms and rain we had late last month! We needed the rain, and boy did we get it. Thankfully it didn't have a huge effect on the fishing, and we're still seeing good action on most all area lakes.

Walleye fishing held up well, with evening action still bringing the best bite. The fish are holding in deeper weeds or in wood. Minnows have been the best bait for them, fished on jigs right at the weed edges. As we said, evenings are best ,but you can also fish successfully during the daytime for them. Fish very close to the bottom for walleyes, unless heavy weeds dictate a slip bobber that is set much higher.

Northern action has been very good. A lot of these fish have been caught

by anglers who were fishing for bass or walleye in the weeds. Minnows work best, but they will hit just about any artificial bait. Look for the deep weed on many lakes in the 10' to 13' range. They hold very well in these deeper weeds, and you can run crankbaits or minnows on slip bobbers over these weeds.

Bass action continues to be good, with the largemouth hitting well on plastics. Look for the thickest "slop" you can find for these fish. Surface baits are also great fun at this time of year. Smallies are hitting on many lakes. They are usually over rocks and harder bottom areas. You can also "twitch" for these fish on calm days over shallow rocks with floating Rapa-

Musky action continues to be decent, both during

the daytime and at night. Things tend to slow with the full moon, which we saw last Tuesday – but will pick up as we move further from that phase. Surface baits and bucktails continue to be the best baits. Some larger fish are being caught now as we slide towards late summer.

Panfish action is good, with bluegills again leading the way. Just find some weeds and use worms or waxies with light tackle for these fish. Crappie action has been very good this summer, with the crappies holding especially to deeper wood and weeds. Minnows are best for these guys. Perch are also hitting minnows and leeches in the deeper part of weed beds or right on the edge in the mud.

Good luck and good

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 142

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

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 141 question: Tomahawk won the 1971 Regionals in wrestling by defeating what team by one point: Rhinelander, Merrill or Medford?

Week 141 answer: Tomahawk won the wrestling Regionals in 1971, when they defeated Rhinelander by one point.

Congrats to Linda Herber for being the first to correctly answer last week's

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Week 142 question: During the 1971 track season, Ted Theiler qualified for State in what event: The high jump, long jump or pole vault?

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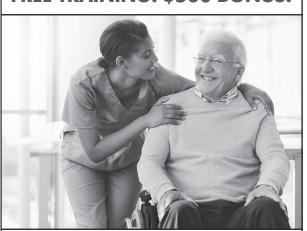
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two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is August 16th.







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2023 bonus antlerless deer harvest authorizations available next week

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Thursday, Aug. 3, announced that bonus antlerless harvest authorizations, formerly known as tags, for the 2023 gun deer season will be available next week.

Bonus authorizations will be available to purchase online through the Go Wild license portal (www.gowild. wi.gov/) and at license sales locations starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14.

Bonus authorizations are sold at a rate of one per person per day until sold out or until the 2023 deer hunting season ends. Bonus authorizations are \$12.00 each for Wisconsin residents, \$20.00 each for non-residents and \$5.00 each for youth ages 11 and under.

On the date of the sale at 9:45 a.m., an online queuing



The 2023 bonus antlerless harvest authorization sale begins Monday, Aug. 14. **Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR**

system will be used to manage volume in Go Wild. At 10 a.m., all online users who are on the site will be randomly assigned a number and staged into a "virtual" line regardless of the actual time they entered into the system. There is no advantage for customers who enter the site before 9:45 a.m. Hunters who log on after 10 a.m. will be added to the end of the existing queue in

the order in which they arrive

In order to complete their purchase, hunters will need to know the deer management zone and unit (DMU) in which they intend to hunt. They will also need to determine whether they will hunt on public or private land to make their purchase.

The first three days of bonus sales are manage-

ment zone-specific, and the fourth day is open to all zones:

- Monday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.
 Forest Zones (Northern and Central)
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Central Farmland Zone
- Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. – Southern Farmland Zone
- Thursday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.All zones available

The number of antlerless harvest opportunities will vary by deer management unit in accordance with local deer population levels. This allows for greater harvest opportunities where deer are abundant and a more conservative harvest where deer are fewer in number. Bonus antlerless harvest authorizations are available for purchase for the 2023 season in all deer management units except Iron County.

A listing of bonus antlerless harvest authorizations

ment Plan is available on the

DNR's Wolf Management

Plan webpage at www.ti-

DNR recommended that

the public read the executive

summary for a more concise

overview of the revised draft

plan before reading the rest

nyurl.com/2ss45ebb.

of the plan.

available for purchase in each management unit can be found on the DNR's Antlerless Deer Harvest Authorization webpage (www. dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/bonusavailability.html).

As a reminder, a minimum of one Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization is included with each deer hunting license purchase in all Farmland Zone units. Some units will offer more than one antlerless deer harvest au-

thorization with each deer license.

For more information regarding deer hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's Deer Hunting webpage (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/deer) and online Deer Camp (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/GoHunting). Hunting hours, regulations, tips on where to hunt, registration and CWD testing information can all be found on these pages.



