



### TES Holiday Programs

Kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade students at Tomahawk Elementary School (TES) performed their 2023 holiday programs last week. The students performed "Oh, the Possibilities," based on the book "Maybe," written by Kobi Yamada and illustrated by Gabreilla Barouch. Kristi Anderson directed the programs, art teacher Nicole Schiltz created the art and Carey Heikkinen accompanied the programs. "It was a fantastic day filled with music and a surprise guest!" the School District of Tomahawk said. To view the program, visit the district's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@TomahawkSchDis](http://www.youtube.com/@TomahawkSchDis). View more photos on Pages 2 and 3.

Photo courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

## Supervisors approve new allocation of ARPA marketing funds, implementation of 'chatbot' on county website

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

\$500,000.00 in ARPA funds for marketing the county.

LINCOLN COUNTY – Lincoln County will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to further market the county and add a feature to the county's website designed to assist users.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors voted to approve a resolution allocating \$10,000.00 towards its ongoing efforts to promote the county.

The resolution also dedicates \$17,818.30 to the implementation of a "chatbot" on the county's website.

### Marketing

Supervisors last week continued their ongoing efforts to promote Lincoln County.

In April, the board gave its stamp of approval to a vision statement and branding aimed at attracting visitors to the county.

The following month, the board voted to earmark

The resolution given the thumbs up by the board last week will allow Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger to utilize \$10,000.00 in marketing funds over the course of 2024 and 2025 to help aid in county promotion.

The funds will assist in supporting participation in community events and partnership opportunities, such as with Chambers of Commerce and the Wisconsin State Fair, "in which promotional items are critical in attracting tourism to Lincoln County," the resolution said.

### Chatbot





















With an anticipated increase in traffic to the Lincoln County website resulting from the county's marketing efforts, the board approved the use of ARPA funds to add a "chatbot" feature to the website.

A chatbot is a computer program designed to simulate conversation with website users.

### Chatbot

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**James Roger Shea**, 88, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at The Springs in Wilsonville, Oregon, where he lived for the last few years.

Jim was born in Tomahawk, Wis. on March 22, 1935 to Dan and Bernice Shea. He graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1953 and went on to Michigan Tech, graduating in 1958 with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. Jim married Lilli Klus in 1961. In 1972 he earned a Professional Development degree from the University of Wisconsin. He worked in the pulp and paper industry in several states, including Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington, Ohio and Michigan.

Jim served in the military for eight years. During college he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves and, after graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

Jim was a quiet, thoughtful man, someone you could always count on. He volunteered in his community and helped those who were down on their luck. He loved spending time in nature...hunting, fishing, planting trees and taking care of the land. In 1998 he and his wife Lilli built Sheady Pines, a bed and breakfast in Marinette, Wisconsin.

Jim is preceded in death by his wife, Lilli (nee Klus), his son, John Shea, his grandson, Alex Shea and his brother, Dan Shea. He is survived by his son, James Shea, Jr. and wife Tia; his daughter, Mary Ellen Musto and husband Henry Musto; seven grandchildren: James Shea III, Elizabeth Shea, Alissa and husband Thomas Talbot, Hannah Sarradet, Hailey Sarradet, Lilli Musto, and Samuel Musto; a great-grandson, James Shea IV; his sister Pat Hulce; and three sisters-in-law, Mary and husband Jim Nelson, Kathy and husband Paul Milan and Geri Klus.

There is no service scheduled at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to WWOA (Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association), PO Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481.



**Floyd F. Hamus**, age 88, of Marshfield, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at The House of the Dove, Marshfield, with his loving family by his side.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held. Entombment will be at Hillside Cemetery Mausoleum, Marshfield, WI at a later date.

A Celebration of Life will be on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Hotel Marshfield, 2700 S. Central Ave., Marshfield.

Floyd was born on Oct. 26, 1935, in Eau Claire, Wis., to Jacob and Frieda (Erdman) Hamus and was a 1953 graduate of Auburndale High School. Floyd was united in marriage to the love of his life, Patricia M. Knoll on April 4, 1959, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stratford, Wis.

After graduating high school Floyd began his work career owning a Pepsi-Cola distributorship. After a serious accident, Floyd joined Hub City Motors as a salesman. The business was then purchased by the L.L. Felker Company and Floyd became a sales manager then general manager and later purchased the dealership along with Warner Von Holzen at which time they renamed it V & H Ford. The focus of the dealership was then switched from cars and light trucks to heavy trucks with a niche of specially equipped heavy trucks. Floyd's love of the business was evident to all who knew him.

During his business career Floyd stayed active in many clubs and organizations.

After 45 years in the business, Floyd retired in 2000 at the age of 65. Retirement afforded Floyd and his wife Patricia more time to continue giving back to their community of Marshfield as well as surrounding communities. Floyd's donation of time, talent and fundraising efforts contributed to projects such as the Wildwood Station, Wildwood Park and Zoo, Marshfield Medical Center, Cattails Place (formerly known as Hope Lodge), Hamus Nature Preserve and numerous other community projects. The Bear Den and Cougar Exhibit were his final passionate fundraising endeavors, both of which gave him great joy.

During his free time Floyd enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycling and golfing.

Over the years, time spent at the family cottage on Lake Nokomis, Tomahawk, hunting cabin in the Granton area and their home in Superstition Mountain, Ariz., blessed Floyd with lasting friendships and many wonderful family memories.

Floyd is survived by his loving, devoted wife of 64 years, Patricia; their children, Shirley (Monte) Lamer of Tomahawk, Jeff (Michelle) Hamus and Lisa (John) Thornton of Marshfield, and six grandchildren, Jacob (Katie) Hamus of Waunakee, Jenna (Spencer) Rohn of Castle Pines, Colo., Melina (Keeley) Susienka of Rochester, Minn., Nick Thornton (fiancé Jill Hiebert) of Chillicothe, Ill., Hunter Lamer of Olympic Valley, Calif., and Paige (Troy) DeYoung of Marshfield; and six great-grandchildren, Mason, Ellie and Zoey Hamus, Stella and Siena Rohn, and Lennon Susienka as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is further survived by his sister and brother-in-law Darlene (Earl) Giese, brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill Dieringer, Benny (Rhonda) Knoll, Allie (Diane) Knoll, Cathie Knoll, and Wally Stencil.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law, Edward and Stella Knoll Sr., a sister Mona Dieringer, an infant sister Rosalie, a sister and brother-in-law, Janet (Willard) Kiehl, brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward (Mary Ellen) Knoll Jr., Clem Knoll, Jerome Knoll, Annette (Ernie) Raschke, Anne Knoll, Susie (Ervin) Stencil-Burish, Arlene Stencil and infant Edwin Knoll along with niece Tammy Hornung and nephews Jimmy Knoll, Mark Knoll, and Ricky Kiehl.

