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## ‘Our Dream Park’ groundbreaking ceremony held at Washington Square Park

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TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A local group’s dream more than two years in the making took a huge step closer to coming true last week.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, a groundbreaking ceremony for “Our Dream Park” was held at Washington Square Park on N. 4th St. in Tomahawk.

The event was attended by members of the public, as well as representatives from numerous organizations involved with the project in a variety of capacities.

Christi Lobermeier, Cathy Schmit, Steve Kahle and Sue Hawkins spoke on behalf of Tomahawk Together and the Our Dream Park Committee, which have spearheaded the project in conjunction with the City of Tomahawk. Other committee members on hand included Patti Hilgendorf, Carlie Myers and Kathy Tobin. Committee member Kay Kissinger Wolf was attending a State Historical Society conference in La Crosse and was unable to attend the groundbreaking ceremony.

Tomahawk Mayor Steve Taskay made remarks on behalf of the city, and Dan Schuller, representing the city’s Parks and Recreations Committee, addressed the crowd gathered in the gazebo.

Kahle also spoke on behalf of the Getty-Sue Foundation and noted a \$1.5 million donation from the Bierman Family Foundation.

Hawkins introduced Julie Weber, President of The ARC of Lincoln County, on behalf of the Walter Ristau Memorial Fund, which contributed \$30,000.00 early in the fundraising campaign.

Micah Cyrkus, a fifth grad-



Local children, as well as representatives from Tomahawk Together, the City of Tomahawk, Bethel Excavating and several organizations that made donations toward Our Dream Park, were on hand to break ground at Washington Square Park last week.



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er at St. Mary’s School, represented local children with his comments.

Other groups in attendance included Tomahawk Middle School students, Hatchet Pride representatives and St. Mary’s School student ambassadors.

Dave Bethel and several Bethel Excavating crew members were on hand. The company brought equipment to the site and will donate the excavation work.

Park stakeholders Harley-Davidson, Hilgy’s Gas, Wurl-Feind-Ingman VFW Post 2687 Auxiliary and Tomahawk Pharmacy were also acknowledged during the ceremony.

After the speeches, attendees broke out the shovels to break ground on the new playground site.

### A dream two-plus years in the making

The groundbreaking ceremony marked a major milestone in a process that began more than two years ago.

In June 2021, Tomahawk Together, a nonprofit organization that has worked to support families and youth in the community for 30-plus years, approached the City of

Tomahawk with a dream of building a new, all-inclusive playground in Washington Square Park. The group’s idea was for the playground and its equipment to be accessible by children of all ages and abilities.

Meanwhile, an Outdoor Recreation Plan survey conducted by the city showed overwhelming community support for a local splash pad.

“The idea had been placed on a back burner, but when Tomahawk Together’s proposal was presented, the two dreams became one,” a joint release from Tomahawk Together and the City of Tomahawk said. “The projects melded, and a partnership was formed.”

Tomahawk Together began raising funds for the playground, and the city hired MSA Professional Services to pursue a rejuvenation of the city-center, square-block park, complete with a splash pad.

“Thanks to generous monetary and in-kind donations, large and small, local and beyond, from individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations, Tomahawk Together raised nearly \$1.67

million, including a phenomenal \$1.5 million gift from the Bierman Family Foundation and \$30,000.00 from one of the Dream Park’s earliest supporters, the Walter Ristau Memorial Fund,” the release stated.

A large federal grant, written by MSA and finalized earlier this month, provided the final nod to proceed.

The release said that after researching longevity, safety, customer service and community support, Tomahawk Together began working with Wisconsin-based playground company Lee Recreation LLC. The city contracted with Vortex for the splash pad project.

Along with the playground, the park transformation will also include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, infrastructure, lighting, fencing, walkways, seating and a redesigned 5th St. for extra parking, according to the release.

The scope of the project will fit entirely within the current park footprint and will not disrupt the Tomahawk Area Historical Society’s log museum, the histor-

ic locomotive, the Tomahawk boat displays or the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce building.

The release said the summer flea market will be able to continue at its same location, and the park’s adjacent basketball hoops will be improved. The gazebo will remain, and changing rooms will be added to the current ADA-compliant bathroom facilities.

“One of the largest expenses with the project was the decision to go with a poured-in-place surface that will extend beneath the playground equipment,” the release stated. “It is an industry standard that is designed deep below play apparatuses to soften any falls. The surface is also designed to be wheelchair accessible.”

Nearly half of the playground’s \$760,000.00 price tag is directly tied to the base, something Tomahawk Together deemed crucial for all-inclusive usage.

Other planned amenities include a duo zip line, a serenity area, musical components, a multi-user swing and modular play structures for ages two to five and five to 12, as well as

an adult fitness area.

The current playground equipment will be removed and repurposed as allowed at another park location, according to the release.

A major unknown associated with the site excavation involves the remains of the Washington School, which was demolished after a fire in 1978. Some playground equipment will be placed over buried remnants of the structure. The release said contingencies are in place to help address any related unanticipated problems.

Site preparation work done this fall will allow the ground to settle over the winter, helping final preparation and installation of equipment next spring.

A tentative park opening is anticipated around July 2024, according to the release.

### Donations still being accepted

Donations of \$100.00 or more to Our Dream Park will be memorialized within two-foot-by-two-foot engraved pavers along one of the park’s pathways. The

**Park**

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## Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital achieves Level IV Trauma Care Facility classification

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Aspirus Health, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, announced that Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital had achieved classification as a Level IV Trauma Care Facility by the State of Wisconsin.

Staff from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) reviewed the hospital in a recent onsite visit, and the Tomahawk hospital received a letter from the state congratulating the facility on the trauma designation.

