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2024 SPRING ELECTION

Mayor Taskay, city council, school board candidates running unopposed

11 competitive county board races; District 2 primary slated for February

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – Local races for the 2024 Spring Election have taken shape.

Candidates for numerous positions, including City of Tomahawk Mayor, the City of Tomahawk Common Council and the School District of Tomahawk Board of Education, will run unopposed on Tuesday, April 2.

For the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, 11 competitive races will take place in April, and a primary election will be held in District 2 on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

City of Tomahawk Mayor

City of Tomahawk Mayor Steven E. Taskay will not face an opponent in his bid for a fifth two-year term.

In 2022, Roxanne Consolvo unsuccessfully challenged Taskay for the office, marking the city's first competitive race for Mayor since Taskay was elected in 2016.

City of Tomahawk Common Council

The makeup of the City of Tomahawk Common Council is expected to remain the same as it has since 2019, as three incumbents will run for reelection unopposed this spring.

District 1 Alderperson Ed Nystrom, District 2 Alderperson Will Garske and District 3 Alderperson Mike Loka will not be challenged in their bids to return to the council for three-year terms.

School District of Tomahawk Board of Education

Two current School District of Tomahawk Board of Education members will seek reelection, while another will not run for another three-year term.

Shar Kirsch, who represents the City of Tomahawk on the board, filed a Declaration of Candidacy.

Cherie Hafeman, who represents the Towns of Birch, Bradley, Rock Falls,

Skanawan and Tomahawk, filed a Declaration of Non-Candidacy.

Deb Velleux, who currently represents the City of Tomahawk on the board, filed a Declaration of Non-Candidacy for that post and filed a Declaration of Candidacy for the open Birch, Bradley, Rock Falls, Skanawan and Tomahawk townships seat after relocating into the position's footprint.

No candidacy paperwork was filed for the open City of Tomahawk position on the board. The seat will appear on spring ballots as a write-in.

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

A total of 11 competitive races for the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors will be held in April, and a primary for one district will take place next month.

Thirty-four candidates filed candidacy paperwork to run for a seat on the 22-member nonpartisan board.

Incumbent District 1 Su-

pervisor William R. Bialecki will run for reelection unopposed.

A primary election will be held in District 2 on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Incumbent Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm will face off against Keras Rubka-Nimz and Scott Doerr. The top two vote-getters will go head-to-head in April.

In District 3, incumbent Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank will not face an opponent.

Incumbent District 4 Supervisor Steve Osness Jr. will not seek reelection. Derek Woellner will run unchallenged.

Incumbent District 5 Supervisor Don Wendorf will not run for another term. Andrew Zelinski will run unopposed.

In District 6, no challengers will face incumbent Supervisor Norbert Ashbeck.

Incumbent District 7 Supervisor Greta Rusch filed non-candidacy paperwork. Wallace Downey and Donald Dunphy will square off for the seat.

Todd Frederick will challenge incumbent District 8 Supervisor Laurie J. Thiel.

Incumbent District 9 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Friske will go up against Christine Vorpapel.

Sheryl Chism is slated to take on incumbent District 10 Supervisor and Board Vice-Chair Jesse Boyd.

In District 11, incumbent Supervisor Randal John Dert will face challenger Mark Raymer.

Incumbent District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse will go head-to-head with Paul Gilk.

In District 13, current seat holder George Brixius did not file candidacy or non-candidacy paperwork by the Tuesday, Jan. 2 deadline, leading to an extension of the deadline to Friday, Jan. 5. As of the extended deadline, two candidates – Alan Bishop and Jeffrey Fisher – had officially declared their intentions to seek the post.

Incumbent District 14 Supervisor Brian Hafeman will not seek another term on the

board. Marguerite Lyskawa will run unchallenged.

Incumbent District 15 Supervisor Marty R. Lemke will not face an opponent.

No challengers filed paperwork to take on incumbent District 16 Supervisor Dana Miller.

In District 17, incumbent Supervisor James Meunier will run unopposed.

Susan Dierksen will face off against incumbent District 18 Supervisor Kenneth L. Wickham.

District 19 Supervisor Julie Allen filed non-candidacy paperwork. Joseph Dorava and Dan Friske will face off for the position.

Incumbent District 20 Supervisor Angela Marie Cummings will face challenger Doug Curtis.

In District 21, incumbent Supervisor Eugene Simon will run unopposed.

No challengers filed paperwork to take on incumbent District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig.

No decision yet on Town of Cassian youth treatment center

County to meet next week to continue CUP discussion

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

ONEIDA COUNTY – A decision on allowing an adolescent treatment and wellness center to be built in the Town of Cassian north of Tomahawk has been delayed.

The Oneida County Planning and Development Committee will meet Wednesday, Jan. 17 to continue the discussion of a conditional use permit request by the Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council.

A public hearing held in Woodruff on Thursday, Dec. 28 included more than an hour of public comment from advocates for and against construction of the 36-bed Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center.

GLITC is a 501 c (3) non-profit corporation governed by 12 sovereign nations; 11 in Wisconsin and one in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. After viewing many properties, it purchased acreage off Swamp Lake Road, near US 51 on which to build the center.



Oneida Nation Vice Chair Brandon Stevens talks to members of the Planning and Development Committee about his support for the GLITC Youth Recovery and Wellness Center.

MMC photos

The idea of a youth wellness center started over two decades ago.

"Now we have an opportunity; an opportunity to save our youth," CEO Bryan Bainbridge told the committee, saying he reached out to the Cassian Town Board to advise them of his plans. "It's important to create partnerships, without an ask for financial support, but support just to do something – be part of the

solution instead of the problem."