Memorials may be sent via the following link: [https://marshfieldcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1101](https://marshfieldcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1101) or mailed to MACF: 211 E. 2nd St., Suite 2; Marshfield, Wis., 54449; or go to [www.marshfield.foundation](http://www.marshfield.foundation) and click the Donate Now button and then choose Hamus Donor Advised Fund.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Stoney River Memory Care for taking care of Floyd for the past three and a half years, Marshfield Medical Center, Marshfield, and to The House of the Dove for their compassionate care during the last three days of his life. We also want to thank all of his caregivers over the past years including his sister Darlene and brother-in-law Earl.

As Bob Hope's trade song says: "Thanks for the memories." Condolences may be sent online to [www.rembsfh.com](http://www.rembsfh.com).



**Terry J. Hilt**, 70, of Valley Road, Tomahawk, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023.

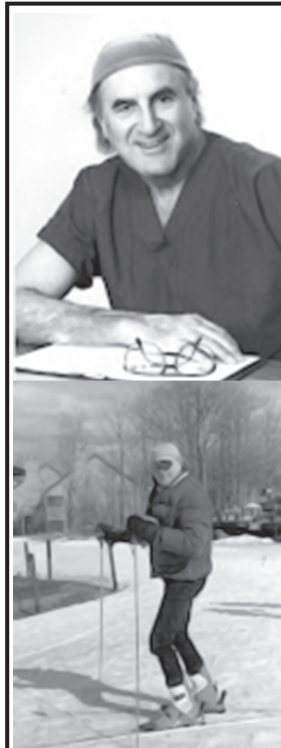
Terry was born on July 24, 1953 in Tomahawk to Hugh and Anita (Naschke) Gaedtk. She married her high school sweetheart, Gary Hilt on June 10, 1972 also in Tomahawk. Terry graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1971. She later would be employed at the Tomahawk School District as a custodian for 33 years touching thousands of lives.

She loved traveling, especially to Branson, Mo., and going on cruises. Terry loved doing anything outdoors, gardening, jet skis, boating, snowmobiling, UTVs, swimming, and campfires. She always had a smile on her face and adored her family.

Surviving Terry Hilt are her husband, Gary; three children, Nate (Monica) Hilt of Seattle; Amy Hilt of Menasha; and Tony (Margo) Hilt of Neenah, Wis. She is further survived by two granddaughters, Lauren and Lexi Hilt. Terry also leaves behind four siblings, Cheryl (Neil) Whitaker, Gary (Jackie) Gaedtk, Scott (Debbie) Gaedtk, and Chris Christie. She was preceded in death by her parents and many other relatives and friends.

The Funeral Service for Terry Hilt was held on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023 at 11 a.m. from the Northland Bible Church in the town of Nokomis. Pastor Alex Lindsay officiated. Burial followed in Prairie Rapids Cemetery. The family received friends at the Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral Home Friday, Dec. 22 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and again on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 at the Northland Bible Church.

You may view the obituary and share online condolences at [www.nimsgermfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgermfuneral.com).



**Dr. Tom Krembs**, 93, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Eugene Thomas Krembs was born Sept. 4, 1930, in Merrill, son of the late Dr. Eugene Alexander and Dorothy (Seichek) Krembs. He attended school at St. Francis Xavier School, graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1948. Tom then studied at St. Norbert College and graduated from Marquette University Dental School in 1958.

Dr. Tom started his dental practice with his dad, Dr. Eugene Krembs. Acquired Dr. Peroutky's dental office on West Main Street in Merrill from 1959 through 1962. Volunteered dental services for Mary Knoll Missionaries serving in Guatemala for a short term in 1963. Staffed the office of Athens Medical-Dental Center in Athens from 1963 through 1971. He established Krembs Dental Office in Wausau in Meyer Lotz Bldg.

from 1972 through 1980. In the 1970s, Dr. Tom was also on staff at a dental clinic on the Menominee Reservation. Served as dentist at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill, for 15 years. Dr. Tom kept office hours in Merrill and Irma until retiring in 2009.

In 1993, by the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Dental Association, Dr. Tom was honored with the Dental Care for Older Persons Award. He was a dedicated and an outstanding contributor for the oral health of the elderly.

In 1967 and 1968, Dr. Tom participated in the Fantasticks and Bye Bye Birdie productions put on by the Wausau Community Theater. In the 1960s, he started Video Recorders Intl. for broadcast productions. Dr. Tom enjoyed being organist for many weddings, funerals, and services.

Survivors include his daughter, Elizabeth (Garret) Perry; cousins, Barbara (Matt) Matter, Debbie Gilani, David (Patti) Banks, J.P. (Kathy) Banks, and Kathy Banks; longtime special friends, Warren and Marlene Schmidt; and many great patients and great neighbors.

Dr. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Eugene Krembs and Dorothy (Seichek) Krembs; and aunts and uncles, Edgar and Mae (Seichek) Wieseke, Emil Krembs, Fr. Phil Krembs, Richard Krembs, John Krembs, Lenore (Krembs) Banks, Robert Banks, and Nader Gilani.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 12:00 P.M., noon, Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill. Father Mariadas Vallabhaneni will preside. The burial will take place in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Merrill. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in celebration and thanksgiving of Dr. Tom to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church - 1708 E. 10th St., Merrill, Wis.; Pine Crest Nursing Home - 2100 E. 6th St., Merrill; or the Merrill Historical Society - 100 E. 3rd St., Merrill.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com).

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**THE KING IS COMING**

In the second book of Isaiah, the prophet describes the second coming of Jesus. He writes of a time of peace in the world. He is saying that in later days there will be no more, goodwill will abound, battlegrounds will become gardens. The prophet doesn't know when but it will happen in the latter days. He is talking of the second advent, the second coming of Jesus when he will come, not as a baby but as the King of Kings to reign forever. When we look at the world today it is hard for many to imagine such a time. In many ways, little has changed since the time of Isaiah.

The Apostle Paul tells in the book of Romans that it is time to put aside the deeds of darkness and be people of the light and to clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ! We are to be ready for the return of Christ at any moment. What does it mean to clothe oneself with Jesus? It means putting on the new self which is in the image of Christ. It means to be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. What would our world look like if Christians clothed themselves with these characteristics?

We can't just set around with our arms folded and wait for Jesus to come back, rather we are to be used to usher in these new kingdom. Winston Churchill once commented that "humankind has improved in every way except morally." That comment would be true today. The evils in the world today are too many to list but they reflect a breakdown in morality.

There is much to be done and sometimes we forget that we are to be the feet of God. It reminds me of the Pastor who kept complaining about all the interruptions in his ministry schedule until one day he realized the interruptions were his ministry! Ministry is not something you go to do but something you do as you go.