“This is truly impressive, and we commend you and your hospital staff for your ongoing commitment to providing quality care to trauma patients in your area,” said Mark Wegner, MD, Chronic Disease Medi-



Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital recently achieved classification as a Level IV Trauma Care Facility. Photo courtesy of Aspirus

cal Advisor, Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

Wegner also thanked Aspirus Tomahawk staff for their “dedication to the development of the state trauma care system.”

Aspirus explained that Wisconsin’s integrated system of trauma identifies hospitals as trauma care facilities by using four levels.

“This system recognizes

that all hospitals in Wisconsin play an important role in providing optimal treatment to the injured patient,” Aspirus stated. “It is imperative that patients are delivered in a timely manner to the closest appropriate hospital matching resources to the needs of the severely injured patient.”

The primary role of a Level IV facility is to pro-

vide stabilization and advanced trauma life support prior to transfer to a higher-level facility.

Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital’s Level IV Classification is good for three years.

“Providing high-quality trauma care is a true team effort and demonstrates the ability of our facility and local EMS partners to provide this level of care to people in our area when they need it most,” said Teri Theiler, President, Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital and Aspirus Health’s North Division.

“Our Emergency Department clinicians and associates regularly complete additional training and certifications in emergency medicine and trauma care to support the care and treatment of trauma patients,” said Carmen Viegut,

Director of Nursing, Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. “This level of training in adult and pediatric trauma areas is something we take great pride in, and we congratulate our entire team for this accomplishment.”

Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital provides inpatient and outpatient hospital services

and 24-hour emergency care.

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# Our Dream Park Groundbreaking



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Engraved boulders will acknowledge donations of \$25,000.00 or more.

Individuals or businesses

interested in making a contribution to celebrate the new park, or to remember a family member or friend, can mail tax-deductible donations to Tomahawk Together, P.O. Box 653, Tomahawk, Wis., 54487.

Funds will be used for park enhancements that have already been identified as

needed.

To learn more about Our Dream Park, visit the City of Tomahawk website at [www.tinyurl.com/59t7ha32](http://www.tinyurl.com/59t7ha32) or the Our Dream Park Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TomahawkTogether/](http://www.facebook.com/TomahawkTogether/). Donation forms can be obtained through the city's website.



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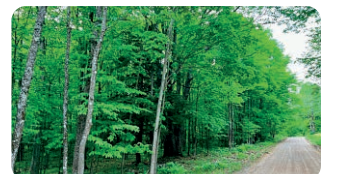
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Tomahawk High School (THS) Building Trades students recently visited CASE Construction to learn about heavy equipment operation. Students were able to run bulldozers, backhoes and tractor loaders to see what kind of skills it takes to work in the industry.



Instructor Andy Peissig thanked CASE Construction for making the event happen and gave a shoutout Evans Concrete Construction for providing advice, equipment and materials for the class's recent baseball dugout project.



Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Middle school football

Hello sports fans,

We are truly blessed to have such great sports programs at the Tomahawk school. A big shout out to the coaches who have made this all possible.

My grandson and his middle school football team went undefeated in two years under these great coaches. These coaches are the unsung heroes of the sports programs, spending countless hours shaping these young kids into the players they are.

Being undefeated in two years is a remarkable achievement, not only teaching them the game, but instilling sportsmanship, and the love of the game. After each game, the teams line up and shake hands, but these boys went a step further by shaking the hands of the referees. That shows class in my book.

I'm enclosing the names of these coaches: Dewey Reilly Sr., Dewey Reilly Jr., Mike Reilly, Eric Halverson, Todd Fredrickson, Jason Stromberg and Jayson Olsen. If I forgot a coach, I apologize.

Great job to all the boys in middle school. Next year these boys will be freshman. Look out, here they come.

Signed, a grateful grandpa,

K. Krahn  
Tomahawk

## Perhaps it's time to rethink our security effort

Despite our massive "intelligence" community, we didn't have a clue that 9/11 attack was coming. Despite our massive "intelligence" community and that of our friends in Israel, they didn't have a clue that Hamas was about to attack them.

Perhaps it's time to rethink our security effort. Rather than basing our security on suspicion and threats of violence and the use of violence, would we be more secure if we based our relations on trust (as in living up to our treaty obligations) and civility.

As difficult as it might be, it's easier to say "I'm sorry," "I understand now" or "I'm glad you can see my point of view" than to heal a bruise from a punch, a stab wound, a bullet hole or bomb.

Jim Leschke  
Rhinelanders

## 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.

Today, we continue our look at the book of Romans and the *Gospel of God*. We are not looking at every verse, but we will walk through the first eleven chapters as they define the *Gospel of God*.

Last week we looked at Romans 1:18 which says: *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.* Jesus stated the same principle in John 3:19, James also saying the same in James 4:17. God is not angry about our individual sins, but the fact that we know what is right but do not obey what is right. Following Romans 1:18, Paul explains, in the rest of chapter one, how we have done this with the knowledge of God.

Many like to blame the mess in our culture upon a biased media, crooked politicians, the theory of evolution, and other things. But to do so would be missing the main picture. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus said His people are the salt and light of the world. But, are we today? We take a stand on the big ticket items like abortion, but what about the everyday items like respect for others, modesty in fashions, and other ordinary, everyday things? In Romans 1:19-32, Paul says the problems in the culture are the product of what is happening in the churches. An Old Testament discussion on this same concept can be found in Hosea 4:1-9.

In Romans 1:19-32, there are two parallel thoughts: what people who know God are doing, and God's judgment on them through the culture. There are three sets in these verses.

