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The fifth annual Hometown Christmas was held in downtown Tomahawk on Friday, Dec. 8. The event kicked off with a parade of ATVs, UTVs, off-road Jeeps and floats. After the parade, storefronts on W. Wisconsin Ave. featured live window displays. This year's theme was "Christmas Around the World." View more photos on Pages 2 and 3. **Photos by Jalen Maki**

LP Building Solutions recognized by Newsweek

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER
NASHVILLE, TENN. – LP Building Solutions (LP), on Wednesday, Dec. 6, announced that it has been recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Most Responsible Companies for 2024.



LP, a leading manufacturer of high-performance building products, is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and has a facility in Tomahawk.

In a release, LP said it was honored "based on a holistic view of corporate responsibility that considers the three pillars of environmental, social and corporate governance practices."

"For over half a century, we've worked to deliver on our purpose of Building a Better World™," said LP Chair and CEO Brad Southern. "Our environmental, social and governance program demonstrates our purpose at work and the continued evolution of our sustainability journey. Being recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Most Responsible Companies underscores our long-standing commitment to sustainability and always doing the right thing."

"Newsweek and Statista Inc. – the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider – presented LP with this prestigious award," the release stated. "The analysis used to select the winners was based on more than 30 environment, social and governance (ESG) key performance indicators for the top 2,000 public companies (by revenue) with headquarters in the United States and a public survey of over 17,000 United States residents."

In the survey, respondents were asked to select companies familiar to them and evaluate each company's corporate social responsibility performance generally and in the ESG subdimensions specifically.

LP said its results were "driven by the company's sustainability initiatives across its core focus areas: Governance, People, Environment, Products and Communities."

"For over 50 years, LP has integrated sustainability practices across its operations, from the way it manages forests and pursues environmental sustainability in its products to the way the company supports its team members and engages with communities," LP stated.

For more information on LP's ESG commitments and progress, see the company's 2023 Sustainability Report at www.tinyurl.com/3x7hx4je.

Learn more about LP Building Solutions at www.LPCorp.com.

2023 "Fill The Need" Food Drive

For the last 26 years Heritage Chevrolet has asked you to fill a new Chevrolet Silverado for the benefit of the Tomahawk and Nokomis Food Pantries.

Go to www.heritagechev.com and click on the **FILL THE NEED** link.

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This year's drawing will be held live on WJJQ on Thursday, December 21st at 2:15pm

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Fill the Need is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Chevy Dealers, WJJQ, Creative on Nokomis and Heritage Chevrolet.



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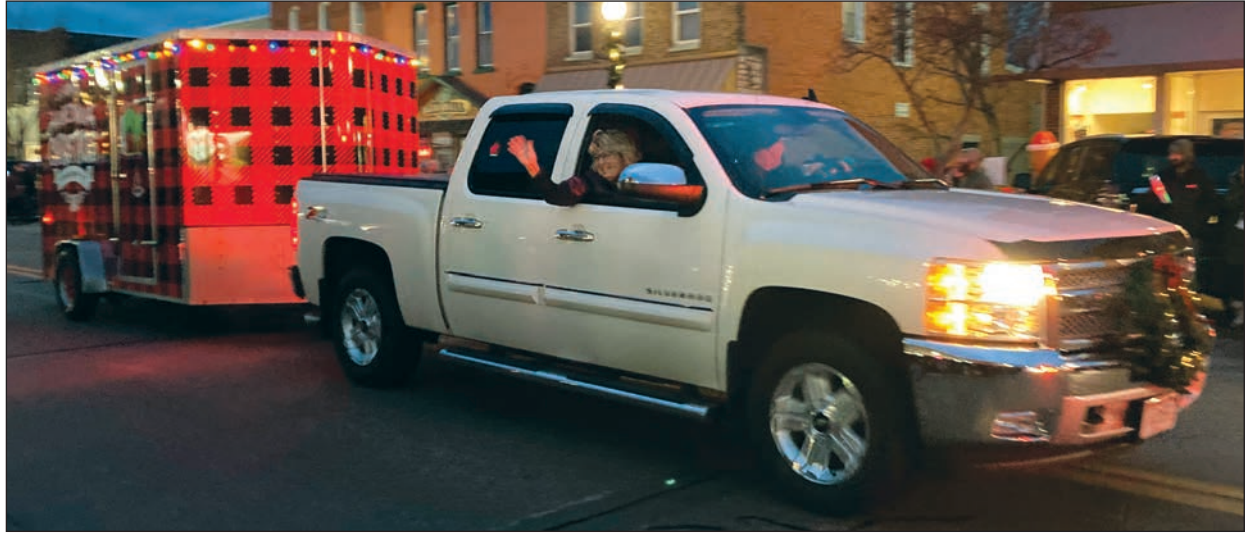


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Wed., Jan. 3rd issue will be THURSDAY, DEC. 28th, 10am

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Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
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Dec 15	9:43AM	12:57AM	6:19PM	1:27PM
Dec 16	10:19AM	1:57AM	7:42PM	2:25PM
Dec 17	10:46AM	2:53AM	9:03PM	3:19PM
Dec 18	11:09AM	3:44AM	10:22PM	4:09PM
Dec 19	11:28AM	4:33AM	---	4:57PM
Dec 20	11:39PM	5:20AM	11:47AM	5:43PM

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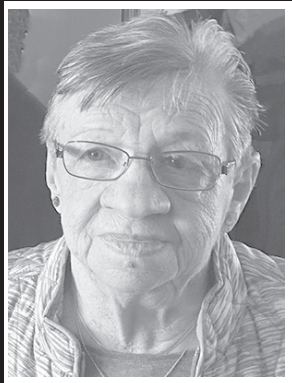
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OBITUARIES

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Louise A. Kienbaum, 85, of Tomahawk and recently Rice Lake, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at Our House Assisted Living Rice Lake under St. Croix Hospice Care. Louise was born Aug. 31, 1938 in Rib Falls, daughter of the late Dalles and Hazel (Kramm) Ristau. On Jan. 19, 1957 she married Gordon Kienbaum at the Methodist church in Rib Falls, Wis. He survives. Louise was a homemaker and sold Avon in the '70s. She loved to garden, can vegetables and venison, snowmobile and fish in her earlier years. She served in the church auxiliary and attended bible study for many years with her dear friends in Merrill. She and Gordon traveled the states in their motorhome throughout the '80s and '90s. She was a wonderful cook and baker and loved making everyone's favorite dishes when they visited. She was spirited and mighty with a deep love and affection for her family. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Gordon Kienbaum, Tomahawk; children: Kevin Kienbaum, Merrill and Kirsten (Tom) King of Birchwood; grandchildren: Kari (Joe) Nitsch of Tomahawk, Kristopher (Jen) Kienbaum of Wausau, Kodiak King of Birchwood, and Adam (Kristina) King of Birchwood; great-grandchildren: Michaela Kienbaum, Hunter Nitsch, Karyssa Kienbaum and Ella King; siblings: Helen Brandt of Wausau, Judy Thomsen of Wausau, and Betty (Craig Green) Ristau of Oceanside, Calif.; sister-in-law Sherry Ristau and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives and friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by sister Joan Zastrow, brothers Rodney and Russell Ristau. Private family services will be held later in spring.