I would like to have you consider three points relative to this message:

- We are living in the last days so we must be ready. No one knows the day or the hour but is nearer now than ever. When Jesus says it's enough, it will be enough.
- Reject the world of darkness that is all around us. Be a person of the light.
- Put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Practice spiritual discipline. Prayer, meditation, Bible reading, worship regularly.

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**Milestone Christmas Celebration**

Jackie, owner of The Loop Hole Bar, and her "Elves" brought Christmas to Milestone Senior Living residents early this year. Santa and Mrs. Claus made a surprise visit and met with each person to have their picture taken.



"The Elves graciously gave every resident a Christmas present that just melted their hearts," Thompson stated. "What a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit!"



Julie Thompson, Milestone Life Enrichment Coordinator, said Reindeer Games were played, many laughs were shared and delicious cookies were served.



Photos courtesy of Julie Thompson



**Food Pantry Donations**

The Nokomis ATV Club recently made donations to a pair of local food pantries. The Tomahawk Food Pantry and the Nokomis Food Pantry each received \$500.00 from the club. Pictured, from left, are Ricky Lawrence of the Tomahawk Food Pantry and Nokomis ATV Club President Grant Peterson.



Pictured are Peterson and Bette Stillman of the Nokomis Food Pantry. Photos courtesy of Grant Peterson

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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.

Having just celebrated Christmas earlier this week, we shall look at the question, *Why did Jesus come?*

Most Christians would answer that question by saying Jesus came to bring us forgiveness for our sins and eternal life, and they would be right. If I asked them for a verse to substantiate their answer, they might give to me, John 3:16, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* But if I asked them what *eternal life* is, most would say it means *living forever* in Heaven, but they would be wrong.

The Bible tells us in Romans 3:10,11 that people generally do not seek after God, nor really want to know God. Oh, there are a lot of religious people in the world who say they believe in God, but do they seek for the God the Bible tells us of? Most want God to let them do the best they can without holding them to a moral standard that might condemn them. But that is not the God the Bible tells us about, who defines the morality He commands us to obey, and who judges us if we do not (Romans 3:19,20)?

The Bible tells us that we can never earn God's forgiveness and His salvation by trying to be good, because our good works are stained by our sinfulness (Isaiah 64:6) – limiting our good works to what we choose rather than doing them all the time and with all people (Matthew 5:43-48).

The Bible tells us that God had to send us His Son, Jesus Christ, who became a man for the purpose of bringing us forgiveness for our sins and eternal life (John 3:16). So I ask, *What is eternal life that God gives to us with the forgiveness of sin?*

Jesus answered this question for us in John 17:2,3, where we read, [Jesus prayed to the Father] *As you have given to me authority over all flesh, that I should give eternal life to as many as you have given to me. And this is eternal life, that they might know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.* The eternal life that God gives to us through His Son is the opportunity to know God the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ.

In 1 John 5:20 we are told, *And we know that the Son of God is come, and has given to us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

When I think of Christmas, I think of the Son of God coming to earth as a man so that we might know God. Our sinfulness keeps us from knowing God because we do not obey Him. Our sins keep us from knowing God because they bring His judgment upon us. So Jesus came that we might have forgiveness and the opportunity to know God. My prayer for you is that *You may know God and His Son.* Do you know Him, for this is eternal life?

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

# 'Wreaths Across America' ceremony held at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw



National Wreaths Across America took place locally at the Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw on Saturday, Dec. 16. The ceremony was held to "remember the lives of the veterans" interred there. **Photos by Dave Melancon**

**BY EILEEN PERSIKE  
MMC STAFF**

HARSHAW – Wreaths Across America honored more than three million veterans Saturday, Dec. 16, at over 4,225 locations around the country.

Included was the Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw, where volunteers and family members

participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Master of Ceremonies for the Northwoods program was Sgt. 1st Class Craig Lau – Ret. Army. Representatives of all branches of the military and POW/MIA were on hand for the ceremony.

Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Bryon Gleisner's (Ret. – Air Force) address followed the



Rev. Charles Sheffler gave the invocation and benediction during the ceremony.

2023 WAA theme, "Serve and Succeed."

The organization's mission is to "Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom."

Wreaths are used, according to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org), to symbolize

honor and a living tribute renewed annually.

"Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active-duty military and their families," the organization states. "When volunteers say the name of a veteran aloud while placing a



Organizers estimate more than 200 people attended the Northwoods Wreaths Across America event.

wreath, it ensures they live on in our hearts and memories and are always remembered."

The Northwoods event was sponsored by the American Legion Riders, District 11 and Veterans Ceremony-U.G.C., Inc.

Northwoods National Cemetery is the fourth Rural Initiative cemetery to

be built by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)'s National Cemetery Administration.

The VA purchased the land in Sept. 2015 and awarded a contract to build the cemetery in Aug. 2017. The cemetery was dedicated in Aug. 2020 and serves veterans within 75 miles of Rhinelander.

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Aging & Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N)

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This is a full-time, regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$22.05 and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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.

**A resume and completed application must be received by the Price County Office of Administration no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2024, to be considered for this position.**

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**DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT**  
Price County Clerk of Court Department

Price County is accepting applications for a Deputy Clerk of Court, within the Clerk of Courts Department. This deputized position provides complex clerical support for the court system and acts as a clerk in the courtroom and in the Clerk of Circuit Courts office. The position also requires skill in the operation of office equipment, excellent communication skills, and an ability to communicate clearly with users of court services.

This is a full-time, regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$20.39 (Grade E) and full benefits package including Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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**FAMILY SKILLS WORKER**  
Price County Health and Human Services Department

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This is a full-time, regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$22.05 (Grade F) and full benefit package including Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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**ADRC SPECIALIST**  
Price County Health and Human Services Department

Price County is accepting applications for an **ADRC Specialist** within the Health and Human Services department. This person will help inform and educate people about their options, assist in connecting them to programs, services, and public and private benefits, and provide outreach, eligibility determination and enrollment into the Family Care/Care Management Organization/IRIS program. This position requires Wisconsin's Long Term Care Functional Screen (LTCFS) certification. Responsibilities include managing referrals and programs simultaneously, and providing outreach, marketing, and presentations to the community and area agencies. The person in this position is the "face of" and gateway to the ADRC and long-term care programs. Position is under the direct supervision of the Aging and Disability Supervisor/ADRC Branch Manager and the general supervision of the Health & Human Services Director.

This is a full-time, regular position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage of \$22.05 (Grade F). Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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**CHILD SUPPORT  
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Price County Child Support Department

Price County is accepting applications for a **Child Support Specialist** under the supervision of the Child Support Director. This position performs advanced level paralegal duties including establishing and enforcing administrative and court ordered child support and related obligations. Work involves responsibility for exercising substantial independent judgment in assessing individual case needs to determine appropriate action to be taken within specific county, state and federal statutes, rules, and guidelines. Has frequent contact with the court system, clients, attorneys, law enforcement personnel, employers, other departments, other county and state agencies, and the community with the goal of ensuring cooperative efforts in all areas to maximize the establishment and enforcement of child support in Price County.

