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NEW COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Taylor Remington brings passion, experience to School District of Tomahawk

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A new face at the School District of Tomahawk is looking to further connect the district with the community.

As Community Education Coordinator, Taylor Remington brings her passion for community engagement to the district.

Small town roots

Remington has small town roots in eastern Wisconsin, where her family operated grocery stores – her grandparents owned the IGA in Black Creek, and her parents, originally from Iola, also operated the Black Creek store before owning Remington's Quality Foods in Manawa, where Remington was raised.

"I grew up in customer service," Remington said. "Community engagement has been ingrained in me since childhood. I believe it fosters a sense of belonging."

Remington attended Little Wolf High School, where she was President of the Student Council and was involved in FFA and Art Team. In Publications, she worked on yearbooks and the school newspaper. She also coordinated various events and activities throughout her high school career and continues to organize class reunions as President of her class.

College at UWSP; background in community engagement

After graduating from high school in 2012, Remington attended UW-Stevens Point. She graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Biology and minoring in Business Administration. Remington studied graduate-level courses in Community Program Development, Evaluation, and Leadership in the Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems Graduate Program at UWSP after earning her bachelor's degree.

"I also researched aquaponics during my undergraduate years at UWSP and as a Graduate Assistant from 2016 to 2018," she added.

Before coming to Tomahawk, Remington worked as a Program Coordinator for Recycling Connections, a Stevens Point-based non-profit organization in the solid waste industry. In this role, Remington coordinated and implemented projects, events and outreach while managing a variety of programs within the organization – notably, the Compost Bin Group Purchase Program, which promotes backyard composting and assists with climate and other sustainability goals.

"Organizing workshops and webinars and implementing and evaluating programs to ensure future success was a cornerstone



Taylor Remington is the School District of Tomahawk's new Community Education Program Coordinator.

Photo courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

of my work, which is similar to the type of work I'll be doing with the Community Education Program," she explained.

Remington noted that she has also taught a variety of high school science classes and has worked with the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education in Stevens Point.

"Previously, I have also managed greenhouses, and always worked public education into my positions," Remington stated. "As a Native Perennial Greenhouse Manager, I educated the public on various topics regarding native perennials. As a manager of an aquaponics greenhouse, I educated people from all around the

globe about a wide variety of topics related to successfully raising fish and growing vegetables year-round using aquaponic methods."

Remington added that she also has an extensive background in outreach, networking, sales and marketing, which will aid her in promoting the Community Education Program in Tomahawk.

Remington met her significant other, Keith, in 2019 at Treehaven in Tomahawk, where she was presenting her research in aquaponics as the Keynote Speaker for the organization's Dinner and Speaker Series. The two moved to Tomahawk together in 2020.

New role in Tomahawk

In Dec. 2023, the School District of Tomahawk Board of Education approved Remington's hire as the district's Community Education Program Coordinator, a newly-created position.

In the role, Remington said she will develop and manage a comprehensive, multi-dimensional community education program that serves the residents within the School District of Tomahawk.

"I will be recruiting instructors and managing the logistics of programs, including planning and organizing, implementation, marketing and promotion and evaluation of programs," Remington explained. "Programs developed will continually

change and will be lifelong learning opportunities determined by community needs and interests. Cultivating relationships with all relevant community stakeholders will ensure collaborative programming."

Looking forward, Remington said her goal is to "enrich the community by creating programs that engage our district's residents to broaden their horizons, find a creative outlet, enrich their routine activities, create new connections, challenge themselves and explore new interests and skills," noting that she is aiming to offer a wide variety of classes so there is something for everyone in the community.

"Community input and diverse points of view are encouraged to ensure the success of this program," Remington stated. "I will work hard to continuously improve community education opportunities to best serve the community and foster a sense of belonging and connection."

In her free time, Remington enjoys spending time in nature, crafting and music.

"I have a dog named Chewy and enjoy caring for my garden, houseplants, chickens and fish," she said. "I care a lot about local food, nutrition and sustainability, and I have a passion for trying new things and growing through lifelong learning opportunities."

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City of Tomahawk to receive county ARPA funds for SARA Park Campground project

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A project to improve a Tomahawk campground will receive funding from Lincoln County.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution authorizing up to \$100,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be allocated to the City of Tomahawk for the development of campsites at the SARA Park Campground.

Lincoln County received roughly \$5.5 million in ARPA funds in 2021 as part of the federal government's response to the COVID-19

pandemic. Since that time, the board has voted to designate ARPA dollars to numerous areas, including covering losses at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, improving county roads, implementing electronic timekeeping for county employees and developing parks and campsites.

ARPA funds have also been earmarked for promoting Lincoln County. In April 2023, the board gave the thumbs up to a vision statement and branding with the goal of boosting tourism. The following month, the board voted to earmark \$500,000.00 in ARPA funds to be used for marketing the county.