Wayne Drexel, 78, Tripoli, entered into eternal life on Dec. 4, 2023 after battling cancer. Wayne was born Aug. 22, 1945, son of the late Harry and Eleanor Drexel. On Feb. 28, 1976 he was united in marriage to Linda Baker at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Tripoli. Wayne and Linda resided in Fond du Lac most of their married life, spending much of their free time at their cabin in Tripoli. In 1966, Wayne enlisted in the Army, serving as small arms specialist. After being discharged, he worked on the Chicago North West railroad as a fireman. He joined the Plumber & Steamfitters Union Local 206, Fond du Lac, Wis., where he earned the nickname Super. After his retirement from the Union, he worked on the many in-process projects around their house and cabin. Wayne and Linda built their home in Fond du Lac and lived there for 40 years. They downsized in 2021, moving to their cabin in Tripoli to enjoy the lake life full-time. Wayne adored his grandchildren. Though we called him Grumpy Grandpa, his gruff exterior held a big softy. Every Christmas gift opened, will be opened in anticipation of underwear. He found great joy in the company of his beloved dogs Annie, Willy and Leo. He will be in our hearts forever. Survivors include wife, Linda Drexel; five children, Dan (Shelly) Drexel, Darren Weber, Jennifer (Doug) Lokemoen, Heather (Jay) Berres, Dustin (Cassy) Drexel; one brother, Roy (Kay) Drexel; Aunt Jean (the late Dick) Gerber; Uncle Bill (the late Betty) Drexel; six grandchildren include Taryn (Jordan) Corrado, Cidney (Cole) Gustke, Kiara Drexel, Rheagan and Jackson Berres, and Jareth Drexel; one great-granddaughter, Sawyer Corrado. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ron; and sister-in-law, Judy. A special thank you for the loving and compassionate care Wayne received while staying at Rennes Health and Rehab. What a "labor of love" all of you provided when it was so sorely needed. Thank you, also, to the Hospice Professionals at Interim Healthcare who so unselfishly and devotedly provided so much comfort and peace. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Tuesday, Dec. 5:

On 11/27/2023 at approximately 07:07, deputies responded to a reported two-vehicle crash at the intersection of CTH Z and STH 107 in the Town of Corning. Upon arrival, deputies found the crash to be between a semi and a car. Investigation revealed that the operator of the car failed to stop at a stop sign on CTH Z and was struck by the semi that was being operated on STH 107. There were minor injuries reported and no one was transported by ambulance. The driver of the car received a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign.

On 11/29/2023 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on USH 51 near CTH V in the Town of Birch for a speeding violation. Upon making contact with the driver a Green Bay man, 49, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. As a result, the deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for a 3rd offense OWI. The driver was later booked into the Lincoln County Jail for the OWI.

On 11/30/2023 deputies responded to a reported crash with injuries on CTH J near Yanda Ave. in the Township of Birch. Upon arrival, it was found that a vehicle being operated on CTH J struck a patch of ice in the road and the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle entered the ditch and rolled onto its side. Minor injuries were reported, and one person was transported by ambulance to Merrill Aspirus Hospital for treatment.

On 12/1/2023 at approximately 21:16, the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a possible impaired driver traveling on CTH A in the Town of Bradley. In making contact, it was discovered the driver was not impaired. Additional investigation revealed that the reporting party, a Tomahawk man, 33, was filing a false police report about the vehicle in spite of an ex-girlfriend. The man's

story changed a couple times in the course of the investigation. As a result, he was arrested for obstructing. He was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail where he was booked for the violation.

On 12/02/2023 a deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop a vehicle for illegal license plates, and it was believed the man driving it, an Irma man, 54, had warrants for his arrest. The suspect vehicle initially stopped and the deputy was able to make brief contact with the suspect prior to him fleeing at a high rate of speed. The suspect fled south on CTH W in the Town of Pine River, eventually entering Marathon County. The suspect, once in Marathon County, fled east bound on Shady Ln. before crashing into a wooded area. Once stopped, the suspect fled into the woods on foot with two deputies pursuing. In the course of the pursuit, the two deputies fell down a 20- to 30-foot embankment, both sustaining leg injuries. Both deputies, despite their injuries, were able to continue the chase and took the suspect into custody. The suspect who was also injured was taken to Aspirus Wausau Hospital for treatment prior to being taken to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked in for fleeing, resisting arrest and first degree recklessly endangering safety.

On 12/02/2023 at approximately 16:07, deputies were dispatched to a domestic dispute to a residence on French Ridge Rd. in the Town of Pine River. A Merrill man, 51, was reporting that his wife, a Merrill woman, 48, was out of control and had broken a door with a 20-pound weight. Upon arrival, deputies learned that the husband had locked himself in a room to stay away from his wife as she attempted to break down the door. The wife was arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she was booked for domestic disorderly conduct. No injuries

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The Pastor's Corner for December 13, 2023

Restore us, God! Make your face to shine so that we can be saved! Psalm 80.

This was a repeating phrase in the Advent devotional I read this morning. The people were crying out to God in a time of desperation and need. Their world was falling apart. They were pleading with God to look on them with favor. "Come and save us, O God!"

This can be applied to our current world setting. The world is crying out, "Restore us, God! Make your face to shine so that we can be saved!" Though we may not all call God by the same name, we cry out for Someone to miraculously stop all the wars, and famine, and violence, and sickness, and division.

I believe that God still performs miracles today. God is not bound by time, or our laws of gravity, or the laws of science. God can miraculously make the changes we ask for. We forget, however, that in God's way, WE are given the opportunity to be a part of the changes that are necessary for a peace-filled, love-filled world.

A couple Sundays ago, St. Mary's Choir and Friends performed a concert free to the public. In the song, *Thankful* by Mark Hayes, there is this phrase that keeps going around and around in my head and it applies so very well here: "It's up to us, to be the change..."

As I believe, we are created in the Image of God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – created to live and work together in harmony, peace, and love with one another. You and I can change our world for the better. It is done by one small action at a time.

In this season of Advent (the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day), as we prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ-Child, what better gift can we give then to be a part of healing our world?