This is a regular, full-time position with a starting hourly wage of \$23.73 (Grade G) and full benefit package including Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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**CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER**  
Price County Department of Health and Human Services

Price County is accepting applications for a **Certified Social Worker** to join our team in the **Aging and Disability Unit** of the Health and Human Services Department. This is a professional social worker position, responsible for providing Elder Abuse/Adult-at-Risk investigations and guardianships/protective placements. The Adult Protective Services (APS) Worker is responsible to receive, respond to and investigate reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation. Position has extensive contact with the public, other service providers in the community and other employees in the department and County. Position functions in an office, client home, and community setting. Responsibility for cases and decision-making occurs jointly with the supervisor. Position is under the direct supervision of the Aging and Disability Supervisor and the general supervision of the Director.

This is a full-time, regular position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage range of \$25.39 to \$26.95 (Grade H) depending on experience. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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# 'Tomahawk Warrior' book to be added to JFK Library as 'reference material' for Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.

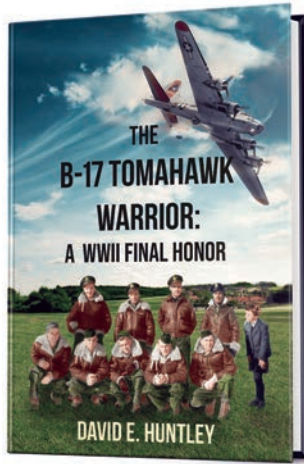
BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

BOSTON, MASS. – David E. Huntley, author of *The B-17 Tomahawk Warrior: A WWII Final Honor*, last week announced that the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, Mass., will add the book to its Textual Print Collection.

Huntley said the book will be designated as "reference material" for containing previously unpublished information about Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.

Kennedy Jr., the eldest brother of John F. and Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a plane explosion in East Suffolk, England, on Aug. 12, 1944, during World War II.

On the same date, the *Tomahawk Warrior*, piloted by Tomahawk native Charles J. Searl, crashed in a field in Buckinghamshire, England, killing Searl and



its entire crew.

*The B-17 Tomahawk Warrior: A WWII Final Honor* documents the story of the ill-fated aircraft.

Huntley said the information about Kennedy featured in the book stems from his research into "why there was a link between the *Tomahawk Warrior* crew and Kennedy," adding that it was "more than just a coincidence" that the two incidents occurred on the same date.

"It is both a privilege and an honor to know that my book will be a part of the print archives in the John F. Kennedy Library, one of the world's most prestigious institutions for the use of scholars and historians," Huntley stated.

*The B-17 Tomahawk Warrior: A WWII Final Honor* is available for purchase on Amazon at [www.tinyurl.com/mryzc9vp](http://www.tinyurl.com/mryzc9vp).

## WisDOT seeking photos for next year's Rustic Roads guidebook

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is seeking photos for the next edition of its Rustic Roads guidebook.

"We're looking for beauty shots of any of our 124 Rustic Roads throughout Wisconsin," WisDOT said. "If selected, your image and photographer credit could be used in the 2024 edition of the Rustic Roads reference book."



Photo courtesy of WisDOT

Area Rustic Roads include Tesch Rd. north of Merrill in Lincoln County; Mercer Lake Rd. and Sutton Rd. in northwestern Oneida County; County Rd. RR near Ogema in southern Price County; and Rustic Rd. 1 near Rib Lake in northern Taylor County.

Photos can be sent to WisDOT by visiting [www.facebook.com/WisDOT/](http://www.facebook.com/WisDOT/) and sending a direct message.

Learn more about Wisconsin's Rustic Roads at [www.tinyurl.com/5dfh62ez](http://www.tinyurl.com/5dfh62ez).

## Aspirus expert shares tips on navigating alcohol, medications

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently shared tips on how to prioritize responsible choices when it comes to consuming alcohol and taking medications.

"Recent research from the University of Wisconsin (UW) reveals a sobering fact: Wisconsin leads the U.S. with a 26% rate of excessive drinking, including both binge and heavy drinking," Aspirus stated. "This statistic gains even more significance this time of the year."

"Mixing alcohol with prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications can compromise their effectiveness, worsen side effects and even introduce



Wateski  
Photo courtesy of Aspirus

new, unpleasant symptoms over time," said Matthew Wateski, Aspirus Pharmacy Resident. "The side effects really depend on the specific medications you're taking, so it's important to learn your individual risks

to help you make informed choices while enjoying the holiday season."

For individuals managing high blood pressure or chest pain with medications, Aspirus said, the combination with alcohol can lead to adverse effects.

"Drinking alcohol, even in short periods, can increase blood pressure, rendering medications less effective," Wateski stated. "Symptoms such as dizziness, headache and lightheadedness may intensify, accompanied by an elevated heart rate."

In the realm of diabetes management, Wateski pointed out a critical concern.

"Common medications like metformin come with

a warning for lactic acidosis, which is an increase in lactic acid," he explained. "Alcohol can also cause increases in lactic acid production, so when taken together, lactic acid buildup can reach dangerously high levels. You may experience nausea, vomiting, fainting and lightheadedness."

For those grappling with depression or anxiety, combining medications such as Elavil, Zoloft, Xanax, Valium, Ambien or Lunesta with alcohol can be dangerous, Aspirus noted.

"This mixture may result in increased dizziness, extreme fatigue and even dangerous decreases in consciousness or breathing

**Medications**  
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## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Dec. 18:

On 12/14/2023 at approximately 22:25, a deputy stopped a vehicle that was a suspect vehicle in a previous suspicious vehicle complaint, as well as additional traffic violations. The stop took place on N. 4th St. and CTH A in the City of Tomahawk. After making contact with the driver a Rhinelander male, 17, it was observed that the driver showed signs of impairment. The driver was asked to do sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, he was arrested for a first offense OWI. Three passengers in the vehicle were also cited for underage alcohol violations. The driver was transported to the Lincoln County Jail. Nothing further at this time.

On 12/15/2023 at approximately 20:30, Lincoln County dispatch center received a call of a reckless driver traveling N/B on USH 51 in the Town of Merrill. The vehicle was reported to be swerving all over the road. A deputy assigned to the call located the suspect vehicle and initiated a traffic stop to investigate. The deputy made contact with the driver an Irma man, 44, and found signs of impairment. The driver was asked to perform sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, he was placed under arrest for 3rd offense OWI. The subject was transported to the hospital for medical clearance, and then to the jail, where he was turned over to jail staff for booking. Nothing further at this time.