Romans 1:19-24 is about religious people not obeying what God tells us about Himself (Bible). It says they do not honor God according to what He has told us about Himself (verse 21), replacing what God has said with their own ideas that they can feel more comfortable with (verses 22,23). Because they no longer accept *God as the God He defines Himself to be*, God judges them by letting the culture around them become more tolerant of sinful behavior (verse 24).

Romans 1:25-27 is about religious people not obeying the moral teachings God has given to us in the Bible. Because they want to fit in and be accepted by those around them, they adjust what God has said (Bible) to make allowances for their own desires; choosing to live according to their desires rather than the what the Creator desires (verse 25). God's judgment on them is to let the culture around them sink deeper into relational sins (verses 26,27).

Romans 1:28-32 is about religious people no longer caring about what God says because it interferes with the life style they have chosen (verse 28). God's judgment is to let the culture around them sink even deeper into accepting more self-destructive sins as normal and celebrating them (verses 28-32).

This whole process starts with those who claim to know God, not honoring God as *He has revealed Himself to be*. Instead, they *adjust their beliefs* to allow for their chosen life style.

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### Is There a Purpose for Suffering?

*For we rejoice in our suffering, for suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character and character, hope; and hope does not disappoint for God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us.* Romans 5: 3-5

Many people in today's society question the existence of God because they see so much suffering in the world. They ask, "How could a loving God allow such suffering?" The above passage from Romans, Chapter 5, gives us a very different perspective on suffering. Paul suggests that suffering can actually cause improvement in our personal strength. In other words, when we "hang in there" and persevere through our suffering, relying on God to strengthen us, our ability to endure other challenges in our life improves. Have you ever commented on someone else's difficult situation, saying something like, "I could never handle that!" Then perhaps months or years later, you find yourself in a similar situation and find that your only choice is to handle it. And by handling that challenge, you develop the confidence to know you can handle other challenges, as well.

So your perseverance does produce character...that inner strength, fortified by God, to be strong in difficult circumstances. We are wiser and stronger on the other side of suffering. We KNOW what it is to suffer...we KNOW we can get through it. Joni Earickson Tada, a quadriplegic due to a diving accident in her teens, came to understand that God had drawn her closer to Him through her suffering. She said, "I'd rather be in a wheel chair with Jesus, than out of a wheelchair without him." Today, she uses her experience with suffering to minister to others.

We love this quote from Nick Vujicic (a young man born with no arms or legs who has become a very successful motivational and inspirational speaker and pastor), "I found the purpose of my existence, and also the purpose of my circumstance. There's a purpose for why you're in the fire. If God can use a man without arms and legs to be His hands and feet, then He will certainly use any willing heart!"

So, there is hope that is produced from perseverance and character. God CAN and DOES use our suffering to strengthen us, refine us and mold us into his image so that he can use us for HIS purpose.

God sends this message to us through his creation. Grass grows greener after the brown, dead ugly stuff is burned off. Trees that bend in the winds are stronger than those that don't. The analogy of refining silver comes to mind. When a silver smith was asked how he knew when silver had been in the refining fire long enough, he replied, "Oh, that's easy. When I can see my image in the shining surface of the silver, I know the silver is completed." And so it is with God. Our life challenges are the refining fire that eventually allows God to see his image in us...that allows us to "be completed."

So, in essence, we CAN be thankful for our suffering, for suffering DOES produce perseverance, perseverance, character and character, hope...hope that God IS using us or WILL use us to be his completed hands and feet in a world that needs our message of hope.

Thanks to God for this indescribable gift! (2nd Corinthians 9:15)



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# Trig's 'Petal It Forward Day' spreads joy throughout Tomahawk

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - People around Tomahawk had their day unexpectedly brightened last week, thanks to a local store's campaign.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, as part of its "Petal It Forward Day," Trig's employees visited several locations in Tomahawk and handed out bunches of flowers to unsuspecting people. While the recipients of the

bouquets kept one, they gave the other to someone else in an effort to "petal it forward" and spread joy throughout the community.

Trig's noted that the Petal It Forward event is an employee favorite.

"Everyone (looked) so happy to receive their bouquets, and we know the second bouquet they gave away was just as appreciated," Trig's said. "We hope everyone was surprised today!"



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# More than \$134 million in quarterly transportation aids allocated to Wisconsin municipalities

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), on Wednesday, Oct. 18, announced that Wisconsin municipalities received more than \$134 million in fourth quarterly payments for 2023 for General Transportation, Connecting Highway and Expressway Policing Aids.

According to a release from Evers' office, for calendar year 2023, local governments will receive more than \$526 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-

related projects, a 2% increase over calendar year 2022 allocations provided by the 2021-23 biennial budget signed by Evers.

Total funding for all local programs makes up almost one-third of the state transportation budget.

General Transportation Aids (GTA) help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction.

Connecting Highway Aids (CHA) reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities.

Expressway Policing Aids help the Milwaukee

## LOCAL AID DATA

Municipality	GTA	CHA
Lincoln County	\$312,419.80	
Oneida County	\$290,607.74	
Price County	\$181,708.38	
Vilas County	\$279,918.10	
City of Tomahawk	\$65,794.59	\$7,290.10
City of Merrill	\$211,514.44	\$26,372.79
City of Rhinelander	\$201,678.53	
Town of Birch	\$19,083.62	
Town of Bradley	\$53,893.99	
Town of Cassian	\$61,836.26	
Town of Corning	\$66,320.02	
Town of Harding	\$23,122.82	
Town of Harrison	\$39,848.05	
Town of Hazelhurst	\$34,386.90	
Town of Hill	\$21,557.59	
Town of King	\$23,642.28	
Town of Knox	\$23,613.93	
Town of Little Rice	\$31,502.53	
Town of Lynne	\$55,199.46	
Town of Merrill	\$45,616.79	
Town of Nokomis	\$36,287.03	
Town of Ogema	\$40,032.61	
Town of Pine River	\$44,304.47	
Town of Rock Falls	\$25,617.58	
Town of Russell	\$28,085.03	
Town of Schley	\$36,751.81	
Town of Scott	\$38,200.83	
Town of Skanawan	\$16,246.81	
Town of Somo	\$14,264.66	
Town of Spirit	\$20,805.74	
Town of Tomahawk	\$24,216.42	
Town of Wilson	\$17,338.67	

Data courtesy of WisDOT.