Reach out to someone who is lonely. Open the door for someone and give them a great big smile and greeting. Give of your abundance to help someone in need. Be gracious to each other. Respect and value the differences you see in others.

Each of these small actions, and more, will have a ripple effect in our community and world. So, this holiday season, be the change we all want to see in our world. With God's help, I believe we can do it together.



In the HOPE the Christ-Child brings, Pastor Lisa A. Weaver Tomahawk and Spirit UM Churches

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.

Over the last few weeks we have looked at Romans 1, 2, and 3 and its explanation that God does not judge us all by the same standard (Bible or conscience), but He does judge us all by the same principle (what did we do with what we knew). Last week we looked at Romans 3:19-26 and how God forgives when we believe God about His Son, Jesus Christ.

Christmas, the time when we celebrate God sending Jesus Christ into our world, is just around the corner; I would like to take a break from Romans and focus on this over the next couple of weeks. One statement in the Bible that has always fascinated me, is Galatians 4:4,5 where we read, *But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

The phrase, *the adoption of sons*, refers to the fact that those who believe God and God forgives (Romans 3:19-26), that He adopts them as His own sons and daughters (John 1:12, Romans 8:14-17). Jesus is the *only begotten* Son of God (John 3:16), and believers are made the *adopted* sons and daughters of God. We shall talk about this further down the road, but for today and next week, I want to focus on the idea of, *when the fullness of the time was come.*

The Bible teaches that God oversees the flow of history (Acts 17:26), which is why He can predict the future so accurately. In Galatians 4:4,5 we read that *when the fullness of the time was come*, God sent His Son. After God had prepared the world, so that the message of His Son could quickly be sent into the world, then He sent His Son.

The world was divided into kingdoms and rival clans, each having its own rules and customs that separated them and made travel a dangerous situation unless you traveled in an armed caravan. Each had its own language that prevented clear communication between them unless there was an interpreter. And each had its own religious beliefs that created a resistance to the truth. God dealt with each of these things before He sent Jesus into our world. We shall look at this over the next couple of weeks as we prepare for Christmas.

Christmas is a good story, showing us God's love in that His Son left Heaven and entered our world as a man to bring us salvation. Christmas is also a reminder that no matter what is going on, God is still God and in charge.

God is never in a hurry, even when He prepared the world for His Son's entrance. As always, He prepared the world in ways that seem so ordinary as we experience them, but appear so extraordinary when we look back at them. In Isaiah 45:15 God is referred to as *the God that hides Himself*, God chooses to work behind the scenes, using *ordinary means*, to accomplish His will. We shall look at this.

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Pictured, back row, from left: T. Morrison, G. Schmidt, E. O'Connor, X. Sutton, Mr. Colburn (choir); front: A. Alberg, M. Koth, R. Schmidt, B. Marino, Mr. Marin (band).

Photo courtesy of Laurie Schmidt

THS musicians perform at GNC Music Festival

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MINOCQUA - Tomahawk High School (THS) musicians performed at the annual Great Northern Conference (GNC) Music Festival last month.

Lakeland Union High School (LUHS) in Minocqua hosted this year's All-Conference festival on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Students from each of the seven GNC high schools, including Tomahawk, formed the 56-singer

choir and the 60-member band. The All-Conference musicians spent the day with guest conductors Dr. Shannon Gravelle (choir) of UW-Oshkosh and Dr. Scott Teeple (band) of UW-Madison to prepare a concert program.

THS was represented at this year's festival by Elliot O'Connor (band) and Murphy Koth, Arawen Alberg, Robin Schmidt, Bella Marino, Xan Sutton, Trey Morrison and Galen Schmidt (choir). Douglas Scott Jr.

also earned All-Conference honors (choir), but was unable to attend the festival.

"Members of the Festival Choir and Band, along with Dr. Gravelle and Dr. Teeple, presented an evening concert for family and friends that was very well-received," a release from the THS Music Department said.

A recording of the concert is available on LUHS's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jI3zvyQnpqk.



Brad Burger, President of the Tomahawk Trail Seekers ATV Club, last week presented Maggie Heykes, Executive Director of Our Sister's House Temporary Homeless Shelter, with a donation of \$529.00. The funds were raised through a bake sale the club held during the Venison Feed in downtown Tomahawk last month.

Photo courtesy Brad Burger

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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were reported as a result of the incident. The man requested a 72-hour no-contact to be enforced, preventing his wife from having any contact with him.

On 12/02/2023 at approximately 23:33, a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on STH 107 near Marc Dr. in the City of Merrill for a speeding violation. Upon making contact with the driver a Gleason man, 27, the deputy noticed signs

of impairment. As a result, the driver was asked to perform a series of sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, he was arrested for a first offense OWI. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

On 12/03/2023, a deputy was requested to respond to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to speak with two men who wanted to report a violation of a court order. Upon arrival, it was learned that the two were brothers and one of the brothers was the Merrill man, 51, who reported the domestic dispute on 12/02/2023, CFS23025022. It was reported that the man's

wife, a Merrill woman, 48, had gone to the man's brother's house in the City of Merrill and created a disturbance. After that, they went to the house on French Ridge Rd., where the woman and her mother further caused a disturbance. Prior to going to the house, it was reported that the woman called her husband, which was in violation of a 72-hour no-contact order that resulted from the initial domestic dispute. As a result of that violation, the deputy will be requesting additional charges.

12 car vs. deer crashes and two car vs. bear crashes for the week.



Hilgy's LP Gas recently donated \$10,000.00 to Tomahawk Together for its ongoing "Our Dream Park" project, which will see Washington Square Park on N. 4th St. revitalized to include an all-inclusive playground, a splash pad and other amenities. Ground was broken on "Our Dream Park" in October, and Tomahawk Together and the City of Tomahawk are aiming for the park to be open by next summer. Pictured are Kim and Carl Hilgendorf of Hilgy's; and Sue Hawkins, Kay Kissinger Wolf and Kathy Tobin of Tomahawk Together.

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Evers vetoes GOP-backed legislation seeking to ban gender-affirming care for Wisconsin youth

Felzkowski, Callahan supported bill

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

MADISON – A bill seeking to ban gender-affirming

care for Wisconsin youth was vetoed by Governor Tony Evers on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The legislation was backed by more than 30 Republican lawmakers, including State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk).

Assembly Bill 465, which was introduced in September and approved by the GOP-controlled State Legislature in October, sought to prohibit Wisconsin minors from receiving gender-affirming surgeries and care, including puberty blockers and hormone treatments using testosterone and estrogen.