Those in favor of the project included healthcare workers, addiction specialists, some people who experienced rehab firsthand and relatives of substance abusers. They spoke of the lack of facilities for youth in the area.

"There is more than enough evidence to show this is definitely needed, and I know that is not the case that is being disputed; however, I feel with the right people in place, we could get the rules and regulations in place so this could occur," said Oneida County resident and certified peer specialist Linda Jacobson.

One county resident said the lack of mental health services for youth has put them at high risk for substance use at an early age.

"Our correction facilities – for both youth and adult – are housing substance



Town of Cassian attorney Frank Kowalkowski speaks to the Oneida County Planning and Development Committee about the town's opposition to the construction of an Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center proposed by Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council.

users with little or any services," said Lori Hunter. "This facility will give youth the tools they need to grow and flourish so they can return to their communities as strong and contributing members."

The Cassian Town Board is opposed to the 36-bed facility due to infrastructure and economic concerns, noting in a letter to Planning and Zoning Director Karl Jennrich that the center would cause undue economic harm to Cassian and its residents. Before the public comment period, the Planning and Zoning Department and county Corporation Counsel said they found conditions of the CUP had been met.

The town's attorney disagreed.

"The stated purpose for this zoning for this land is to provide an area for residential, limited commercial and agricultural development

in a rural atmosphere," attorney Frank Kowalkowski said. "That doesn't sound like dozens of people being treated in a drug rehab mental rehab facility."

Other concerns raised included a perceived reduction of property values, inadequate supply of groundwater and possible difficulty staffing the facility. One speaker said he is concerned that friends, relatives and gang members from Milwaukee, who might be connected to youth in the proposed facility, would bring drugs to the center. Another voiced her concerns about where GLITC would get the funding to build the multi-million dollar project and urged the committee to refer to the town and county ordinances and land use plans.

"Bryan told us at one of our meetings that this site would be funded by grant money," she said. "Grant

money doesn't fall from the sky. It's going to come out of your tax dollars, my tax dollars – I don't care if you're from Milwaukee, Green Bay or Harshaw. State and federal funds – we pay those in our taxes every day."

U.S. Congressman Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.) was in attendance and said the facility should be built on tribal lands and that he is "prepared to go to bat" for GLITC to get money to build the facility in an "appropriate" place.

A representative for U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) read a letter from Johnson stating his support for construction of the ARWC in Cassian.

After public comment, the committee decided it had more questions and needed more time before making a decision.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17 to further discuss the CUP.

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City of Tomahawk to seek WEDC grant for downtown laundromat revitalization project

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Efforts are underway to revitalize a downtown Tomahawk building, and financial help with the project may be on the way.

During its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 2, the City of Tomahawk Common Council approved a resolution giving City Clerk/Treasurer Amanda Bartz the go-ahead to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to assist in renovating and redeveloping the former Clothes Hamper Laundromat, located at 3 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Wild Rivers Group Real



Photo by Jeff Schulz

Estate is currently working to revamp the building to eventually serve as its office space, as well as for other potential uses. As part of the project, a pair of two-family rental units on the second floor will also be remodeled.

The city will apply for the WEDC Community Development Investment (CDI) grant program, which helps with shovel-ready projects with an emphasis on downtown

community-driven efforts. Up to \$250,000.00 could be awarded through the program.

If the city is awarded the grant, the city would then disburse the monies to Wild Rivers, which will provide the required funding match.

Dave Long of Wild Rivers told the council that he anticipates the group's investment in the project to be up to \$200,000.00.



Pictured are representatives from THS, Hatchet Innovations and the Park City Cares Foundation. Photo courtesy of Ryan Huseby

Hatchet Innovations receives \$1,950.00 donation from Park City Cares Foundation

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk High School (THS)'s Hatchet Innovations recently received a \$1,950.00 donation from the Park City Cares Foundation.

THS Principal Ryan Huseby explained that Hatchet Innovations is a student-run business that utilizes high-tech equipment, such as laser en-

gravers, 3D printers, UV printers, graphic printers and cutters, CNC milling machines and more, to design and manufacture various products for school and community customers.

"Hatchet Innovations provides students with the environment to learn about design, manufacturing and business operations through a real-world

environment," Huseby said, adding that the donation will increase production capabilities and meet demands by purchasing an additional heat transfer press used in many manufacturing processes to adhere printed graphics to textiles and other media.

"Thank you Park City Cares Foundation for your support," Huseby stated.

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Aspirus releases top baby names of 2023

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently released the most popular names given to babies born in the health system last year.

"Naming a newborn is a key step in welcoming the littlest and latest addition to the family," Aspirus said in a release. "There are thousands of names for parents



to choose from, but in the end, each name given to a child is special and unique, as they carry it with them throughout their life."

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 26, 2023, a total of 2,881 infants

were born at Aspirus locations, and 1,517 different names were given to those newborns.

Aspirus' three most popular names among girls in 2023 were Amelia, with 18 newborns given that name; Harper, 14; and Emma, 14.

Last year's top three names for boys were Levi, 25; Oliver, 22; and Hudson, 19.



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NEWS BRIEFS

LCHD COVID-19 testing clinics ending
The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD)'s COVID-19 testing clinics will end on Friday, Jan. 12. Free COVID-19 testing kits are available to pick up while supplies last at LCHD, 607 N. Sales St., Merrill, on Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day; and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grace Lutheran blood drive
A blood drive will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. A photo ID or Red Cross ID is required.

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, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, March 11, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. to noon. 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 prohibited 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.