County Sheriff's Department with the costs of patrolling expressways within the county.

The fourth quarterly payments, made on Monday, Oct. 2, totaled \$134,806,117.93 and included:

- General Transportation Aids – \$131,534,266.98 to local units of government.

- Connecting Highway Aids – \$3,015,875.95 to 116 eligible municipalities.

- Expressway Policing Aids – \$255,975.00 to Milwaukee County.

“Good local roads and bridges are part of what makes transportation infrastructure safe, reliable and efficient, which is why we're proud to have improved more than 5,800 miles of roads and highways in Wisconsin since 2019,” Evers stated. “I was also glad to sign a budget that provided the largest amount of funding for general transportation aids so we can continue

to work with and support our local partners to fix the roads, maintain our economic momentum, and improve the quality of life for Wisconsinites across the state.”

“Efficient and resilient transportation infrastructure starts with good local roads,” said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. “Thank you to all the municipal leaders in Wisconsin for their cooperative work to improve our roads and bridges.”

Quarterly payments for cities, villages, and towns are sent on the first Mondays in January, April, July, and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25% of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January; 50% on the first Monday in July; and 25% on the first Monday in October.

A full list of payments by municipality can be found [www.tinyurl.com/4737jyf7](http://www.tinyurl.com/4737jyf7).

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**ELDER BENEFITS SPECIALIST**  
**Price County Health & Human Services Department**  
 Price County is accepting applications for an Elder Benefit Specialist within the Health and Human Services department. This position is located at the Price County Branch of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N). The Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) provides individuals 60 years of age and older with information, assistance, and advocacy, in the three main priority areas of public benefits, housing, and consumer issues. The EBS is also responsible for coordinating outreach and education to older persons, service providers, and professionals in the community. The EBS acts as a consultant to other service providers and professionals. This is a full-time, regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$22.05 (Grade F) and full benefit package.  
 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](http://www.co.price.wi.us), by emailing a request to [hroffice@co.price.wi.us](mailto:hroffice@co.price.wi.us) or by calling 715-339-5131.  
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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 A daughter, Sloane Cynthia, was born to Melissa and Jacob Toldness, Wausau, on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023. She was born at 4:03 p.m., weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 18.5 inches long.  
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**MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE**

**'The Shining' further proves Jack Nicholson holds the Going Insane Championship Belt**

BY JALEN MAKI

If you were to ask me what my favorite Stanley Kubrick movie is, I might tell you it's *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Ask me tomorrow and there's a good chance I'll say it's *Barry Lyndon*. Next week it'd probably be *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*.

But there's one Kubrick film that has a critical element the others don't, which ultimately makes it not only my true favorite movie of his, but my favorite horror film. It's something that might even help it earn the distinction of being Kubrick's crowning achievement. This crucial factor is "Jack Nicholson going insane."

In Kubrick's 1980 horror masterpiece *The Shining*, based on the Stephen King novel of the same name, Nicholson plays Jack Torrance, a writer who signs on to be the over-winter caretaker of the Overlook Hotel in the Colorado Rocky Mountains while it's closed for the season. During his first visit to the hotel to discuss the job, Jack is informed that the previous caretaker committed a horrific crime on the premises, to which Jack responds with an odd level of calm.



Photo courtesy of IMDb

I feel like such information would give most people pause. "Hey, the guy who used to have the gig you're going for went completely berserk and did something heinous beyond belief. Wanna take his place and hang out here for like four months?" "What? No. I'm good, man. Thanks, though. Take care!"

But Jack accepts the job, figuring it'd give him time to get some writing done. I gotta tell ya, I enjoy his naive optimism. I don't think there's a single place on this planet where a writer could not find a way to procrastinate. If I were stuck in an empty hotel for several months with nothing but my laptop, I'd be counting the ice machines within an

hour and a half.

Jack, along with his wife, Wendy, and son, Danny, hole up in the huge, remote hotel, and as winter drags on, the vibes seriously begin to deteriorate. Danny, who possesses psychic abilities referred to as "shining," sees unsettling visions. Meanwhile, Jack's cognitive state, seemingly affected by isolation, boredom, a severe case of writer's block and otherworldly forces within the hotel, begins to slip. As Jack declines psychologically, he grows increasingly menacing toward Wendy and Danny. At a key point in the film, Jack, who had quit drinking a few months before arriving at the hotel and had injured Danny in a drunken outburst years earlier, bellies up to the bar in a large ballroom, knocks back a bourbon or two and shoots the breeze with Lloyd, a bartender who may or may not be there. Watching a man evidently oblivious to his cataclysmic mental break, and subsequently considering the danger he poses to his family, is truly chilling and accentuates a feeling of claustrophobia, despite the hotel's massive size. The fact that Wendy and Danny are trapped in the snow-drifted building with Jack

all but reduces the colossal resort to a single-family home. There's nowhere to run. Nowhere to hide.

Jack's descent into madness is among the most entrancing and horrifying things ever put to film, and it's intensified by Nicholson's remarkable ability to convey his emotions in a physical fashion. Nicholson has one of the most expressive faces in the history of Hollywood, and the singular combination of his eyes, eyebrows, smile, voice and laugh – and when and how he utilizes them – are invaluable traits when he's letting a few screws come loose.