Gender-affirming surgeries for minors are considered to be uncommon relative to such procedures for adults. A study authored by Dr. Jason Wright of Columbia University and published this year in the American Medical Association medical journal JAMA Network Open identified about 48,000 individuals

who underwent gender-affirming surgeries in the United States between 2016 and 2020. According to the study, approximately 25,000 (roughly 52%) of these individuals were between ages 19 and 30, while about 3,700 patients (roughly 8%) were between ages 12 and 18.

Callahan told the Tomahawk Leader on Friday,

Dec. 8 that he was “disappointed” with Evers’s decision to veto the bill.

“As elected officials, we have an obligation to protect those we represent,” Callahan stated. “These children are not old enough to buy alcohol, tobacco or vote. As a co-author of this bill, I cannot wrap my head around how the governor would choose politics over protecting our children from making irreversible, life-altering decisions.”

The Tomahawk Leader reached out to Felzkowski’s office on Friday, Dec. 8 for comment regarding Evers’ veto of the bill, but had not received a response as of press time on Monday, Dec. 11.

A release from Evers’s office said the governor has “repeatedly signaled he would veto the bill, as well as any other anti-LGBTQ legislation sent to his desk.”

“Gender-affirming care is recognized by most major medical associations as the evidence-based treatment for transgender and gender-nonconforming youth with gender dysphoria,” the release said.

The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry have each stated that gender-affirming care can reduce the risk of suicide among transgender youth.

Evers said he vetoed the bill in its entirety because he “(objects) to restricting physicians from providing evidence-based and medically appropriate care to their patients, restricting parents from making decisions with physicians to ensure their kids receive the healthcare they need and preventing patients from receiving that basic, lifesaving care.”

“Healthcare providers should be trusted to provide medically appropriate and accurate information, treatment and care for their patients without the unnecessary political interference of politicians,” Evers stated. “Further, and especially important to me personally, I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature’s ongoing efforts to manufacture and perpetuate false, hateful and discriminatory anti-LGBTQ policies and rhetoric in our state. This type of legislation, and the rhetoric beget by pursuing it, harms LGBTQ people and kids’ mental health, emboldens anti-LGBTQ hate and violence and threatens the safety and dignity of LGBTQ Wisconsinites.”

Evers said he will “veto any bill that makes Wisconsin a less safe, less inclusive and less welcoming place for LGBTQ people and kids.”

“I support LGBTQ Wisconsinites, and I will continue to do everything in my power to defend them, protect their rights and keep them safe,” Evers stated.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Embracing Agape Love: A Foundation For Lasting Connections

Dear Reader,

In the tapestry of human relationships, the thread of love weaves through the fabric of our lives, creating bonds that withstand the tests of time and adversity. At the heart of these connections lies a profound concept: agape love.

Agape love, often described as selfless and unconditional, transcends the ordinary boundaries of affection. Its roots delve deep into the core of our humanity, influencing the dynamics of marriage, friendship, and community.

Agape Love in Marriage

Marriage, an institution built on the pillars of commitment and companionship, flourishes when adorned with the mantle of agape love. In the face of trials, agape love stands resilient, a beacon guiding spouses through the ebb and flow of life. It is the choice to prioritize the well-being of a partner over personal desires, fostering an environment where sacrificial love becomes the cornerstone of a lasting union.

Agape Love in Friendship

In the realm of friendship, agape love transforms casual companionship into a force that transcends circumstances. True friends are those who embrace each other’s imperfections, standing by one another through thick and thin. Agape love fosters an environment where friends become a source of unwavering support, demonstrating a selflessness that mirrors the divine.



Rudyard Kipling’s poem “The Thousandth Man” paints a vivid portrait of agape friendship.

Agape Love in the Community

Communities thrive when agape love becomes the lifeblood that courses through the veins of shared experiences. It is the embodiment of compassion and empathy that binds individuals together, creating a foundation of diverse yet interconnected lives. In times of need, agape love compels community members to extend a helping hand, embodying the essence of “love thy neighbor.”

The Divine Thread

From a Christian perspective, agape love finds its roots in the divine. Many believe that God’s love for humanity is the epitome of selfless, sacrificial love – the very essence of agape. Understanding and embodying this divine love can serve as a compass, guiding individuals, couples, and communities toward stronger, more meaningful connections. As we navigate the intricate landscapes of marriage, friendship, and community, let us embrace the transformative power of agape love. In doing so, we contribute to a world where the bonds we forge are not easily broken – a testament to the enduring strength of selfless, unconditional love.

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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE

'The Social Network' shows us the cost of insatiable ambition

BY JALEN MAKI

The Social Network was directed by David Fincher, written by Aaron Sorkin, scored by Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross and stars Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake. Released in 2010, the film depicts the creation of Facebook and the legal and personal troubles of its key founder, Mark Zuckerberg.

Along with its breakneck pacing, gripping dialogue and absolutely lights-out score, *The Social Network* features career performances from its two stars. Eisenberg as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg is a home-run casting; indisputably among the best of the 2010s. Eisenberg is a master at doling out sardonic remarks, and his embodiment of Mark's general apathy towards everything and everyone that isn't Facebook is oddly amusing and totally singular. Mark's anti-social coldness, whether intentional or not, is a crucial contributor to his low friend count – plainly put, the guy is just straight-up unlikable. The opening scene, in which he gets dumped by his girlfriend Erica Albright (the incredible Rooney Mara), perfectly encapsulates Mark as he's portrayed in the film: He's condescending and insulting; he's immovably resolute in his belief that he's the smartest person in the room at any given time; he's seemingly unable or unwilling to pick up on social cues that suggest he's a jerk, and if he somehow manages to take the hint, he's all but incapable of understanding how someone could reach such a preposterous conclusion. And, as we learn later in the movie, he's quite spiteful. These qualities ultimately lead to the demise of Mark's relationship with Erica. But Mark is also a genius (I mean, duh, the dude's attending an Ivy League school, so he's obviously not some dolt who wandered onto campus while following the smell a hot dog cart), and he's extremely motivated, harshly funny at times and probably too clever and sarcastic for his own good.

Mark's pretty dissimilar from his best friend, Eduardo Saverin (Garfield). Although they're both extremely intelligent, computer-savvy guys, Eduardo is friendlier and fits in among their peers more easily than Mark does. A source of friction between the two is Eduardo's potential acceptance into the prestigious Phoenix Club. Mark vocalizes the social importance of being granted membership into such groups and resents Eduardo for getting a shot at joining while he didn't.