Marshfield Clinic, Essentia Health not moving forward with integration

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER
WISCONSIN – Marshfield Clinic Health System (MCHS) and Essentia Health, on Friday, Jan. 5, announced that the two organizations have chosen not to move forward with their proposed integration. "Essentia Health and MCHS have engaged in meaningful discussion over the last two years about how our organizations could combine our unique strengths," a joint release from the organizations said. "We have de-

ecided that a combination at this time is not the right path forward for our respective organizations, colleagues and patients." The release said the organizations will "continue to seek opportunities for collaboration as two mission-driven, integrated
Marshfield Clinic CONTINUES ON PAGE 5



Sue Dierksen of Gleason appointed to AARP Wisconsin Executive Council

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – AARP Wisconsin, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, announced three appointments to its all-volunteer Executive Council and two additional staff members.

"We are thrilled to be diving into the new year with an AARP Wisconsin team of staff and volunteer leaders who are excited to work together on legislation and community-enhancing engagements that will make life better not only for those 50 and over, but all Wisconsinites as they age," said AARP Wisconsin State Director Martha Cranley.

Among the appointments to the Executive Council, which assists in establishing goals, strategies and tactics for efforts that help the more than 800,000 AARP members in Wisconsin, is Sue Dierksen of Gleason.

"As an RN with a Master's Degree in public health, Sue spent her career with two major corporations, developing and managing employee health and wellness programs which integrated with employee health benefits," AARP said. "In 2018, she joined the team of AARP Wisconsin volunteer advocates, supporting legislation affecting Wisconsinites age 50-plus. In this work, she has connected with elected officials on issues such as reducing the cost of prescription drugs, quality high-speed internet and support for caregivers."

AARP added that Dierksen is a 2022 alumna of the Wisconsin Women's Network Policy Institute, which increased her knowledge of the legislative process and connections with lawmakers.

Dierksen has been an AARP member since 1996



and has lived in the Northwoods for 17 years.

Joining Dierksen on the Executive Council are Terrence Moore of Milwaukee, who will serve as AARP Wisconsin's inaugural Vice President; and Sue Miller of Waupaca.

Two staff members – David Bowen of Milwaukee and Martin Hernandez of Middleton – have also joined the AARP Wisconsin team to lead the state office's efforts around advocacy, campaigns and volunteer management.

"All of these staff members and volunteers are committed to being strong and capable voices for carrying out AARP's mission here in Wisconsin, which is to make life better for all of us," Cranley stated. "We are so very pleased to have them leading our statewide efforts."

About AARP

AARP said it is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of more than 37 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as health-care, employment security and retirement planning.

"We advocate for consumers in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help our members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel and services," AARP said.

Learn more at www.aarp.org.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Jan. 1:

On 12/25/2023 at approximately 21:12, deputy with the sheriff's office observed a vehicle traveling N/B on USH 51 near CTH V in the Town of Birch at an extremely high rate of speed. The deputy indicated the vehicle was traveling in excess of 100 MPH. The deputy radioed for help and attempted to go after the vehicle. A short time later, a second deputy observed the vehicle, still N/B on USH 51, traveling 127 MPH. The second deputy attempted to pursue the vehicle, but terminated the chase for safety concerns. The information was passed onto the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. At this point, the car and driver have not been identified.

On 12/27/2023 at approximately 18:42, in the area of 1st St. and Center Ave. in the City of Merrill, a deputy stopped a vehicle for failure to yield the right of way at the roundabout. When stopped, the driver a Merrill man, 21, told the deputy that he didn't have a valid driver's license. During the stop, the driver asked the deputy to just let him go, and then offered the deputy money to let him go. The driver was cited for a criminal charge of operating a motor vehicle three-plus times in a three-year period, as well as failure to yield the right of way. The driver was then required to wait for someone with a valid license to come and move his vehicle.

On 12/30/2023 at approximately 16:32, deputies were sent to the area of USH 51 and Schulz Spur Rd. in the Town of Merrill for a reported motor vehicle crash with

injuries. Investigating deputies discovered the driver a man, 40, lost control of his vehicle on icy roads and crashed. The driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital by ambulance. The two occupants were uninjured and transported Aspirus Merrill Hospital to be with the driver.

On 12/30/2023 at approximately 18:46, deputies were sent to the area of USH 51 and Lincoln Dr. in the Town of Merrill for a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries. Investigating deputies discovered that the driver a Marshfield man, 73, was S/B on USH 51 when he lost control of his vehicle on icy roads. As a result of this, the vehicle flipped on its driver's side, pinning the driver in the car. The driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospital by ambulance.

On 12/31/2023 at approximately 18:17, deputies were sent to the area of CTH M and Tower Rd. in the Town of Corning for a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries. Investigating deputies discovered that the driver, an Antigo man, 33, was W/B on CTH M when he said he lost control of his vehicle on loose gravel on the road, causing him to overcorrect the vehicle. The vehicle then entered the ditch and rolled onto its roof. Both the driver and his passenger, a Ladysmith woman, 47, were both transported by ambulance to Aspirus Merrill Hospital. A dog in the vehicle was transported by a deputy to the Lincoln County Humane Society to be cared for until the owner could get the dog.

There were only four car vs. deer crashes this week.

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OBITUARIES

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Ronald "Ron" L. Schreiber, age 86, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023, at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital, after many medical complications. He was born on April 28, 1937, to the late Victor and Ruth (Batchelder) Schreiber in Merrill, WI. He attended and graduated from Rhinelander High School with the class of 1957. Ron met Marlee Grobe, and the two were united in marriage in Rhinelander on June 16, 1962, a union lasting over 61 years. She survives.