The superb 1975 drama *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* showcases Nicholson at the top of his game. Playing a man who motivates his fellow patients at a mental institution to defy the iron fist rule of a dictatorial nurse, his stellar performance is propelled by his manic physicality. In Tim Burton's 1989 *Batman*, Nicholson shines as The Joker, the infamous villain also known as The Clown Prince of Crime – not a description typically applied to a fellow known for Being Normal. Running amok clad in a purple suit and makeup seems like the

kind of thing only Nicholson could've truly pulled off. One of the most electrifying yet mystifying performances of Nicholson's career is in Martin Scorsese's astounding 2006 film *The*

*Departed*, in which he plays an aging, eccentric Boston Irish mobster. I'm honestly not sure if Nicholson's even particularly good in the

**The Shining**  
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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**On the Great Pumpkin and Autumn Fairies**



Dear Reader,

Everyone always talks about the great pumpkin that somehow appears on Halloween. And yet no one seems to have seen it other than perhaps Linus and Charlie Brown.

I think the secret is to go out before Halloween and find out where the autumn fairies play. There with the fairies (and sometimes little children) is the great pumpkin which makes for a very magical and wondrous evening!

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
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**Legals 7700**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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LINCOLN COUNTY  
ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GERALD E. ROBERTS  
Defendants.  
Case No. 23-CV-40  
Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison  
Br. 1  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned actions on May 15, 2023, in the amount of \$39,624.50, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:  
**TIME: November 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**PLACE:** in the main lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main

**Legals 7700**

Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
jcarpie1@gmail.com  
**DESCRIPTION:** The East One-half (E 1/2) of Lot Thirty-eight (38), of Block Three (3), Atcherson and Larson's Addition to Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.  
Tax Key: 286-3506-353-0036  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 126 Voerman St. Tomahawk, WI 54487  
**TERMS:** Down payment required **at the time of Sheriff's Sale** in the amount of 10% of the successful bid by cash or certified check; balance of sale price due within ten business days of confirmation of sale by the Court, together with the applicable transfer fee and cost of recording the deed, all payable to the Clerk of Court of the above county. Property to be sold as a whole 'as is' and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties

**Legals 7700**

and interest.  
Sheriff Ken Schneider  
or Designee  
(please print or type name)  
Lincoln County, Wisconsin  
Plaintiff's Attorney:  
Weld Riley, S.C.  
500 Third Street, Suite 800  
P.O. Box 479  
Wausau, WI 54402-0479  
(715) 852-1866  
Published October 18, 25, November 1, 2023  
WNAXLP

**Legals 7700**

**for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)**  
Case No. 2023 PR 16  
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.  
**THE COURT FINDS:**  
The decedent, with date of birth October 26, 1967 and date of death March 6, 2023 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N11373 Schmidtbauer Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487.  
**THE COURT ORDERS:**  
1. The Petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Branch 1 Courtroom, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Galen Bayne-Allison, on November 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.  
**You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.**  
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 2, 2024.  
3. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Register in Probate office.  
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.  
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: October 4, 2023**  
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Galen Bayne-Allison  
Circuit Court Judge  
Form completed by:  
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Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C.  
P.O. Box 8050  
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**Town of Schley, Lincoln County**

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin will be held at the Schley Town Hall located at W1696 Cty C, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the 15th day of November, 2023, immediately following the budget meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To authorize the town board to construct a new town hall or renovate existing structure pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(2)(f).

Dated this 25th day of October 2023.

By: Becky Dallman, Town Clerk of the Town of Schley

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS\***  
**Town of Wilson, Lincoln County**

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors of the Town of Wilson, Lincoln County, Wisconsin will be held at the town hall located at N10802 County Highway CC, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, on the 14th day of November, 2023, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 town budget, which begins at 6:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

To consider the adoption of a resolution by the electors at the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2023, before adjustments, by **144%**, for a dollar increase of \$ **60,000**.

To approve the 2023 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2024), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

Dated this 25th day of October, 2023.

By: Teresa Lepkowski, Town Clerk of the Town of Wilson.

**Total Budget Summary will be available at the Clerks office.**  
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**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET**  
**School District of Tomahawk**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of the School District of Tomahawk, on October 17, 2023, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2023-2024 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

	Annual Meeting	October Certification	Change
	Previously Approved Amount	Amended Approved Amount	
	2023-2024	2023-2024	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 13,900,788.81	\$ 13,900,788.82	\$ 0.01
Residual Equity Transfers in (Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve for Retirement Account	\$ 2,560,820.00	\$ 2,560,820.00	\$ -
Reserve for Current Year Expenditures	\$ 25,157.00	\$ 25,157.00	\$ -
Reserve for School Forest	\$ 114,582.64	\$ 114,582.64	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 14,330,196.17	\$ 13,649,638.18	\$ (680,557.99)
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Operating Transfers In (Source 100)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Sources (Source 200)	\$ 14,844,048.00	\$ 14,150,099.00	\$ (693,949.00)
Interdistrict Payments (Source 300 & 400)	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Sources (Source 600)	\$ 3,611,869.00	\$ 3,748,239.00	\$ 136,370.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	\$ 1,126,591.00	\$ 1,126,591.00	\$ -
All Other Sources (Source 800 & 900)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 20,202,508.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,694,929.00</b>	<b>\$ (507,579.00)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>			
Instruction (Function 100,000)	\$ 7,157,877.00	\$ 7,157,932.00	\$ 55.00
Support Services (Function 200,000)	\$ 7,686,187.00	\$ 7,686,132.00	\$ (55.00)
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400,000)	\$ 2,228,477.00	\$ 2,401,456.00	\$ 172,979.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$ 17,072,541.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,245,520.00</b>	<b>\$ 172,979.00</b>

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**TOMAHAWK LEADER**



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Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) Concepts of Design students finished their templates for their dragsters and before drilling axel holes and shaping the bodies with a bandsaw and belt sander.