There were eight reported car vs. deer crashes this week.

## News Briefs

### 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](http://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.

### Open Arms Community Meal closed until March

Open Arms Community Meal, served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, will be closed until March 19, 2024.

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# LEGALS

## Legals 7700

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SONJA ANN ANDERSON  
DOD: 08-15-2023

**Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2023IN49

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-02-1939 and date of death 08-15-2023 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W1189 US Highway 8, Tripoli, WI 54564.
3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office, before Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on 01-11-2024 at 11:00 a.m.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-29-2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

**DATE SIGNED: December 7, 2023**  
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer  
Probate Registrar  
Nick G. Cirilli  
116 E. Davenport St.  
Rhinelander WI 54501  
715-369-3443  
Bar No. 1101541  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Raymond J Olson

**Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2023IN48

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 13, 1963 and date of death November 26, 2023 was domiciled in Lincoln County, state of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 132 Henry Street, Tomahawk, WI 54487.
3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill,

## Legals 7700

Wisconsin, Probate Office, before Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar, on 01-11-2024 at 10:00 AM.

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## CHATBOT

**FROM PAGE 1**  
According to the resolution, the chatbot will "increase efficiency of finding information, increase the efficiency of employees answering phone calls that will be offset by the implementation of the chatbot and help Lincoln County to discover and adapt to information the chatbot is able to gather from users."

The implementation of the chatbot will carry a price tag of \$17,818.30 for a two-year pilot period, with ongoing support costs of \$3,909.15 annually from the Information Technology (IT) Department's budget if the chatbot remains in use beyond the pilot period, the resolution said.

**Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers Annual Board Meeting**  
January 9, 2024 at Incredible Bank Meeting Rm  
Lunch Served at 11:30.  
Board Meeting at 12:30.  
RSVP appreciated.  
Call or message Joan Litwitz, Director at **715-453-8200** for more information or to RSVP.

**CITY OF TOMAHAWK PUBLIC NOTICE AND BID NOTIFICATION FOR TOMAHAWK PUBLIC LIBRARY FURNACES**

The Tomahawk Public Library and City of Tomahawk are accepting proposals for the purchase of 1 new furnace and 1 to 3 new twinned furnaces: price includes all materials, labor, removal, replacement of 100kbtu 96% efficiency furnaces with all necessary components including high voltage, low voltage, gas piping, duct alteration or replacement, exhaust, fresh air, thermostat, and drain. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Tomahawk Public Library Furnaces Bid".

Bids will be received by the Tomahawk Public Library at 300 West Lincoln Ave, Tomahawk, WI 54487 until **1:30 p.m. on January 4, 2024.**

All questions should be directed to Heidi O'Hare, Director of the Tomahawk Public Library, at (715) 453-2455, or by e-mail [director@tomahawk.lib.wi.us](mailto:director@tomahawk.lib.wi.us).

The Tomahawk Public Library and City of Tomahawk reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposal that, in the Library's and city's opinion, is the most advantageous to the Library and city. The Library and city will also consider equipment in bidders' inventory if they meet minimum specifications.

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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE

50 years later, 'The Sting' gets better with every watch

BY JALEN MAKI

Have you ever watched a movie for the first time, thought it was fine, then watched it again later on and realized it absolutely rules?

For me, one of those movies is The Sting. Released on Christmas Day in 1973 - 50 years ago this week - The Sting stars Paul Newman and Robert Redford and reunites them with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid director George Roy Hill. The film also features Robert Shaw, best known for playing shark hunter Quint in Jaws.

The film, set in 1936, begins with Johnny Hooker (Redford), a young con man in Joliet, Ill., scamming an unsuspecting guy on the street out of a big chunk of change. Hooker, along with job partners Luther Coleman and the Erie Kid, are ecstatic about their lucky score. Luther, an old-timer and veteran of the trade, figures he'll take his cut and call it a career and tells Hooker he should give up the small-time stuff for something more worthwhile. Luther recommends Hooker go to Chicago to meet his old pal, Henry Gondorff (Newman), and learn how to pull off the "big con."

Hooker later learns that the guy they ripped off was a money runner for notorious and brutal mob boss Doyle Lonnegan (Shaw, dialing up the menace). Lonnegan's men kill both the courier and Luther, sending Hooker on the run to Chicago. Hooker finds Gondorff in the Windy City, Gondorff eventually agrees to make a play to take down Lonnegan and get payback for Luther's death, and we're off. What follows is the conception and execution of the "big con," and folks, it is a great time.

Gondorff enlists the help of some fellow swindlers who also knew Luther and want to get revenge against Lonnegan. After finding out that Lonnegan is a high-stakes poker enthusiast, the crew decides to pull a scam called "the wire," a grift in which a gambler is conned out of a large sum of money at a fake horse betting parlor. The scheme is incredibly elaborate on multiple levels: for starters, they have to find a location for the phony gambling den; then, they have to make it look legit, which requires locating and installing equipment found in such establishments; they also have to recruit a few dozen guys to pose as employees and gamblers. And this is all before Lonnegan's even involved.

Hooking and reeling Lonnegan in is its own scam - which also might be the most fun stretch of the movie. Gondorff poses as a loud, drunken Chicago bookie named "Shaw" and buys his way into Lonnegan's poker game on the 20th Century Limited train running between New York City and Chicago. Newman is having an absolute blast in the scene, hilariously annoying and insulting Lonnegan before finally cheating him out of 15 grand. Lonnegan, although a card cheater himself, does not handle this well. Hooker then swoops in, acting as "Kelly," an employee of "Shaw" who tells the incensed Lonnegan he wants to double-cross



his boss and take over his gambling operation, and he needs a hand from Lonnegan to do so. Lonnegan takes the bait, and the "big con" is officially in motion.

I won't spoil the actual execution of the con, but watching Gondorff, Hooker and the gang meticulously pull it off is riveting. These guys are the epitome of cool - they never get frazzled, and they adapt and adjust on the fly like the pros they are, never breaking a sweat. Newman's one of the coolest dudes who's ever been on screen, and his swagger is cranked to 11 throughout.

The Sting is a film that demands the viewer's full attention. If one conversation, one line of dialogue, or even one quick glance is missed, the intricate house of cards that is the plot might collapse for the viewer, even if the scam itself remains perfectly intact. The Sting is an impressive feat of filmmaking - the complexity of the con is topped only by the deftness of its execution, and it is incredibly fun to be with these guys for a couple of hours as they avenge their fallen friend.

I enjoyed The Sting on my first watch, but in going back and revisiting it a few times, I've continued to notice things I hadn't before, and it adds even more depth to an already engrossing and lively story. Most movies aren't necessarily rewarding on a continual basis, but The Sting is, unequivocally.