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people of Wisconsin."

Based on the public's feedback, the revised draft maintains its recommendations intended to improve wolf harvest season implementation, such as a shortened harvest registration time and issuing zone-specific licenses, according to DNR.

"It also better describes how future wolf harvest quotas are recommended to be developed and allocated across management zones," DNR stated, noting that the revision also preserved the updated wolf management zones and subzones, with one boundary modification made.

Other aspects of November's draft plan have been strengthened in the revised draft plan through the public's feedback, DNR said.

"A common area of concern centered around expectations and uncertainty of future wolf population sizes when there is no numeric

population goal," DNR said. "The plan continues to recommend an adaptive management framework instead of a numeric population goal. However, the updated plan provides greater clarity on a projected population range based on the current management objectives. The revised draft plan also discusses how under this plan, natural wolf population dynamics and future wolf harvest levels are expected to maintain statewide wolf abundance at levels comparable to recent years (overwinter estimates of approximately 800 to 1,200 wolves), while also allowing for fluctuations in local wolf densities as necessary to achieve management objectives.'

DNR said other additions in the revised draft plan are intended to "strengthen transparency and clarify misconceptions evident in the comments, including the clearer goal statement, an improved executive summary to provide a concise description

of the plan's vision and actions and more specific metrics developed to help gauge the success of management actions."

Full draft available online

A draft copy of the full revised 2023 Wolf Manage-

Tomahawk Community

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Kale: Servant or Master?

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

Ten years ago the Cable Community Farm broke ground through a daunting thatch of quack grass in its location just north of Cable on Perry Lake Road. This decade has been filled with hours of backbreaking work, friendly conversations between gardeners, and untold pounds of delicious, organically grown produce. This is our final summer at the original site. We look forward to finding a new home and creating a new garden with all that we've learned. For now, I'm enjoying my relatively weed-free plot and the jungle of veggies just starting to ripen. My garden and I have finally gotten to a place where I don't feel like kale is either servant or master...we are old friends who support

each other's health and happiness. It's nice to look back and see how far we've come. This article is republished from 2013.

Hot sun beat down on my neck as I crouched in the dirt, pulling thin blades of quack grass from out between my kale plants. Weed by weed, I slowly reached the end of the row, stood up, and stretched my back. A quick survey showed that my work was not even close to being done. My plot at the brand-new Cable Community Farm had only recently been sheep pasture, and even after three rounds of tillage, quack grass roots still ran deep.

The kale looked relaxed and happy, though, in its spacious row. For a second, I felt a twinge of resentment. Why does kale get to just sit there and grow, doing the only thing it really wants to do, while I have to toil away, tilling the soil, planting the seeds, watering the garden, and weeding away any competitors? By offering up its tasty, nutritious leaves, the kale has seduced me into catering to its every whim.

...the garden suddenly appeared before me in a whole new light, the manifold delights it offered to the eye and nose and tongue no longer quite so innocent or passive. All these plants, which I'd always regarded as the objects of my desire, were also, I realized, subjects, acting on me, getting me to do things for them they couldn't do for themselves," Michael Pollan wrote in his excellent book. The Botany of Desire.

When I first picked up this book off a friend's coffee table and read the introduction, it completely changed the way I think about domesticated plants. Although I love to eat kale and almost every other fruit and vegetable, I have always had more respect, more reverence for native plants. If you think about it, though, everything in our gardens started in the wild some-

Pollan flips our perception of plants upside down, and asks us to think about domestication "as something plants have done to us-a clever strategy for advancing their own interests." Their own interest, as with every living thing, is to make more copies of themselves, to reproduce.

So, just as plants use nectar to trick bees into transporting their pollen, plants bribed us with sweet fruits. crunchy leaves, nutritious seeds, and beautiful flowers. In return, we chose the seeds of their genetic kin to be collected, sold, and replanted year after year. We bring them to a good habitat, protect them from pests, reduce their competition with other plants, and make sure their every need is met.

The tastiest, most prolific varieties (think Brandywine tomatoes, Provider bush beans, or my Winterbor kale...what's your favorite?) are first developed through

selective breeding, and then replanted over and over again. In the meantime, the quack grass and other weeds are tilled under, pulled out, and repeatedly beaten back. Says Pollan, "our desires are simply more grist for evolution's mills, no different from a change in the weather: a peril for some species, an opportunity for others."

When I write about nature, I usually choose to just write about wild things out in the woods. But, as Pollan observes, "Nature is not only to be found 'out there'; it is also 'in here,' in the apple and the potato, in the garden and the kitchen..." My relationship with nature does not stop at the edge of my garden. In fact, by planting, nurturing, and eating these other living beings, I develop an even more intimate connection with nature, and weave myself more fully into the "reciprocal web of life that is Earth.'

Yes, kale and other veg-

etables have persuaded me to pamper them, and to pay others to make sure they reproduce every year, but I also receive benefits, just like the bee on the rose bush. Instead of a hive full of honey, I will survive winter with a freezer full of kale!

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

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