TMS Concepts of Design students also recently cut and sanded their CO2 dragsters. Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz

**THE SHINING FROM PAGE 7**

movie, but there's no denying how fun he is to watch when he's given a long creative leash.

*The Shining* is truly one of the greatest films of all-time, directed by maybe the best American filmmaker. There's never-ending content about the film to be found - documentaries, books, YouTube deep dives

and Reddit threads - covering everything from the making of the film to its myriad debated themes and deeper meanings. They're fun rabbit holes to go down and make revisiting the film very rewarding, but it's Nicholson's performance that brings me back at least once a year. With every viewing, Jack's downward spiral never becomes any less captivating; if anything, it grows even more stunning and disturbing.

When looking at the totality of Nicholson's filmography, *The Shining* stands out as a high-water mark - maybe the high-water mark.

It might be the key movie in making the case that when it comes to just absolutely sending it, there's no one better. As brilliant as he is in more laid back or subdued roles, Nicholson's at his best when he's cutting loose, and I'm sure the only person who enjoys this more than the audience does is Jack Nicholson himself. After all, it can't be all work and no play.

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## Ten Hatchet harriers earn All-Conference honors Connor Ahrens named GNC Coach of the Year

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WAUSAU – On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Tomahawk Hatchet cross country team traveled south to Nine Mile Forest in Wausau for the Great Northern Conference (GNC) Cross Country Championships.

“The weather turned out to be excellent, cool conditions,” said coach Kurt Reinke. “Our student-athletes took advantage of the course and ran some very impressive times. What’s more is that they raced for place and got the reward of great times to boot.”

The girls’ junior varsity team started the meet off with a first-place finish, and the junior varsity boys took third. The junior varsity squads had a combined six runners finish in the top ten of the first race of the day.

The girls’ varsity won by toppling the seven-time defending champions, Medford. This was achieved by having all five of the girls scoring runners attain All-Conference Honors.

Due to the girls’ team’s first-place finish, coach Connor Ahrens took home the Great Northern Conference Coach of Year award.

Like last year, the boys once again placed third, but this time behind Lakeland and Rhinelander.

“Both of our teams had a game plan, and it came down to executing the plan to the best of their abilities when



Ten Hatchet runners took home All-Conference honors.

no one was watching,” said coach Connor Ahrens. “I’m happy to say that the girls excelled at achieving the game plan, and though the boys took third again for conference, there were many races to be proud of. The mental toughness of our student-athletes was on full display at Nine Mile Forest.”

Junior Alli Palmer and freshman Elise Gibeault earned All-Conference 1st Team for the first time in their careers, placing 6th and 7th overall in times of 20:11 and 20:13.

Earning All-Conference 2nd Team were senior Rachael Reilly (10th-20:41), senior Halle Derleth (11th-20:42) and sophomore Lydia

Shaney (12th-20:47).

Presley Gutbrod earned All-Conference 2nd Team for the third year in a row, as he took 8th overall in a time of 17:16. Sam Zastrow and Dominic Boos earned All-Conference 2nd Team, placing 10th and 13th, respectively, with times of 17:34 and 17:52.

Attaining All-Conference Honorable Mention were senior Robin Schmidt (18th-21:34) and sophomore Faith Derleth (19th-21:52).

Completing the Hatchet varsity competitors were Kambyl Mattke (28th-22:55), Trey Morrison (26th-19:08), Drew Voermans (27th-19:08), Nathan Rosenmeier (28th-19:11), Jeremiah Johnson (29th-19:13) and Owen Dickrell (32nd-19:45).

Girls’ varsity scores: Tomahawk-36, Medford-42, Lakeland-78, Rhinelander-92, Northland Pines-120, Antigo-Inc., Mosinee-Inc.

Boys’ varsity scores: Lakeland-24, Rhinelander-76, Tomahawk-77, Medford-81, Northland Pines-99, Mosinee-Inc., Antigo-Inc.

“We had a great bounce back performance out of senior Rachael Reilly, and having three boys run sub-18 minutes is a huge step in the right direction,” said coach Bill Turgeon. “These are the kinds of improvements we needed to see for these two teams to keep pushing.”

Winning the junior varsity girls’ race was sophomore Abi Micke with a new per-



Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens

sonal record of 22:33.

The junior varsity boys were led by Beau Stromberg, who placed 2nd with a time of 19:31.

The rest of the junior varsity Hatchets included Izzy Lee (2nd-22:50), Norah Mann (4th-23:01), Abbie Rosenmeier (5th-23:13), Reese Molitor (9th-24:03), Kailynn Hanse (14th-26:17), Jennie Frederickson (16th-26:24) and Summer Gaedtke (17th-26:37).

Girls’ JV scores: Tomahawk-20, Medford-35, Northland Pines-Inc., Rhinelander-Inc.

Boys’ JV scores: Lakeland-26, Medford-49, Tomahawk-62, Antigo-Inc., Northland Pines-Inc., Rhinelander-Inc.

“Talk about an exciting

conference meet,” said coach Steph Ahrens. “Season bests and personal records occurred with nearly every Hatchet runner. This is an excellent sign leading into the sectional week. If the team can keep its focus, there’s no telling what these kids could run Saturday in Colby.”

### Sectionals

The Hatchet harriers were slated to travel to Colby High School on Saturday, Oct. 21, to compete in the WIAA Division II Sectional meet. The top two teams and the top five non-qualifying team members were set to advance to the State meet in Wisconsin Rapids this weekend.