When they first meet, Gondorff informs Hooker of the importance of the grift's longevity. "You have to keep this con even after you take his money," Gondorff says. "He can't know you took him." Like the con, The Sting, similarly, has endured - 50 years after its release, it holds up as well as any movie of its era.

Follow Jalen on Letterboxd at www.letterboxd.com/jalenmaki182/ to see what he's been watching, and read more at www.medium.com/@jalenmaki.

MEDICATIONS FROM PAGE 7

viders, especially for those prescribed opioids like Vicodin, Lortab or Oxycodone. "Combining these medications with alcohol can lead to life-threatening respiratory issues and extreme fatigue," he stated. "Discussing your alcohol use with your provider is crucial to avoid these dangerous side effects." Aspirus noted that even seemingly harmless over-the-counter pain medications like Tylenol require caution. "When you're drinking alcohol and taking Tylenol together, your liver is working double duty with these

two agents," Wateski said, noting the risk of stomach bleeding or ulcers when combining nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications like Ibuprofen or Naproxen with alcohol. Wateski said that, ultimately, moderation and transparency are key. "It's extremely important to have open communication with health care providers and pharmacists when considering alcohol and medication interactions," Wateski stated. "Everyone should be aware of any potential side effects to ensure safe and healthy holiday celebrations."

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Correction

An article published in the Nov. 1, 2023 issue of the Tomahawk Leader incorrectly listed the mailing address for Salvation Army of Tomahawk donations as 108 E. Somo Ave. The Salvation Army of Tomahawk's mailing address is 108 W. Somo Ave.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

New Dreams for a New Year

Dear Reader,

As we bid farewell to the year that was and welcome the promising embrace of a brand new chapter, there's a sense of renewal and hope that washes over us. The New Year is a canvas, a blank slate upon which we have the opportunity to paint our dreams and aspirations. It's a time for reflection, recalibration, and the pursuit of becoming the best version of ourselves.



us toward our most authentic and fulfilled selves.

We are excited to embark on this journey of self-improvement and discovery with you in the pages of our publications. We are committed to bringing you insightful content, practical advice, and inspiring stories that will empower you to achieve your resolutions and fulfill your aspirations.

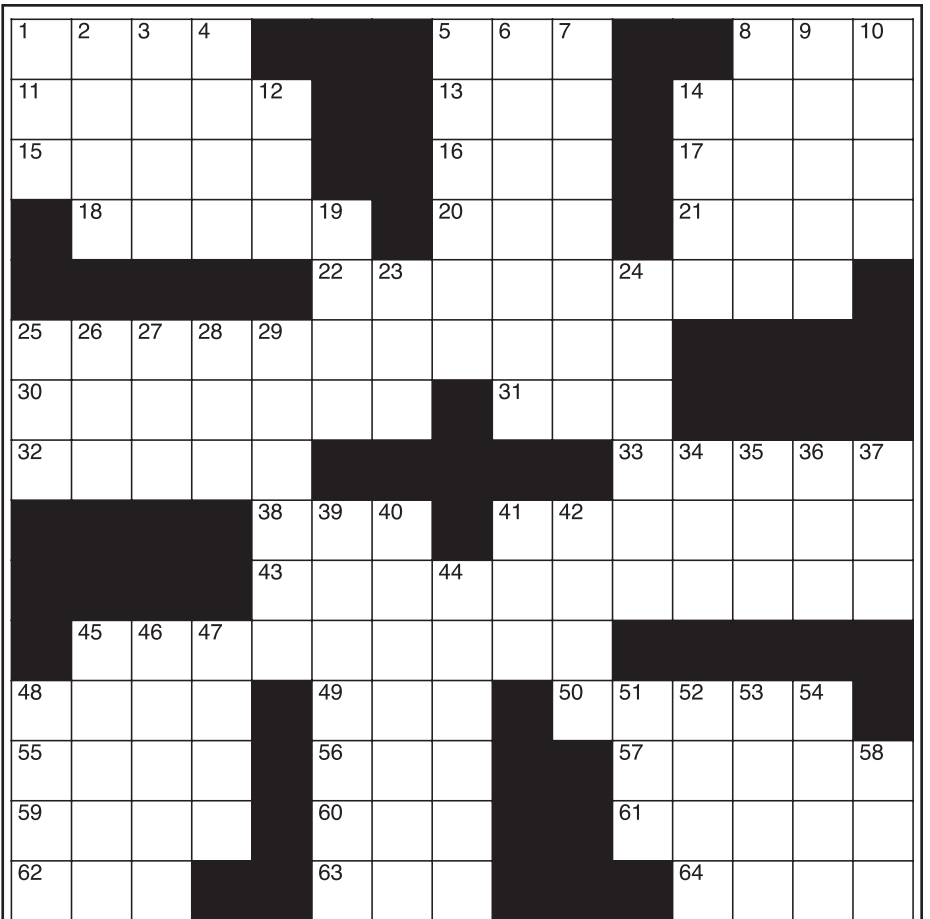
In the spirit of this fresh start, we often find ourselves making New Year's resolutions. These resolutions are more than just promises; they are commitments to growth, self-improvement, and the pursuit of our true potential. They represent the belief that we can write a new and better story for ourselves in the coming year.

In this season of new beginnings, let us cherish the hope and potential that the New Year brings. Let us embrace the opportunity to start afresh and to work diligently on becoming the best version of ourselves. Together, as a community of readers and dreamers, we can turn the pages of this new chapter and write our own extraordinary stories.

Each resolution is like a stepping stone on the path to self-discovery and personal betterment. Whether it's a commitment to lead a healthier lifestyle, strengthen relationships, or chase long-held dreams, resolutions hold the power to transform our lives. They serve as a compass guiding

Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with inspiration, determination, and the realization of your most cherished dreams.

With warmest regards, PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher



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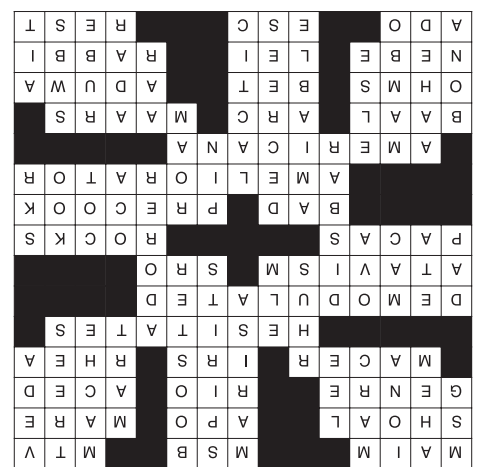
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to injure
5. Mutual savings bank
8. Rock TV channel
11. Large number of fish swimming together
13. Military mailbox
14. Female of a horse
15. Category
16. City
17. Breezed through
18. Officer who bears a mace
20. Tax collector
21. "Cheers" actress Perlman
22. Pauses before acting
25. Extracted information from a wave
30. Tendency to revert to something ancestral
31. No seats available
32. Nocturnal rodents
33. Moves gently to and fro
38. Not good
41. A way to ready
43. One who makes something better
45. Things associated with American history
48. Ancient Phoenician fertility god
49. A continuous portion of a circle
50. Volcanic craters
55. Units of electrical resistance
56. Gamble on
57. Ethiopian town
59. One point east of northeast
60. Polynesian garland of flowers
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