Ron worked as a police officer in Rhinelander from 1960-1966, before moving to Merrill. He worked for Associated Co-op before becoming a salesman at Whitburn Motors in Merrill. He then worked as a youth counselor for the Lincoln Hills School for 22 years before his retirement. Ron loved his job at Lincoln Hills and enjoyed being able to help the young people there. He joined the transport team for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for the next 12 years. He had a passion for deer hunting, something he faithfully did for 73 years, not ever missing a season! Ron also looked forward to fishing trips and working in his shop at home. He would tinker with various things, also making many trailers. Ron was a dedicated family man that adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Family and friends would enjoy listening to Ron's stories and hearing him recall all of his experiences and adventures with his sharp memory. He enjoyed being outdoors, surrounded by the beauty of nature. Ron was also an animal lover, especially dogs and horses. He will be sadly missed, but will always be in the hearts and minds of his friends and family.

Ron is survived by his loving wife Marlee Schreiber of Merrill, sons: Kerry Nimz of Merrill, Jeff (Jamey) Nimz of Wausau, Mike (Teresa) Schreiber of Merrill, Steve Schreiber of Arkansas and Tim (Janet) Schreiber of Merrill, grandchildren: Heather Nimz-Moore, Sunshine Nimz, Chandra Nimz, Dennis (Denise) Bloecher, Zach (Carly) Bloecher, Jacob Nimz, Robin Radloff, Ryan Radloff, Katie (Ryan) Tomajcik, Michael (Mercede) Schreiber, Savannah (Jordan) Roberts, Jennifer Schreiber and Amber Schreiber, great grandchildren: Rayne, Zoe, Saffron, Emma, Violet, Evan, Shane, Lucas, Bianca, Aidan, Izabella, Evelyn, Connor, Grayson, Michael, Croix, Violet and Ila, great great granddaughter: Aria, sister: Darlene Plautz of Merrill, sister-in-law: Pat Schreiber, son-in-law: Mike Ament of Tomahawk, brother-in-law: Bill Wagler of Rhinelander and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter: Laurie Ament, sister: Shirley Wagler, brother: Larry Schreiber and brother-in-law: Richard Plautz.

The memorial service for Ron was held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Waid Funeral Home. Pastor Adam DeBroux officiated. Visitation was held on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. Inurnment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will take place at a later date.

The service was live-streamed for those unable to attend and the recording can be viewed under his obituary on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations in Ron's name be directed to the Lincoln County Sports Club at <https://lccsportsclub.com>.

Ron's family wishes to thank the doctors and the nursing staff at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital, for their care and compassion shown to Ron and his family during his final days, it meant a lot.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.



Helene A. Hoglund, 88, of Tomahawk, passed away Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 at Riverview Health Services. Helene was born Oct. 19, 1935 in Tomahawk, the daughter of Thomas and Helene (Strassman) Nash. Helene was united in marriage on Jan. 15, 1954 to Wayne Hoglund and he preceded her in death in 1976. She then married David Dettmering in 1996 and he preceded her in death in 2019.

Helene was a lifelong resident of Tomahawk. She graduated from Tomahawk High School Class of 1953 as a straight A student, she then went on to graduate from Nicolet college in Liberal Arts in 1988. Helene had many jobs, working for Tomahawk Telephone Company, Dave Hughs Drive-In, and Tomahawk Power & Pulp. Her 31 years of postal service started at the Tomahawk Post Office as a Mail Carrier, then Postmaster for Glen Flora and Tripoli. She was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church serving as the Sunday School Teacher, pianist, church council, contribution campaign committee, and mentor for conferment's, and Thrivent contact. She was on the Town of Bradley Cemetery committee, she was the Vice President and director of the Knight Owls Snowmobile Club, she was the Den leader of the Brownies, Girl Scout and Cub Scouts, Secretary-Treasurer of the Kahle Park Board, Vice President of the Tomahawk Youth Center, and the Local Steard-National Association of Letter Carriers. From the start of the Dog Park Helene was on the board of directors, she was head of board of directors for the senior center. She started the Bus Service for senior citizens and Neighbors in Need at Grace Lutheran Church and was a member of the Tomahawk Garden Club.

Helene had a great sense of humor and said "I had 88 years plus of Lifetime experience." Her favorite sayings were, "Necessity is the mother of invention", "When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars", and Prayers are the world's greatest wireless connections.

Surviving are her daughter, Ann (John) Kangas, Ocean Side, Calif.; sons, Thomas (Kathy) Hoglund, Chicago, Ill.; Timothy (Mary) Hoglund, Tomahawk; Matthew (Janet) Hoglund, Fall River, Wis.; 10 grandchildren, Eric, Chloé, Ken, Robin, Matt, Ben, Bailey, Ellie, Jason, Ian; eight great-grandchildren, Bodhi, Diego, Gabriel, Liam, Nathan, Ollie, Destiny, Norah; sister, Dawn Durbin, San Marcos, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Wayne Hoglund and David Dettmering.

Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 12, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church, with Pastor Julie Sinkula officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to time of service at 11 a.m.

Donations may be made in Helene's honor to the Girl Scouts or the Humane Society.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com.



Dee Bisbing, age 60, of Rhinelander, died on December 23, 2023, at the Tomahawk Health Services after a courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She was born on December 6, 1963 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the daughter of John and Bonnie (Condella) Bisbing.