## Fishing Report: Walleye hitting in deep water

### BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – We’re getting some typical fall weather right now, albeit a bit warmer than we’re used to for this time of the season. Water temperatures remain in the 50s – we’re seeing both upper and lower 50s, depending on the body of water. Turnover is imminent, and we’ve heard of some smaller lakes where it has started. We’d love a good stretch of colder days and nights to get us past this time.

Walleye fishing is generally good at this point, al-

though just like the water temperatures, we’re getting very different reports from different lakes. Fish are being caught on the deep flats and in the holes on many bodies of water. This makes them pretty easy to find, and these deep spots will be exactly where you’ll want to be after turnover, too. Jigs and minnows have been doing the trick, with walleye suckers or large fatheads working well. On the bigger lakes, you may have luck looking off the breaks, at hard bottom areas in water from 20 feet to 35 feet or so. Again,

larger minnows seem to be the most common bait.

Bass action has slowed, and other than a few large smallies being caught in very deep water, we just haven’t heard much from those anglers. Some largemouth are still being caught in deeper weeds on plastics.

Northern action is good, with a lot of musky anglers reporting catches of northers on musky baits while fishing in or near weeds. As usual, the deeper the weeds the better for these fish.

Musky action is decent,

even with the warm weather we’ve recently had. The sucker bite has been getting good now, and we’ve also seen some great action on bucktails and jerk baits. It’s not yet time for a super slow retrieve or giant plastics. We’re just basically waiting for turnover to get to some of that really great late fall action.

Enjoy the warmer weather while you can. Those cold days on the water when it’s 40 and rainy – or worse yet, snowing – will be here soon enough.

Good luck and good fishin’!

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 153

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 152 question: In which season did the WIAA go to a three-class system in basketball: 1973-1974, 1974-1975 or 1975-1976?

Week 152 answer: The WIAA went to a three-class system in basketball starting in the 1973-1974 season.

Congrats to Don Stelter for being the first to correctly answer this week’s question!

Week 153 question: During the 1973 season, the THS boys’ cross country team earned a perfect score three times. What is a perfect score in cross country: 12, 15 or 20?

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Open gym

Open gym, for basketball only, will be held in the Tomahawk school complex fieldhouse from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Wednesday through May, excluding days when school is not in session. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

## WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Oct. 15	54	39
Monday, Oct. 16	55	30
Tuesday, Oct. 17	60	36
Wednesday, Oct. 18	63	40
Thursday, Oct. 19	52	43
Friday, Oct. 20	57	33
Saturday, Oct. 21	42	28

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Oct 25	2:28AM	8:51AM	3:58PM	9:16PM
Oct 26	3:48AM	9:41AM	4:18PM	10:06PM
Oct 27	5:09AM	10:30AM	4:38PM	---
Oct 28	6:29AM	10:55PM	5:00PM	11:21AM
Oct 29	7:49AM	11:46PM	5:26PM	12:13PM
Oct 30	9:09AM	12:40AM	5:57PM	1:07PM
Oct 31	10:24AM	1:35AM	6:38PM	2:03PM
Nov 1	11:31AM	2:31AM	7:27PM	3:00PM

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Sadie, a 4 year old large mix breed, is a bundle of energy, but man, is she the sweetest! She's always ready to play and stay on her toes. So, we think she'd be super happy with a family that can keep up with her active lifestyle. You know, a home where she can run around and have a blast! We also think Sadie would thrive being the star of the show - the only pet in the house. Sadie's adoption fee has been sponsored.

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# News Briefs

## Spirit Methodist Church Bazaar

The Spirit Methodist Church Bazaar will be held at the church, located on Hwy. 86 near Hwy. 102 in the Town of Spirit, on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature crafts, barbecue, baked goods, attic treasures and drawings for prizes.

## Zion Lutheran Church Harvest Dinner and Raffle

Zion Lutheran Church will hold its annu-

al Harvest Dinner and Raffle at the Brantwood Community Center, W1593 U.S. Hwy. 8, Brantwood, on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hearty bison stew, homemade bread and pies, as well as a quilt raffle and other prizes, will be featured.

## Warm for Winter distributing clothing in Rhinelander

Warm for Winter, a mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander, collects new and gently used clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, toys and bedding. Everyone is welcome, no questions asked. No income requirements.

Distributions will take place at Friendly Village, 900 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander, on Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to noon. Additional dates are scheduled for this year and next year. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of First Congregational, 135 E. Larch St., Rhinelander, or the Oneida County Health Department, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. For more information, refer to the Warm for Winter Facebook page ([www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s](http://www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s)) or call 608-345-7305.

## HAVEN Inc. fundraiser

HAVEN Inc., which serves adults and children who experience domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse, harassment, stalking and human trafficking, will hold a fundraiser at Riverside Athletic Club, 500 S. Center Ave., Merrill, on Thursday, Nov. 2. The event will feature two golf simulators and numerous games to challenge all golfers. A light luncheon, beverages and various raffles will be featured.

To make a reservation, contact HAVEN at 715-536-1300. Cost is \$30.00 at the door. All proceeds will benefit HAVEN.

## CESA 9 offering Substitute Teacher Training

CESA 9 in Tomahawk will offer Substitute Teacher Training on Thursday, Nov. 9. Individuals with an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree who successfully complete the training are eligible to apply for a Substitute Teacher permit. For additional information, visit [www.cesa9.org](http://www.cesa9.org) or call 715-453-2141.

## Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not required. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2777 or visit [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org). A Red Cross ID or a photo ID is required.