- 62. State of fuss
63. Keyboard key
64. Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "The world's most famous arena"
2. Polite interruption sound
3. Private school in New York
4. Refuse of grapes
5. \_\_ Tomei, actress
6. Adult beverages
7. Supporter
8. Papier-\_\_, art material
9. Forests have them
10. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
12. Downwind
14. Marketplace
19. Flowering plant genus
23. Street where nightmares happen
24. Admiral
25. Dip lightly into water
26. When you hope to get there
27. Partner to cheese
28. Egg
29. A way to disqualify
34. South American plant
35. Fold-away bed
36. Debbie Harry album " \_\_ Koo"
37. Swedish krona
39. Displaying warmth and friendliness
40. Official orders
41. Bowling alley necessity
42. Stray
44. About milk
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Caribbean dance
47. If not
48. \_\_ fide (Latin)
51. Swiss river
52. Hebrew calendar month
53. One easily swindled
54. Point that is one point south of southwest
58. Small island (British)



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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Gainers of the Month



The Hatchet Weightlifting Club last week announced its November Gainers of the Month. Maddie List (left) and Ethan Gibeault (right) were recognized for their "relentless effort in the weight room." Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig

## Fishing Report: Access is the issue due to warm spell

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – It's hard to imagine how things could get weirder, as far as the weather goes. We are in a holding pattern at this point, waiting for winter to arrive in full force – even as the holidays come and go. While it's certainly a strange year, things could be worse. Use caution on all of the bodies of water and check ice as you go.

Walleye fishing has been good. All the same rules apply, except for the ability to get to the real deep water on many of the lakes. Use medium shiners or sucker minnows under your tip-ups and the later afternoons and evenings remain the best times for action.

Northern action is excellent, with fish being along the edges of drop-offs. Large shiners are the best bait. We are hearing of large numbers and big fish being caught at this time, providing good action all

day long.

Panfishing is holding steady. As with the walleye, the real challenge is access. Deeper weeds are a good place to look and the edges of deeper holes if you can get there, then move shallow as the evening starts. Small ice fishing jigs tipped with your choice of bait or small plastics are working.

We will be watching the ice conditions closely and hoping for some real cold weather. And once we've had a good week of that, a few nice snowstorms would make it feel like we've finally made it. We've been through this before, albeit this year is pretty extreme. While conditions could be better, there's not much to complain about as far as how the fish are biting.

Here's to a great New Year. We wish everyone the best of luck and tight lines to show for it! Stay safe out there.

Good luck and good fishin'!

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 162

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 161 question: Who was the first female

to score points at State for THS girls' track: Keri Buedingen, Carol Salacinski or Suzie Houston?

Week 161 answer: The first female to score points at State for THS girls' track was Suzie Houston in 1975. She was 4th in the 880.

Congrats to Carol Salacinski Noskowiak for being the first to answer last week's question!

Week 162 question: Which member of the 1975 THS baseball team won the conference batting title: Darryl Brunner, Tom Kahle or Mike Olson?

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Open gym

Open gym, for basketball only, will be held in the Tomahawk school com-

plex 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.

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Nominations for the 2023 Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, Hunter Education Group of the Year and Archery Education Instructor of the Year awards are now open.  
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## Nominations for 2023 hunter, archery education awards now open

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently accepting nominations for its 2023 Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, Hunter Education Group of the Year and Archery Education Instructor of the Year awards.

DNR said current hunter and archery education instructors and hunter education groups that have “significantly advanced hunter safety on a voluntary basis through extraordinary service”

are eligible to be nominated.

“Hunter and archery education instructors are often pillars of their community who continue to advance the sport of hunting through providing high-quality safety training to the next generation of hunters,” said DNR Hunter Education Administrative Warden Lt. Michael Weber. “These awards are important so the program can continue to recognize the great work that our instructors and groups do.”

“Extraordinary ser-

vice can come in various forms, including recruiting new instructors, recruiting new students or hunters, the volume of courses taught or involvement in other activities in their community related to hunter education,” DNR stated.

To nominate an individual or group, download the nomination form on the DNR’s volunteer webpage ([www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/Volunteer/InstructorForms](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/Volunteer/InstructorForms)) and email the completed form to [DN-RLESafety@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DN-RLESafety@wisconsin.gov) by Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024.



### Un-PACK-ing History: 1960s Packers basketball uniform

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with The Press Times, published by Multi Media Channels (MMC). Until recently, Green Bay Packers team members suited up in shorts and sneakers to play in charity basketball games against high school staff, other sports teams, police or fire departments or local celebrities. The family-friendly events allowed the community to get autographs and raise money for a charity. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit [www.packershofandtours.com](http://www.packershofandtours.com). MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

Photo by Kris Leonhardt

# Natural Connections: Banded Iron Formation

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

The old road angled steeply up the hillside. Thick drifts of autumn leaves concealed loose rocks and little ravines. Saplings and brush crowded in from the sides, threatening to scratch cheeks already rosy from the cold. After several minutes of tough hiking, the road leveled out, and big concrete structures loomed among the trees.

From 1922 to 1924, the Pioneer Mining Company operated an open pit iron mine on Mt. Whittlesey near Melan, Wisconsin, although pit doesn’t seem quite accurate. There’s no big hole, the hill-

side merely looks a bit sliced off. Minning and quarrying, along with fur trapping, logging, and attempts at farming have sculpted the landscape of the Northwoods since the late 1800s. But that history is influenced by far older events.

Continuing past the concrete ruins, my friend and I followed the scar of the old road to the top of a cliff. Smooth, dark rock peeked out from beneath dry leaves and grass. Kneeling for a better look, we found stripes of red, black, and gray with smooth, waxy, and sparkling surfaces. Crustose lichens had found footholds in each tiny crack, so the surface was also decorated with little blobs in shades of brown,

white, and yellow.

These lichens may be much younger than the outcrop, but the rock itself is no stranger to photosynthesizing friends. In fact, iron formations like this one record a major milestone in the history of life on Earth. Back in the day, and by that, I mean 1.9 billion years ago, the atmosphere was filled with carbon dioxide and methane, and the first inklings of life had only just begun. Volcanic activity in the early oceans, and erosion off the few con-

tinents, enriched the water with iron and silica.