She later moved to Rhinelander and attended schools there. After graduating from the Rhinelander High School she attended college at the University of Wisconsin - Stout. She received a BS in Industrial Technology and Graphic Arts. Her ability to use her degrees was limited by her health complications because of the MS.

Dee lived with her mother who was also her caretaker and best friend. She was an avid Packer and Brewer fan, and the two of them enjoyed watching many games together. They could get quite vocal at times, especially when the games weren't going the way they wanted them to. She loved her pets, hitting the casino when she could, and always enjoyed a good joke. Earlier in life she enjoyed downhill skiing, photography and swimming.

Dee is survived by her father John, her brother Donald Bisbing, other family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her mother Bonnie and her stepdad Charles Witroek.

She made many friends at Tomahawk Health Services and will be greatly missed.

There will be a visitation for Dee on Friday, February 2, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon with a memorial service following at 12:00 noon all at the Carlson Funeral Home. Chaplain John Uhlarik will be officiating. In lieu of flowers a memorial is being established in Dee's name and any gifts may be sent to her family. You may leave your private condolences for the Bisbing family at www.carlsonfh.com. The Carlson Funeral Home (715-369-1414) is serving the family.



Elaine Wendt (Schoenoff) passed away surrounded by family on Friday, Dec. 29 at the age of 94. Elaine was born on April 17, 1929 in Fond du Lac, Wis. She met the love of her life, Robert F. Wendt, at Calvary Lutheran Chapel in Madison, Wis.

Elaine was a passionate woman who lived her life with joy and vivacity. She was a storyteller, an artist, and an adventurer, traveling from coast to coast and back again. Elaine had a way with words, spending time weaving poems and detailing the stories and history of her ancestors. A lifelong learner, no task was too great for Elaine. She approached life and challenges with vigor from learning how to sail, designing her dream home, and visiting the Matterhorn in Switzerland. When she wasn't adventuring far-afield, she was busy finding adventures at home. With an innate ability to see the beauty in the world around her, Elaine delighted in the tapestry of the world. In true Elaine fashion, she strove to share this beauty with others, often pointing out plants and animals, collecting pretty stones, and decorating her home with bunches of wildflowers.

Of all the great passions in her life, children came first. Elaine was the proud mother of five children who she loved dearly. For many years, she dedicated her efforts toward the children in her community as well by teaching head start, confirmation, and Sunday school, and serving as the first female school board member in Minocqua. Elaine found deep joy in the presence of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and followed their challenges and successes with pride and unconditional love.

Elaine cultivated deep roots. Under her watchful eye, her gardens thrived and with her generous heart her community thrived. A charter member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, she spent countless hours volunteering and developing her church community. She volunteered at the Howard Young Hospital for over 25 years and joined every committee and group she could find time for.

Elaine's legacy is far-reaching. After opening her heart and home to others throughout the years, she has inspired generations of others to do the same. A teacher to the end, she showed others how to live life to its fullest, even in the quiet moments, and how to love unconditionally.

Elaine's legacy continues through her children: Michael Wendt (Carolyn Binford), Laurie Pinkert, Craig Wendt (Pat Wendt), Dan Wendt (Chris Wendt), and Cathy Schmit (David Schmit). She is further survived by 14 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Robert (Bob), her husband of 57 years and her grandson, Daniel James Wendt.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, Wis., followed by her Celebration of Life service at 11 a.m. A gathering and luncheon will follow the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services is assisting the family, www.bolgerfuneral.com to share condolences.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Dream Avatars: Navigating the Uncharted Realms of Self

Dear Reader,

In the realm of dreams, a fascinating phenomenon unfolds – our dream avatars, alternate expressions of ourselves, embark on extraordinary adventures. As we sleep, these avatars traverse uncharted landscapes with friends and acquaintances, weaving tales that linger in our waking consciousness.



Consider the notion that each nocturnal escapade contributes to the richness of our being. The dream avatar, a vessel of our desires and subconscious whispers, returns with memories that transcend the boundaries of the dream world. These experiences, though born in the realm of slumber, leave an indelible mark on our waking selves.

Imagine a night where your dream avatar engages in a grand adventure, surrounded by familiar faces and unknown landscapes. The emotions felt during these dream exploits linger upon waking, infusing your reality with a newfound sense of fulfillment. It's as if your dream self has unlocked hidden dimensions within you, enriching the tapestry of your existence.

Exploring this concept further, one can't help but wonder how these dream avatars shape our identities over time. Could they serve as a reservoir of untapped potential, influencing our choices and perspectives as we navigate the waking world? Perhaps, in the silent hours of the night, we are not merely passive observers of our dreams but active participants in the ongoing narrative of self-discovery.

Dream avatars, with their ephemeral existence, beckon us to question the boundaries between the conscious and the subconscious. What if the lessons learned and memories forged in the dream realm are not confined to the night but seep into the daylight, altering our perception of reality?

As we delve into the enigma of dream avatars, we find ourselves standing at the intersection of who we were, who we are, and who we aspire to become. The dream world becomes a canvas where the threads of our past, present, and future are woven together, creating a tapestry of enriched life experiences.

In embracing the concept of dream avatars, we invite a profound exploration of the self that transcends the limitations of waking existence. For in the dance between dreams and reality, we discover that our nocturnal odysseys are not mere escapades but transformative journeys that help mold us into the architects of our destiny.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher
Author of "Reflections" a new book
now available on Amazon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who can honestly say that Lincoln County can't afford Pine Crest?

Ryan Hanson, Pine Crest Administrator (539-2532), told me he wouldn't express his opinions, but he would provide me with facts. That's what I wanted. Here's what Ryan told me.

There are about 95 employees at Pine Crest, over 90% of whom live in Lincoln County.