Skipping ahead in the film about the founding of Facebook, Mark and Eduardo, along with a few other college buddies – you guessed it – found Facebook. Mark is Chief Executive Officer, and Eduardo is named Chief Financial Officer. The tension between Mark and Eduardo grows as the movie progresses, largely due to Mark being influenced by Napster founder Sean Parker (Timberlake), who charms and advises his way into the company's inner circle and drives a wedge between the two pals. While Eduardo insists that the website needs advertisers to survive financially, Mark and Sean push back, declaring that Facebook is "cool," and that's what it has going for it. Eventually, the situation comes to a head. The day Facebook reaches its



Photo courtesy of IMDb

most significant milestone to that point – one million users – is also the day Mark and Eduardo's friendship irrevocably fractures. In fact, these two seismic events occur within minutes of each other.

There are a few ironies in *The Social Network*. One is how Eduardo, despite dissent from Mark and Sean, seemed to always go about his job as any CFO reasonably would have – acting with the company's monetary interests in mind. Yet Eduardo's ties with the company were all but severed by a cold-blooded financial decision made not by Eduardo, but by Mark. The choice is catastrophic for Eduardo, and it's hard not to see Mark's actions as anything other than a petty, almost incomprehensible betrayal.

The more obvious irony of *The Social Network* is that Mark's loneliness grows alongside Facebook. With each new user, additional investor or cool new office space, Mark throws himself deeper into the company, and as he works tirelessly to improve and expand a website designed to enhance connections among people and their loved ones, the chasm between himself and the real world widens.

The depth of Mark's obsession with Facebook's success is made most obvious towards the end of the film. As he's working through a pair of lawsuits – one brought by Eduardo seeking financial compensation and another by Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss (Armie Hammer pulling double duty as both twin brothers) claiming he stole their idea for Facebook while they were at Harvard together – Mark, in the little downtime he has, checks in to see how Facebook's doing in Bosnia. Bosnia? Who, in his shoes, would be thinking about Bosnia while being sued for millions of dollars? Maybe only Mark, because at that point in his life, Bosnia's all he has left. Sure, Facebook's gone superponic, with hundreds of millions of users around the world, but the days of running the company out of a dorm room or a rental house are long gone. His arrogance led to the end of his relationship, and he's destroyed his one true friendship. But at least he has Bosnia. Oh, and a few lawyers, I guess. The actual ending of the movie (which I won't spoil) is some of the saddest stuff imaginable. In that moment, it seems like there isn't a person on Earth more alone than Mark Zuckerberg.

At the end of the day, Facebook was a website run by a few dudes in their early 20s; is it really surprising that things went off the rails eventually? I don't know this for sure, but my gut tells me that as a demographic, guys who are barely old enough to consume alcohol probably don't have a great track record when it comes to business acumen. While Mark and Eduardo certainly could have been an exception, they were simply unlucky by coming up with an idea that fundamentally changed the way in which human beings interact with each other, rather than, like, a cool new hat. A concept of Facebook's magnitude, while ingenious and exciting at the start, was always destined to lead to dump truck loads of money and its associated problems. And in retrospect, maybe Mark and Sean were right, at least partially. It was

one thing to put the social experience online; the real trouble came with profiting from it.

Also, the slogan on the movie's poster ("You don't get to 500 million friends without making a few enemies") does a pretty bang-up job of giving us a glimpse into what's in store for Mark and the gang. They say you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs, and I suppose that's true. But for most of us, the omelet isn't the most lucrative idea someone's had this side of Air Jordans, and the eggs aren't the very few people who actually care about us. Usually the omelet is something like a good parking spot, and the egg is the angry stranger in the Toyota Corolla you just cut off. It turns out massive

success achieved through spite and insatiable ambition comes at a cost. Who'd have thought, eh?

It's worth noting that some liberties were taken with *The Social Network*. While generally accurate, many of the events depicted in the film were dramatized. Some people get annoyed when movies aren't historically accurate, to which I usually respond, "Who cares?" In *The Social Network's* case, the result is one of the most brilliant and captivating movies of the last 25 years – and maybe the defining film of its time.

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Case No. 2023IN48

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When you pick up a toolbox for free, modifications are a must. This box is a few inches too wide and hits the wheel well in the bed of the truck.



Maddie watches Sophie TIG weld stainless nuts and washers together, creating a festive holiday snowman.



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To cut the corners of the aluminum box, Trevor and Blake use a handheld plasma cutter. They will then invert the corners and TIG weld them in place, allowing more room for the box to fit.

With flu cases on rise nationally, Aspirus joining health experts in urging vaccination

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health is joining health experts in urging the public to get flu vaccinations as cases are on the rise nationally.

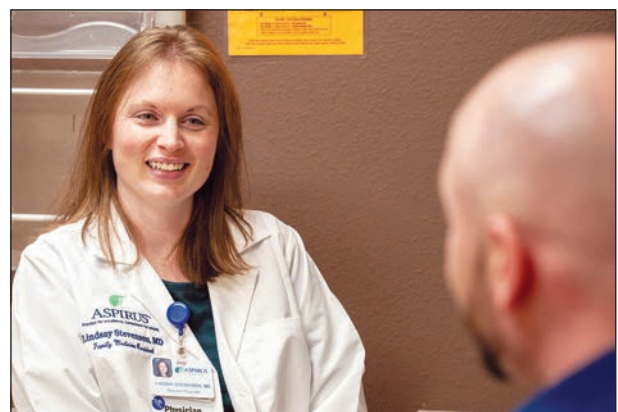
“In the midst of the festive season, it is easy to overlook the persistent threat of influenza,” a release from Aspirus stated. “However, December is a strategic time to prioritize influenza vaccinations, ensuring protection against the flu virus during peak transmission periods.”

Nationally, 3.9% of health care visits were for the flu for the week ending Nov. 25, a 0.2% increase from the week before, according to the release.

Flu hospitalizations have also grown for three consecutive weeks. For the week ending Nov. 25, there were 4,268 new flu hospitalizations, according to the CDC.

“There are some segments of the population that are more susceptible of developing serious complications from the flu,” said Lindsay Stevenson, MD, Aspirus Family Medicine Resident. “Some examples include adults over the age of 65, children under the age of five, pregnant women and those with medical conditions such as heart disease.”

Aspirus said flu season typically peaks during the fall and winter months,



Stevenson

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

providing several reasons to still get a flu shot:

- **Dual protection.** Combating both the flu and COVID-19 is crucial for public health. By getting a flu shot, individuals can reduce the risk of contracting and spreading influenza, preventing additional strain on healthcare systems already managing the impacts of the pandemic.
- **Personal health and well-being.** The flu can lead to severe complications, hospitalizations and even death, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, young children and individuals with underlying health conditions. Getting vaccinated is a proactive step to protect oneself and loved ones from these potential health risks.
- **Community immunity.** Vaccination not only protects individuals, but also contributes to community immunity.

By achieving higher vaccination rates, we create a collective shield that helps shield those who may be unable to receive the vaccine, such as infants and individuals with certain medical conditions.