As algae and cyanobacteria began turning water and carbon dioxide into sugar using energy from sunlight, they also emitted oxygen into the ocean where they lived. The oxygen reacted easily with the dissolved iron and silica, causing them to precipitate out of the water into the minerals hematite, magnetite, and jaspilite. Those minerals accumulated on the bottom of a shallow sea who sloshed between the shores

of two early continents. Over time, the mineral mud hardened into stone. This stone. I pressed my hand to rock.

The minerals didn’t precipitate homogeneously, though, and built the rock in a series of bands with different colors, textures, and thickness. Seasonal fluctuations in algae growth may have contributed to some of the variation. The rise and fall of landforms on the early continents, and the weathering and erosion of different rocks, may also have altered the chemicals

that fed into the sea. An even wilder source of the variation is that the early life hadn’t evolved with oxygen, and if ever the dissolved iron didn’t immediately clean up the oxygen they pumped into the water, the algae would have poisoned themselves, causing population fluctuations.

I’m not a good enough geologist to tell you what conditions led to which bands, but I could see that some dark gray bands were smooth

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Jan 2	10:30AM	3:36AM	10:34PM	3:56PM
Jan 3	10:45AM	4:15AM	---	4:35PM

Solar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon - Jan. 11.

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while others were rough and sparkling. And a few layers were a whimsical mash of red and gray polka dots in a darker matrix. The red dots were iron-stained quartz, sometimes called jasper or jaspilite. Geologists call this texture “granular iron formation,” and in this case, it represents sands broken out of slightly older iron formations that rolled back and forth in shallow waves before solidifying again.

A billion years after precipitation stopped and the layers became rocks, intense tectonic activity in this region (the Mid-Continent Rift!) upended everything. Iron formations are sedimentary rocks, and therefore form in horizontal beds, flattened by the force of gravity. The action of the rift caused the center of Lake Superior to drop and the edges to curve upward like the pages of a book bent in a U. Rocks that once covered the bottom of a shallow sea now form narrow ridges at the surface and then dip steeply underground.



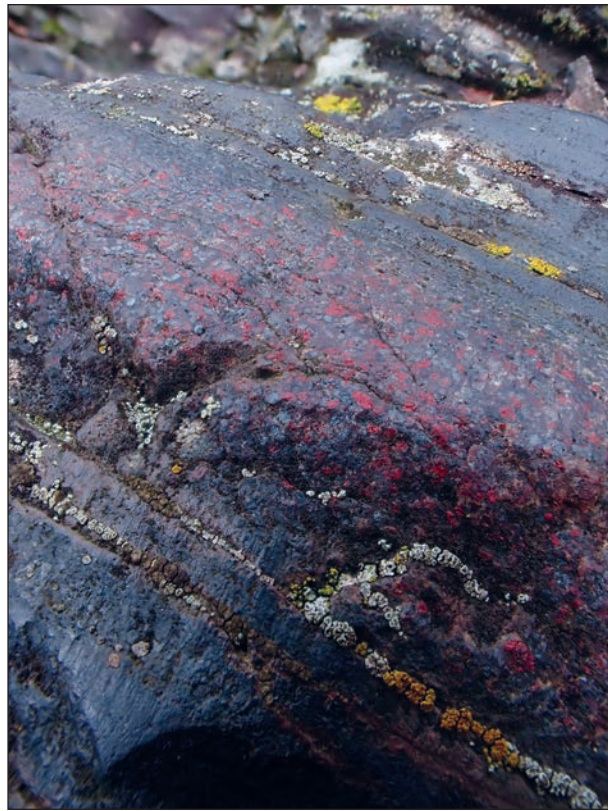
Banded iron formation is made up of layers of different minerals, mostly various combinations of iron, silica and oxygen. Some of the layers are made of magnetite, and so a magnet sticks to the rock outcrop.

Photos by Emily Stone

My friend and I descended the irregular, stair-like face of the cliff, vacillating between admiring the rock, the colorful lichens who clung in cracks, and the lush green mosses who soaked up trickles of water. Knowing the history beneath me, I was impressed by the sheer mass of iron that the early algae and cyanobacteria caused to precipitate out of the seawater. While there are a few iron formations older than this one, and some younger ones, too, iron formations of this

age are notably abundant, especially in Minnesota and Michigan.

One of the final, amazing chapters in this saga is that the algae and cyanobacteria eventually evolved enzymes that allowed them to live with oxygen. No longer at risk of poisoning themselves with the element, they proliferated wildly, their oxygen waste sweeping most of the iron and silica out of the ocean water for good. Then excess oxygen, no longer tied up with iron, escaped into the



Tiny red polka dots represent sand-sized pieces of iron formation that were rolled in waves before solidifying back into rock called granular iron formation.

air, and began creating the atmosphere we enjoy today.

My friend and I breathed deeply, grateful for the oxy-

gen, the beautiful rocks, and the scientists whose research uncovers the Earth’s stories.

Author’s Note: You may

have noticed that I refer to the sea, rocks, lichens and mosses as “who.” This is a deliberate choice in using a “grammar of animacy” and recognizing that not just humans possess the quality of life. I find that using this language causes a positive shift in the way I think about the more-than-human world. For more on this topic, I highly recommend an essay called “Speaking of Nature” by Robin Wall Kimmerer, available easily through an internet search.

Emily’s award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is available to purchase at [www.cablemuseum.org/books](http://www.cablemuseum.org/books) and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Our exhibit: “The Northwoods ROCKS!” is open through mid-March. Our Fall Calendar of Events is ready for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and [www.cablemuseum.org](http://www.cablemuseum.org) to see what we are up to.

# Dahl Automotive acquires Kocourek dealerships in Rhinelander

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Two Kocourek dealerships in Rhinelander have been acquired by Dahl Automotive.

The new dealership names are Dahl Honda Rhinelander and Dahl Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Rhinelander.

Dahl has also purchased



two Kocourek dealerships in Stevens Point.

“We are excited to welcome over one hundred new team members to the Dahl Automotive family,” said Andrew Dahl, President of Dahl Automotive. “The Kocourek organization is known for its operational excellence, team engagement and community impact. We are honored to

have the opportunity with Kocourek on these four stores in two great markets.”

“Dahl Automotive is well known in the state of Wisconsin as a multi-generational 100-year-old business with an honest hard working family that takes care of their team members,” said Keith Kocourek, President of Ko-

courek Automotive. “Selling these stores allows the Kocourek organization to further invest in the Wausau market for years to come.”

With the acquisitions, Dahl enters the central and northcentral Wisconsin markets, adds two more Honda stores to their current Honda dealership in Onalaska and reintroduces the Chrysler Dodge

Jeep RAM brands back to its portfolio.

The Dahl family had Chrysler dealerships from the 1940s through the 1970s out-of-state. The Dahl Automotive group grows to ten dealerships in total in Minnesota and Wisconsin, representing 13 brands and employing 525 team members.

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