# Athletes of the Week



Abi Micke – “Abi Micke is one of our toughest runners, so it would only make sense for her to finish out her sophomore season with a gritty first-place finish in the junior varsity race. Spending the majority of the season running 24 minutes or more for her 5k, one would not expect a huge drop in time, as her best race the previous year was midway through the season. Her body is becoming more acclimated to the training and it's showing, peaking at the right time with a 22:33 personal record – a clear sign that she will be a scoring varsity runner for the years to come. A necessary component to the Lady Hatchets.”

Elliot O'Connor – “Another sophomore who had a big day at the GNC meet was Elliot O'Connor. Dropping nearly a minute off of his old personal record, Elliot finished in 11th place in the junior varsity race with a time of 20:44. His sights are set on varsity, and with an upper junior varsity level performance such as this, there's nowhere else to go but up. With continued off-season running, Elliot will certainly continue to improve and could one day find himself scoring for the Hatchets.”

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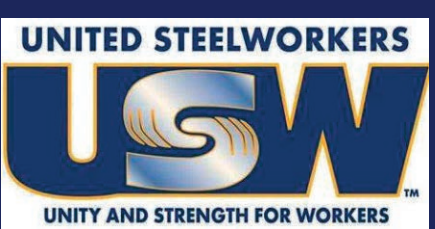
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# Our General: A Tribute to Tomahawk Mayor Bob Lee

BY MICHAEL MCGOVERN  
FORMER TOMAHAWK  
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Lee

The General was the most charming man in Lincoln County, and possibly the world.

If Bob had lived in esteemed town-founder William H. Bradley's era, and it came time to select the first mayor for our beloved hamlet, I'd have kicked Bill off the stage and voted for the General, no question about it.

Nothing beat the General's laugh. In person, if something quietly funny happened, he'd shoot a stealthy sidelong glance to see if you'd caught it – the beginnings of a mischievous smirk twitching his mustache. Then, if you could really get him giggling, he'd turn red, and redder, dabbing at tears. Bob would actually jiggle, like a bowlful of jelly.

When he mentioned he was often Santa Claus for our town's children, I recall nodding at him gratefully and telling him, "That's obscene." And him just exploding laughing.

But he really was Santa Claus. Every time he strolled into our local radio station was like a little present. He'd bring laughter and chaos, demand-

played commercials and told the most repulsive jokes I could think of to get the guys to bust up right before they went back on the air.

The General taught me everything I know about Greco-Roman wrestling, which is nothing. I recall phrases like "Russian Arm Bar" or "Backwoods Hammer-Tie." These moments are pictured as though entered into an AI Image search bar: grimacing, acne-dripping faces, a singlet...way-too-many sweat-covered arms. No idea what's happening.

A half-dozen times every broadcast, the General would yell, "THERE IT IS!" And then things would simply proceed as normal. Or Gregg – the play-by-play man and station owner – would murmur: "back points."

Sometimes, however, the General would *whoop*: "BACK POINTS!" and those back points were worth more? I know on my scorecard they were.

The first words out of Bob's mouth every pre-meet show were: "No question about it, Gregg!" The intro was of no consequence.

"Think the Hatchets have what it takes today, General?"

"Are we gonna get Heads

on the coin toss, Bob?"

"Bob, is the cat alive or dead in Schrodinger's Box?"

"NO QUESTION ABOUT IT" should be etched on the base of the statue we erect in the Mayor's honor. Every time the General said it, I shrieked with the joy of the righteous. Meanwhile, Gregg struggled not to laugh on the air, *knowing* at that moment I'm losing my mind. One time I screamed so loud in the control room I almost scared off the Sammy's Subs delivery dude.

As his producer – in the mistaken belief that a cleaner broadcast meant a better one – I once mentioned all of this to Bob, while praising him as the greatest, which he was. He took it all in, nodding sagely.

"Yes. That just makes good sense. I'll do it!"

Grateful I'd shared with him. That's what a man is: knows he isn't perfect, and doesn't pretend to be. That was Bob.

And he did everything just like I said for about 15 seconds. Then he forgot everything and went back to being him, which was way better.

When a big match ended with a victory-pin for the Hatchets, the General

would just start bellowing. Straight-hollering, zero play-by-play. Pandemonium.

Listening to a big wrestling broadcast featuring the General was like when they choose a pope. You see the smoke, you know something definitely happened – no question about it – but you're gonna have to wait a while to find out exactly what.

Moving up from Milwaukee, the only thing I knew about wrestling was never to get in a fight with one. But when the best Mayor and finest radio station owner in America broke down into puddles of emotion on the air at State in Madison every year, so did I.

Driven wrestlers, eternally sacrificing. Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame-inductee Coach Bob Garrou, Hall of Fame Coach Bob Skubal, legions of dedicated Assistant Coaches, parents, and more toiling in service of greatness – with Gregg and Bob bringing it all home.

Cozying around the radio like in the old days for the big matches. A family. A community waiting, waiting. *Did you hear? Did they win?*

During State, grandparents would call me from

Arizona, Florida, or just down the street sobbing. It's their grandson's last year of wrestling, and they're just glad grandpa could hear it, before he... and he can't talk right now, but thank you. Tell them – Gregg and Bob – it just meant everything to us.

Therefore, I hereby request that WJJQ's Gregg Albert and Bob "The General" Lee be considered for immediate honorary induction into the Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame. No one in the Northwoods of Wisconsin could have been finer ambassadors for the sport. They made me a fan. That's not "good PR," that's a miracle.

I simply cannot picture the General alone. In every memory, he's either with Bev, the love of his life, or Gregg, his long-suffering spouse. And Bob's either smiling, or he's about to.

God, what a scoundrel. What a man. I would have voted him Mayor for life. I'm so grateful for the respect he and Bev always paid to me, and the love. Our hearts go out to his family.

God bless our Mayor, our most robust champion, our friend.

R.I.P.



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