• **Reduced burden on healthcare systems.** By preventing the flu, individuals can contribute to reducing the burden on healthcare systems that are already stretched thin. Avoiding flu-related hospitalizations frees up resources and enables healthcare professionals to focus on managing other critical health issues.

Aspirus patients can get a flu vaccination from Aspirus at a primary care clinic. Call an Aspirus primary care clinic to schedule a nurse-only visit and for additional information.

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Tomahawk's Harman Hoffman faces Berlin's Tucker Bissett in a 126-pound match Dec. 5 at Weyauwega-Fremont High School. Hoffman pinned Bissett, and the Hatchets went on to defeat the Indians 58-24.

Photos by Greg Seubert

Hatchet wrestlers split duals

BY GREG SEUBERT
MMC STAFF

WEYAUWEGA – Tomahawk's wrestling team headed to Weyauwega on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and returned home after splitting nonconference duals with Berlin and Weyauwega-Fremont.

The Hatchets defeated Berlin 58-24, but dropped a 69-9 decision to Weyauwega-Fremont.

Tomahawk 58, Berlin 24

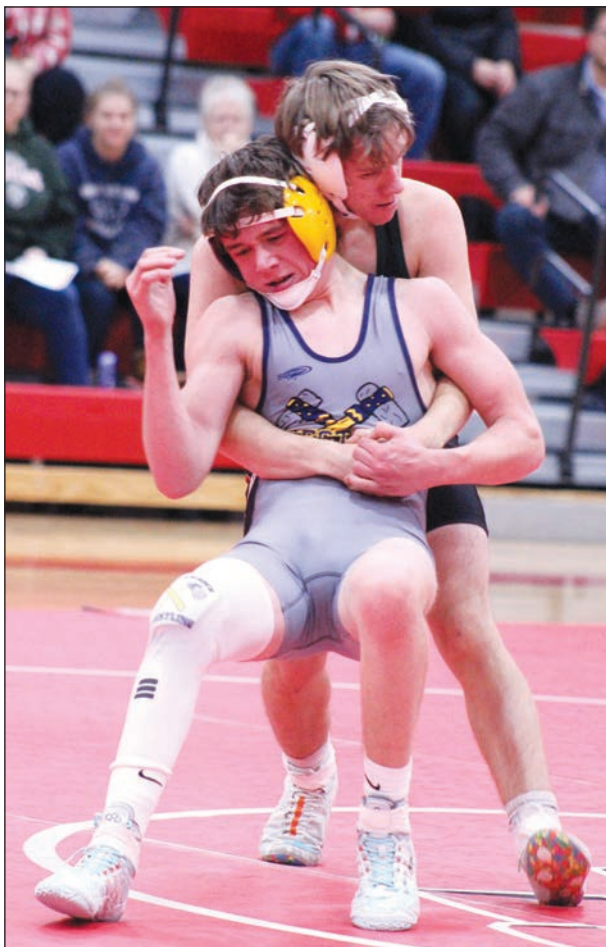
The Hatchets had pins from Presley Gutbrod (120 pounds), Harman Hoffman (126), Fletcher Baumann (138), Zander Zehner (150), Drew Tollefson (165) and Ethan Gibeault (285).

Jack Derleth also won his match at 132, and the Indians forfeited matches to Braden Ristau (113), Ryan Larson (144) and Kaiden Kapellusch (175).

Weyauwega-Fremont 69, Tomahawk 9

Derleth won his 132-pound match for the Hatchets' only contested win. The Warhawks also forfeited the 144-pound match to Larson.

Weyauwega-Fremont had nine pins in the match.



Tomahawk's Jack Derleth tries to break the hold of Berlin's Donavin Lemke in a 132-pound match. Derleth won both of his matches Weyauwega-Fremont High School on Dec. 5. He defeated Lemke 12-2 before picking up a 6-3 decision over Weyauwega-Fremont's Dewayne Borntreger.

Fishing Report: Anglers finding some areas with safe ice

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – This is the time of the year we'd like to see temperatures staying below freezing. We had some warm days last week, but fortunately, the nights were still getting below freezing.

We're seeing plenty of people coming through for bait and getting reports of around four to five inches in the places where folks are going out. The bigger lakes are going to take a while longer to ice up this year.

Walleye fishing has started, but because anglers are still somewhat limited in their ability to move around and get to the deep holes, we're seeing action in the shallow weeds. So far, so good! We've heard reports this

weekend of great numbers and good fun under tip-ups, if you can find a good spot.

It always takes a while to find these fish at the beginning of the season and to nail down their patterns on a particular lake. Start your search at the deep side of the weed edges, if you can get there. Most anglers are getting sucker minnows or medium shiners for their tip-ups, and fishing late afternoon into night.

Northern action has started, but slowly, just as the walleye fishing. Give us better ice and you will see a lot of ice anglers fishing the deep weed edges. Look for the greenest weeds you can find.

Panfish action has been ok, also, with some bluegill being caught in shal-

low weeds. They should stay put, along with the perch, in the shallow weedy areas until mid-winter, when they tend to move deeper. When jigging for these fish in the shallows, try both pulsing the jig and dead-sticking to see what's working at the moment. Once anglers are able to move deeper, jigging upwards through the water column can be an effective technique.

If you haven't gone out yet, now's the time to get all of your equipment in working order. Be careful on "new" lakes and spots that have just closed up – spud as you go and remember, just because it looks safe doesn't mean that it is!

Good luck and good fishin'!

NFL Draft: Sharing the whole community approach

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
MMC SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – On Monday, Dec. 4 at Lambeau Field, Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich, Ashwaubenton Village President Mary Kardoskee, the Green Bay Packers, Discover Green Bay and other organizers played host to Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas.

Lucas was able to share insight and guidance to the Green Bay community plan for the 2025 NFL Draft.

"I looked at the Packers calendar a month ago, a lightbulb came on; Kansas City was on the calendar. Obviously, they were the host of the NFL Draft just this past April, and (I) thought it would be a good opportunity to bring Mayor Lucas in along with his team, just to have a discussion with some of our community leaders about how we could best prepare for the 2025 Draft," Genrich said, adding that the two mayors have known each other for a couple of years. One thing that I think is very common knowledge among mayors is that there is no theft in ideas. We are always really good about sharing experiences – positive and negative – and there is not an event that is bigger and better than the NFL Draft."

Lucas said that this was his first trip back to Wisconsin in about 25 years.

"I have family in the region, so when the mayor and team called, I said, 'Not only would I be enchanted to make it, (I) also would love to have the chance to learn a little bit more – not just about Lambeau Field – but also the



On Monday, Dec. 4 at Lambeau Field, Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich, at left; Ashwaubenton Village President Mary Kardoskee; the Green Bay Packers; Discover Green Bay; and other organizers played host to Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, right.