The annual operating budget for Pine Crest is in the 12-13 million dollar range. Revenue comes from Medicaid, insurance and Medicare, supplemental payments from the state (a complicated formula), and the tax levy. The tax levy is

\$440,000.00 and constitutes less than 1/20 of total revenue.

Wages for employees take up over half of the annual budget (Ryan didn't have an exact figure), but it's at least 6 million dollars.

Medicaid residents at Pine Crest constitute around 75% of total residents. Medicaid traditionally pays the least, usually under the actual cost of care, which is why private nursing facilities keep Medicaid residents down to 10-15%. (Over 90% of Pine Crest residents are from Lincoln County.)

North Central Health Care, which manages Pine Crest, pays the \$650,000.00 annual debt on Pine Crest. To sum up: For

\$440,000.00 annual tax levy, Lincoln County gets a nursing home with an annual budget exceeding 12 million, over half of which budget pays wages for nearly 100 employees, almost all of whom live (and spend) in Lincoln County. In addition, NCHC pays the \$650,000.00 annual debt.

Who can honestly say that Lincoln County can't afford Pine Crest?

Paul Gilk
Merrill

Let the states take over wolf management

Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources is having a tough time

managing the white-tailed deer population because there are too many predators, especially the gray wolf.

Hunters need to find practical solutions to protect the state's hunting traditions and economy. That's why I support Congressman Tom Tiffany's efforts to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list.

Now that the gray wolf population has recovered, it's time to recognize this success and let the states take over wolf management.

Riley Anderson
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health systems dedicated to sustainable rural health care."

"Our organizations have great respect for one another, and we each remain committed to strengthening the health of our communities as we deliver high-quality, compassionate patient care," the release stated.

"As we've explored this opportunity, I appreciate the relationships we've built with the skilled Marshfield Clinic providers, staff and leaders who share our dedication to excellent care," said Essentia Health CEO Dr. David Herman. "Moving ahead, Essentia continues to focus on building innovative partnerships and trans-

forming care for our communities. As a strong, growing organization, we are guided by our mission to make a healthy difference for those we are privileged to serve."

"Essentia Health and the Marshfield Clinic Health System are high-performing, well-respected, community-focused organizations," said MCHS Interim CEO Dr. Brian Hoerneman. "Those similarities served as the basis for efforts toward a combination. As we now move our separate ways, Marshfield Clinic looks forward to advancing our 100-year legacy of providing compassionate and accessible care to the communities we serve. Our commitment to continually enhance the level of care we provide remains firmly in place as we look to the future."

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Leader Sports & Nature

International ski event to bring hundreds to Rhinelander Snow or no snow, 2024 Ski for Light is a go

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – More than 200 cross-country skiers will descend upon Rhinelander the end of the month for the 2024 Ski for Light (SFL) International Week.

It's the 49th such event that brings together visually- or mobility-impaired participants, sighted guides and volunteers from across the United States and several countries to cross country ski, to better their skills, compete and have fun.

The event will take place Sunday, Jan. 28 through Saturday, Feb. 4 and will be headquartered at the Quality Inn in Rhinelander. Skiing, provided there is adequate snow, will take place at the Northwoods Nordic Trails adjacent to the Northwood Golf Course.

Local SFL volunteer guide and board member Michael Evelo said it's a special week for the skiers.

"For many of them, this is the only time all year they get on snow," Evelo said. "And it gives them a sense of freedom. It's the only time where they can move at any speed without being attached to a cane or



Checking out the Northwoods Nordic Trails last winter are from left, Rhinelander volunteer and guide Michael Evelo, Bob Hart, Bonnie O'Day and Don Evans. Hart and O'Day are visually impaired skiers from Alexandria, Va., and Evans is a volunteer guide from Merrill. All four will be participating in Ski for Light in Rhinelander.

somebody's elbow."

"Monday through Friday, we'll be teaching and advancing the skills of the skiers and then on Saturday is the race rally," Evelo added. "By the end of the week, they get to see how they do against each other."

Ski for Light is an all-volunteer non-profit organization founded in 1975. Its

mission is to "enhance the quality of life and independence of visually or mobility-impaired adults through a program of cross-country skiing."

Having snow-covered ski trails is ideal, but Evelo emphasized the event will take place even if Mother Nature does not cooperate. He has been volunteering with SFL since 2015 and began advocating for a Rhinelander-based event the following year.

In 2015, he was selected to speak at the awards ban-

quet. He was curious who else from the Rhinelander area was there.

"I was quite embarrassed," Evelo recalled. "The closest guide was over 100 miles away from Rhinelander. And I made a pledge to the group that I was going to change that. And that was a lot of my motivation to bring this event to Rhinelander."

Evelo said he was pleased to see that there will be about 40 skiers and guides and volunteers from Wisconsin at the event in



Visually-impaired skier Krista Erickson, left, is guided by Julie Coppens at the 2023 ParaBirkie. Ski for Light is now the presenting sponsor of that event. Erickson, from Chicago, is the Vice President of SFL. Coppens, from Cincinnati, Ohio, is the SFL President.

Rhinelander, with 27 of them attending SFL for the first time.

Volunteers needed

An event of this undertaking requires a number of volunteers – something Evelo still seeks.

More than two dozen community volunteers are needed to help with an activity night at the Hodag Dome on Thursday, Feb. 1. Basketball and wheelchair basketball, blind soccer, bocce ball, giant jenga and axe and lawn dart throwing are just a few of the activi-

ties to be offered.

"That's going to be one of the highlights of the week," Evelo said. "There are activities they can't participate in outside of this type of setting."

Sign up to volunteer at www.tinyurl.com/3cax6xwc or email Evelo at evelosfl@charter.net.

The community is encouraged to attend the race rally on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the ski trails to cheer on the skiers. The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit www.sfl.org.

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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Price County Department of Health and Human Services

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Price County Health and Human Services Department

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Price County is accepting applications for an **ADRC-N Disability Benefit Specialist** within the Health and Human Services department. This position is located at the Price County Branch of the ADRC-N. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) assists people living within the ADRC-N region with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental illness, and/or substance abuse disorders between the ages of 18 and 59 with accessing public and private benefits. This position is supervised by the local ADRC-N supervisor in collaboration with a DBS Program Attorney who provides substantive case oversight.

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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 164

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 163 question: Jack Parsons, who coached at Tomahawk from 1971 to 1973, was noted for accepting a coaching position at which Minnesota college: Anoka-Ramsey Junior College, Itasca Community College or Rochester Community College?

Week 163 answer: Jack Parsons accepted a coaching position at Anoka-Ramsey Junior College in Minnesota.

Congrats to Jacob Felser for being the first to answer last week's question!

Week 164 question: In what year did the WIAA put a playoff system in place for football: 1974, 1975 or 1976?

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UNPACKING History



Packers vs. Yankees program

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). Pictured is an official program from a game between the Packers and the Yankees football team, held on Oct. 23, 1927, in Green Bay. The program features Curly Lambeau on cover. The Packers won the game by a score of 13-0. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

Photo by Kris Leonhardt

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Dec. 31	28	16
Monday, Jan. 1	27	18
Tuesday, Jan. 2	29	27
Wednesday, Jan. 3	29	15
Thursday, Jan. 4	20	17
Friday, Jan. 5	27	25
Saturday, Jan. 6	32	2

SPORTS BRIEFS

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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.



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2024 Public Access Lands Atlas now available

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Wednesday, Jan. 3, announced that the 2024 Public Access Lands Atlas is now available for purchase.

“From state natural areas to state trails, lakeshores to rivers, Wisconsin has a wealth of public lands for everyone to enjoy,” DNR said.

Updated every two years, the Public Access Lands Atlas can be purchased from the University of Wisconsin Bookstore (www.uwbookstore.com/merchlist?ID=15893) for \$104.95.

The atlas contains 441 maps covering statewide

public lands, roads and waterways.

“These maps make it easy to locate a state park, county forest or lake for a hike, hunting or fishing outing,” DNR stated.

Atlas information and maps can also be accessed by:

- DVD (\$5.95)
- Individual county booklets (\$29.95)
- Downloadable county PDF maps (free)
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Visit the DNR’s Public Access Lands webpage (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fl/RealEstate/PAL) to learn more, download maps or launch the online mapping application.

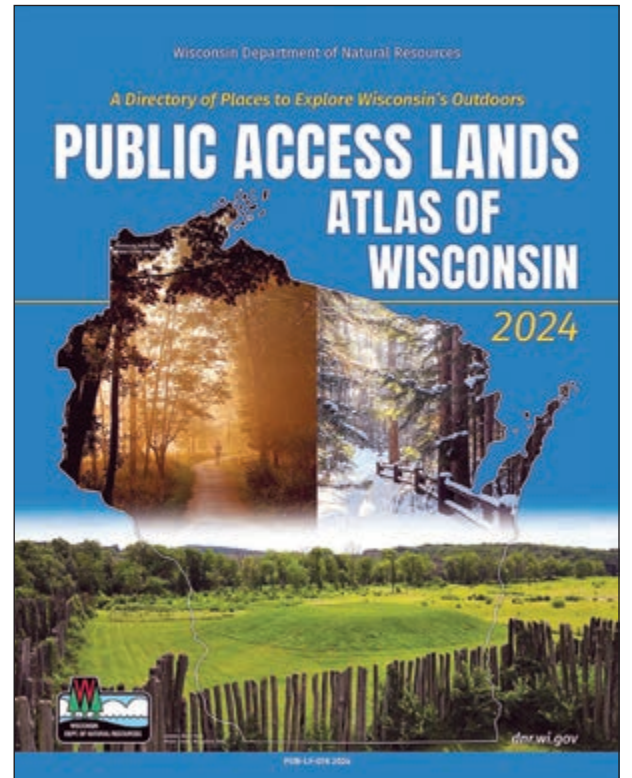


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77th Alice in Dairyland applications now open

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is inviting individuals with a passion for promoting agriculture to apply to be the 77th Alice in Dairyland.

Applications are open through Wednesday, Jan. 31.

“As one of the most widely recognized communications professionals in Wisconsin agriculture, Alice in Dairyland travels extensively promoting Wisconsin’s agricultural industry and its impact on the state economy,” DATCP said. “In this highly visible

Alice

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FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Jan 10	6:40AM	10:08AM	2:37PM	10:40PM
Jan 11	7:34AM	11:11AM	3:54PM	---
Jan 12	8:15AM	11:42PM	5:19PM	12:13PM
Jan 13	8:47AM	12:42AM	6:45PM	1:10PM
Jan 14	9:12AM	1:37AM	8:07PM	2:03PM
Jan 15	9:33AM	2:28AM	9:27PM	2:53PM
Jan 16	9:52AM	3:17AM	10:45PM	3:41PM
Jan 17	10:12AM	4:05AM	---	4:29PM

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

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.