Photo by Kris Leonhardt

NFL Draft effort you all are working on."

Lucas said that he and Green Bay Draft organizers discussed ways in which they can ensure that the region sees the same economic impact as they experienced in Kansas City.

"Our economic impact was \$164 million," Lucas said. "I know the estimates are even higher when it comes to Green Bay. Another thing that is exciting for us is how that we have made sure with the NFL Draft in Kansas City, we looked to leverage other opportunities. As you may know, Kansas City is hosting World Cup Soccer in 2026; we are looking to get other big events. So, really the NFL Draft isn't just a one-off," Lucas said, adding that a number of great events could follow.

"While we had a meeting today, I expect us to keep talking a lot more along the way, having connections not just among mayors or teams, but also all of

the folks who make these things happen – our tourism organizations, local businesses, law enforcement, fire departments and beyond," he added. "It really does kind of take that whole of government approach and that whole of community approach to make it work, but when it all works together you really get to see your community at its best."

Genrich and Lucas also attended the Packers-Chiefs game the night before.

Genrich thanked the Packers for hosting the pair on Sunday night, stating that they "had a great experience; some greater than others based on the outcome," he said of the Packers' win.

"I've been to three Super Bowls now; I've been to a lot of things; my team plays in a great stadium. It is hard to say that there is a better fan experience than what I saw (Sunday) in Green Bay," Lucas added.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 160

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 159 question: During the 1975 state wrestling tournament, what place did Bill Cook take: Fourth, fifth or sixth?

Week 159 answer: At the 1975 state wrestling tournament, Bill Cook took fifth place. Cook was 31-2 for the season and 96-16 through high school. At state, Cook defeated John Field of Whitewater 1-1 (overtime/ref's decision). Field was the defending 126 lb. state champion.

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

Week 160 question: In the 1974-75 hockey season, Tomahawk defeated Rhinelander 11-1. How many goals did Ed Schmit score in that game: Five, six or seven?

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. All participants must sign a waiver form. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Dec. 3	33	23
Monday, Dec. 4	33	27
Tuesday, Dec. 5	33	23
Wednesday, Dec. 6	35	24
Thursday, Dec. 7	49	32
Friday, Dec. 8	50	34
Saturday, Dec. 9	39	22

Local news online
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DNR offering tips on reducing, reusing, recycling holiday waste

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering tips to help families save money, reduce waste and keep recycling and trash workers safe during upcoming holidays.

“We know recycling can be confusing,” said Jennifer Semrau, DNR Waste Diversion and Recycling Coordinator. “But there are some basic tips people can use to make tackling holiday waste less overwhelming. Knowing the right thing to do with things like batteries and light strings can prevent damage to recycling facilities and keep workers safe.”

What should go in your recycling bin

Many items can be recycled anywhere in Wisconsin. These items, which the state bans from landfills, include:

- Cardboard. Flatten boxes before putting them in carts or bins so that recycling equipment can handle them properly
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Office paper
- Plastic #1 and #2 containers
- Aluminum cans
- Steel (tin) cans
- Glass bottles and jars

Wrapping paper that can be torn and doesn't have any glitter, foil or other adornments can be recycled in the majority of programs in Wisconsin.

Be sure the items are empty of any liquids and excess gunk, but you don't need to wash them with soap or put them through the dishwasher. For cans or bottles going into a curbside recycling cart or container, don't crush or flatten them – this makes it harder for equipment at recycling facilities to recognize and properly sort things like aluminum cans.

Most communities in-



Wrapping paper without any glitter, foil or other adornments can be recycled in most programs in Wisconsin.

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clude junk mail and other mixed paper, such as cereal boxes. Check locally for a complete list, and don't rely on packaging labels. Keep in mind that what you can recycle at a relative's home may be different than what you can recycle at your own.

What should not go in your recycling bin

Some items can cause serious problems at recycling facilities that aren't designed to handle them, including a risk of fire and worker injury. Many of these can be recycled at drop-off sites but should not go in curbside recycling bins or carts.

These include:

- Tissue paper
 - Holiday light strings, cords and other “tangles.”
- At modern recycling facilities, these get wrapped around equipment, meaning a facility has to be shut down for workers to cut the material loose. Some retailers, electronics recyclers and communities offer seasonal recycling programs for light strings. If that's not an option, put broken lights in the trash.

• Plastic bags, plastic film and wrap. These also get tangled in recycling equipment. Bagged recyclables also cause problems because workers can't be sure what's inside. Empty cans, bottles and other

recyclables into your bin or cart, then put the bag in the trash. You can take many types of clean, dry plastic bags and wrap to store drop-off locations. Learn more about reducing, reusing and recycling plastic bags and wrap on the DNR's recycling plastic bags webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/bags.html.

• Batteries and electronics. Recycling facilities that manage cans, bottles and cardboard and waste facilities that manage household garbage aren't set up to handle batteries and electronics. Rechargeable batteries cause fires in collection trucks and facilities if they are damaged by equipment, and many electronics contain hazardous materials. Find more information on how to recycle batteries and electronics, including drop-off site locations, on the DNR's electronics recycling webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ecycle.

For more information about what can and can't be recycled, visit the DNR's What to Recycle in Wisconsin webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/Banned.html.

Find more information on reducing household waste during the holidays on the DNR's Recycling and Waste reduction webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/Tips.html.

Nominations for 20th annual Invader Crusader awards now open

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – Nominations for the 20th annual Wisconsin Invasive Species Council Invader Crusaders Awards are now open.

Invader Crusaders are Wisconsin residents and organizations who made significant contributions in 2023 to prevent, control or eradicate invasive species that harm Wisconsin's native wildlife, wetlands, forests, prairies, lakes and rivers. Nominees can be individuals, groups or organizations who showed exemplary efforts to ad-

dress issues surrounding terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants and animals.

Invasive species are non-native plants and animals that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm, and some can even affect human health. Once an invasive species establishes in an area, it can be difficult to control.

The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council, an advisory council to the DNR, presents Invader Crusader Awards for volunteer and professional categories.