For today’s article, I would like to address a principle in answer to the question: *What should the Christian life look like?* I am sure that many think the Christian life is about praying, reading the Bible, going to church, and witnessing for Jesus Christ – and those things would be true. But there is one aspect about the Christian life that we generally do not think about, and therefore some get caught up in false religious excitements and false ideas about God and how we relate to Him.

The principle I am thinking about is what God has always wanted for His people, whether for the Jew in the Old Testament or the Christian in the New Testament. I think this principle is best illustrated in an explanation God gave concerning *why* He would allow false teachers and false prophets to exist. Today we will focus on Deuteronomy 13:1-4.

In verses 1 and 2, God says He would allow false prophets to come among His people and perform miracles. Of course, God would not be performing these miracles for that false prophet, but He would be allowing Satan or demons to do so, for they can do things that to us would appear miraculous just as the angels can do miracles. And God would allow this to happen, even though that false prophet would be teaching things in the name of God that God had not said; even to try to lead God’s people away from God. *Why would God do this?*

In verse 3 God explains Himself: *The LORD your God tests you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.* And what would be the proof that we love God? It would be that we would obey the things that we already know God has already said in His Word (verse 4). Jesus said the same thing in John 14:23, *If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and live with him.*

So, what is the principle about the *Christian life you want to show us today?* someone may ask me.

The principle is this, *The Christian life is an ordinary life that is being live by God’s grace and according to God’s definition of what is right.*

There are those who want the Christian life to be something MORE than simple obedience to what God has said. Some even want to be able to control or influence God through their efforts and by the strength of their faith. Some even say that God wants us to do miracles and never have financial or health problems if we have enough faith. But nothing is farther from the truth.

One consistent theme throughout the Bible is that the life of following God can sometimes seem very ordinary. All that God desires of us is that we would obey the things He has clearly said in His Word, the Bible. Anything more would be up to God’s discretion as He answers prayer and meets our needs. We shall look more at this subject in the weeks to come.

Pastor Charles Scheele
Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk
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The Pastor’s Corner for January 10, 2024



“Be still and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10)

When I went to the Holy Land, the Sea (really a lake) of Galilee was my favorite place to be. The water provided sustenance for plants and animals, so it was green and lush. There’s so much to see in Israel and Palestine that I might have missed a wonderful encounter had it not been for a couple who asked me if I had seen the rock hyrax or rock rabbits. I had no idea what they were talking about, but it roused my curiosity. Sure enough, when I went back in the evening and I sat still and quietly, the hyrax started appearing from the crevices of the boulders on the edge of the lakeshore. They were brown and furry and did look like rabbits. I was astonished that all around me were these animals that I wouldn’t have even known about unless I had waited in quiet stillness. I took a couple of pictures to share with others but when I moved too fast, a leader gave a whistle, and they were all gone.

This reminds me of the value of being still and quiet at times in our lives. We are so busy rushing about and multitasking so we can get things done. In that rush, we can miss special sacred times with people and creation. By being still and listening to living things in nature around us we can experience God’s beautiful presence. Take time to watch the sky, the birds or the squirrels. By taking time to talk with people and listen to them, we can experience a tender side of people that might not show itself until we are quiet and still. I have enjoyed some wonderful stories of people’s lives in sharing a cup of coffee together. We experience a deeper connection with God, people and creation when we are willing to look beyond ourselves. God provides peace and beauty in the world around us and deep within our hearts if only we would stop and be still and know God.



Blessings,
Pastor Julie Sinkula
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ALICE

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and fast-paced position, Alice in Dairyland serves as a full-time spokesperson, cultivates relationships with television, radio, and print media outlets throughout the state, writes and delivers speeches at events, and utilizes social media to tell the stories of Wisconsin agriculture."

DATCP added that additional duties include developing and executing marketing plans, delivering classroom presentations and networking with industry professionals.

"Alice must also learn and retain information about the diversity of Wisconsin agriculture and be able to tailor that information to educate both urban and rural audiences," DATCP stated.

"Serving as Alice in Dairyland is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I will be forever thankful for this experience," said 76th Alice in Dairyland Ashley Hagenow. "In this role, you are a teacher, communicator, agri-marketer, professional speaker, media professional, relationship builder, student and so much more. Serving as an ambassador for Wisconsin agriculture is the most rewarding and exhilarating experience. I look forward to continuing the important work of promoting Wisconsin's diverse and abundant agriculture industry while developing skills to use throughout my career."

Alice in Dairyland applicants should have an interest in Wisconsin agriculture, public speaking experience and at least three years of experience, education or training in communications, marketing, education or public relations. Applicants must also be female, Wisconsin residents and at least 21 years old.

This one-year, full-time, contractual position starts July 8, 2024. The chosen candidate will travel extensively and be required to be in-person at the DATCP's Madison office each week. The annual salary for Alice in Dairyland is \$45,000.00 and includes holiday, vacation and sick leave, and use of a state vehicle while on official business. Reimbursement is provided for an individual health insurance premium up to \$450.00 a month and professional travel expenses.

To apply, provide a cover letter, completed application form, resume and contact information for three professional references to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov or PO Box 8911, Madison, Wis., 53708-8911 by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31. Application materials are available on the Alice in Dairyland website.

Qualified applicants will have a preliminary interview on Saturday, Feb. 24 at DATCP's Madison office or via Microsoft Teams. Top candidates are required to attend a two-day program briefing and press announcement on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, and the three-day final interview process from Thursday, May 2 through Saturday, May 4 in Door County.

For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit www.aliceindairyland.com.

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The City of Tomahawk has received a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant that will be applied to this project.

The anticipated substantial completion date is 08/02/2024 and final completion date is 09/20/2024.

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