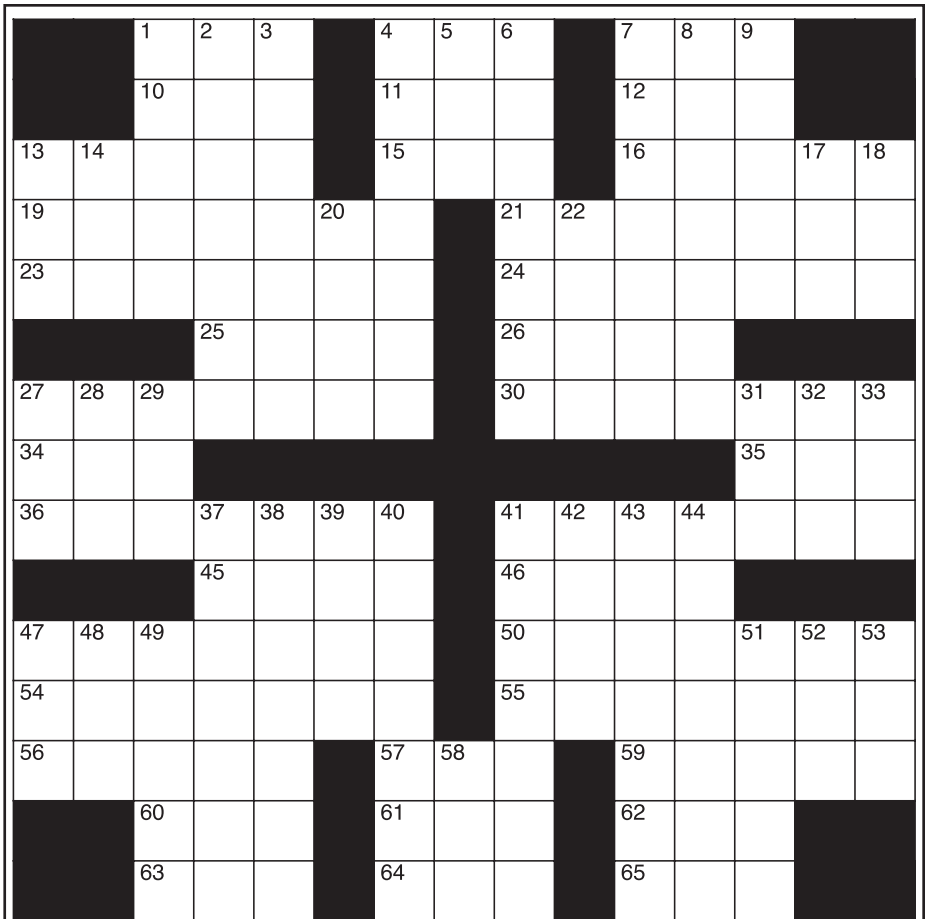
Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024.

To nominate an indi-

vidual or organization, download and complete a nomination form on the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council webpage (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/invasives/InvasiveSpeciesCouncil) and email the completed form to Invasive.Species@wisconsin.gov.

A panel of judges selected by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council will review the nomination materials and select the award winners. Nominators and winners will be notified by mid-April.

Award recipients will be recognized in June during Invasive Species Action Month.



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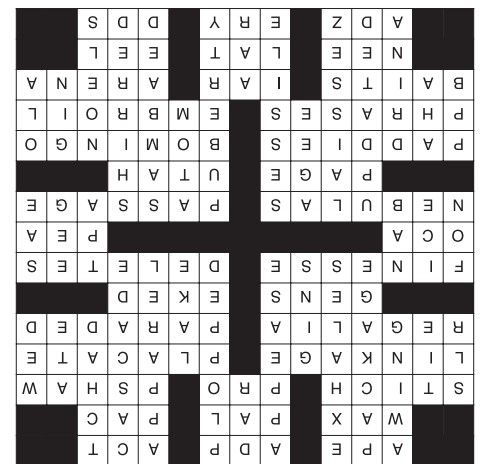
- Mimic
- Payroll firm
- Perform in a play
- Opine: __ philosophical
- Crony
- Political action committee
- 1991 Wimbledon winner
- Affirmative
- Exclamation of disgust
- Action of connecting
- A way to calm
- Especially fine or decorative clothing
- Walked proudly
- Group of people related through male heir
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Soft touch
- Erases
- Spanish river
- A princess can detect it
- Clouds of gas
- A way to get through
- Part of a book
- Southwestern US state
- Fields where rice is grown
- Area in Ghana
- Sayings
- Involve deeply
- Compels to act
- “Ignore all rules”
- Indoor entertainment space
- Born of
- Back muscle
- Sea dweller
- Tools that resemble an axe

- Prefix denoting class or kind
- Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

- Inspiring
- Put into a box
- Breathes out
- Pacify
- Patriotic society for women
- Fell down
- Clothing brand
- Dishwasher detergent
- Former French republic
- Single lens reflex
- Men's fashion accessory
- Consumed
- Marry
- __ up: intensifies
- Body of water
- People of southern Benin

- Decorate a cake with frosting
- Snag
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Records brain activity (abbr.)
- Car mechanics group
- Brought up to snuff
- __ faire: Economic approach
- Phil __, former CIA
- Affixed
- Period of adolescence
- Substance
- Danced
- Baked without its shell
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Satisfaction
- Balkans river
- Christmas carols
- Partner to tonic
- “The Godfather” character Johnny
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News Briefs

National Wreaths Across America Day

A National Wreaths Across America Day ceremony will be held at Northwoods National Cemetery, 4520 Lakewood Rd., Harshaw, on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. The program will include the Ceremonial Wreath laying (branch of service, POW/MIA, organization) and grave-specific wreath placements by family and friends, followed by a complimentary hot sandwich and dessert social at Rondele Ranch. Group sponsors for the event are American Legion Riders District 11 and Veterans Ceremony U.G.C. Inc. For information on group sponsorship, sponsoring a wreath for a veterans grave and/or volunteering to place a wreath, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC or contact Mary, Location Coordinator, at 715-612-2196.

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, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Jan. 8, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m. to noon. Additional dates are scheduled for 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) or call 608-345-7305.

City of Tomahawk winter parking ban

The City of Tomahawk's winter parking ban will be in effect through Friday, March 15. Parking on city streets is not allowed between 2:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

PCA offering scholarship

PCA Tomahawk Mill is offering a schol-

arship to a senior who is planning to major in engineering. Complete information, including how to apply, was emailed to seniors at Tomahawk High School. Contact the Guidance Office at 715-453-2106, ext. 214, with any questions. Applications are due Friday, Dec. 29.

Bridge players wanted

Those who would like to join a bridge club or play as a substitute may contact Jane at 715-966-2945.

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. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

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.



The Knox Creek Heritage Center (KCHC) in Brantwood hosted its Finnish Independence Day celebration at the Brantwood Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 2.



Dinner began at 1 p.m. with mojakka, a Finnish beef stew cooked in a cast iron kettle over a wood fire, as well as homemade Finnish whole grain bread.



With the event's scheduled performer unable to attend due to illness, the Prairie Sparrows, featuring Tom Neale and Susan Crane, stepped in to provide good music and amusing antidotes. KCHC said it looks forward to hosting Michael "Laughing Fox" Charette at a future event.

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