A pair of resolutions approved by the board in Dec. 2023 will allow for ARPA funds to be used for further county promotion and to

add a chatbot feature to the county's website to help users navigate the site.

All ARPA funding requests are vetted by the county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee against the criteria that the requests create economic growth and generate revenue for the county while not creating base building.

SARA Park Campground

Supervisors in May 2023 approved a resolution setting aside \$500,000.00 in ARPA funds for upgrading and marketing campsites in the cities of Tomahawk and Merrill and interested townships. Under the resolution, municipalities are responsible for developing "specific and detailed" proposals funding would be

used for.

The City of Tomahawk recently put forth a plan to develop campsites at the SARA Park Campground, located at 900 W. Somo Ave.

The campground currently features ten sites with electric and non-potable water on 2,000 acres of water on the Wisconsin River and Lake Mohawksin, according to the city's website. The surrounding area includes public restrooms and showers, as well as a public beach, boat landing, playground and baseball station is available at the City Garage at 415 W. Spirit Ave.

According to the resolution given the green light by the board last week, the city's plan includes two phases. In phase one, electricity and water will be supplied to 20 campsites.

Phase two involves the construction of a bathroom and shower facility, as well as additional campsites.

The resolution said the project – including site preparation, gravel, landscaping, electric, water, picnic tables and fire rings – will carry an estimated price tag of \$100,000.00.

The board ultimately

voted to approve the allocation of up to \$100,000.00 to the City of Tomahawk for the project. The city will be required to provide invoices or receipts for related expenditures.

Under the resolution, the City of Tomahawk "must initiate all expenditures resulting from the ARPA funding by Dec. 1, 2024."

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Tomahawk Public Library to offer weekly program for neurodiverse young adults

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Next month, the Tomahawk Public Library will begin offering a weekly program designed to provide an opportunity for neurodiverse young adults to gather for creative arts-based activities and guided discussions.

TPL last week announced that it is partnering with Islands of Brilliance (IOB) to offer “The Fellowship” program.

According to its website, IOB is a learning experience developed specifically for children and young adults on the autism spectrum.

“Rather than expect students to adapt to the



environment, we created the ideal environment,” IOB’s website states. “IOB utilizes project-based learning that allows our students to grow their intrinsic capabilities and practice communication, increasing their likelihood of independence as adults.”

IOB said its student-focused programming is “rooted in art, design and STEaM-based curriculum.”

“Best of all, our students have a place to share their unique voice, ideas

and creativity alongside peers that relate to, understand and motivate them,” the website states. “IOB wants students to have fun, be engaged, learn, grow, and most of all, feel welcomed. Many parents tell us that our programming is a highlight of the week – it’s something their child looks forward to. We get it – seeing the smiles and excitement on our students’ faces is why we love what we do.”

The Fellowship program will be offered at the Tomahawk Public



Photo courtesy of the Tomahawk Public Library

Library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. each Thursday, beginning Feb. 8.

Along with Tomahawk, the Fellowship program is also offered in Wausau, Rice Lake, Eau Claire, La Crosse and Viroqua.

IOB said the Fellowship program is part of Think Ability Wisconsin, a larger statewide initiative aimed at providing community resources for people with disabilities to address issues with transition from school to the workforce.

As part of the Fellowship program, autistic participants ages 16 and older gather at partner library locations once a week for one hour.

“In each session, students will work on special

interest (SpIn) driven creative projects on iPads and laptops,” IOB explained. “They will also have the opportunity to connect socially with peers and grow together by building a community of mutual support.”

IOB added that sessions are guided by experienced artists and educators who have embarked on specialized training to become Brilliant Fellows.

“The Fellowship employs a research-based curriculum designed to empower youth and young adults to gain resiliency skills, advocacy skills, identity and positive social connections,” IOB stated. “Topic-based discussions will encourage participants to reflect on their unique life experiences in a supportive net-

work of peers.” IOB said it is “uniquely positioned to work with autistic youth and young adults,” and its learning approach “uses creativity to create connections that encourage social-emotional growth and self-confidence.”

Funding for the Fellowship program comes from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) through a grant using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support innovative projects that will “positively impact individuals benefiting from Medicaid home and community-based services activities,” according to IOB.

To learn more about IOB, visit www.islandsof-brilliance.org/.

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The Fellowship is a new Islands of Brilliance program that employs a research-based curriculum designed to empower participants as they gain resiliency and advocacy skills, identity, and positive social connections.

ISLANDS of Brilliance

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Community Interest Survey

The district is currently offering a Community Interest Survey, allowing for the opportunity to provide input on shaping programming to fit the needs and interests of the community.

Remington said interested parents, community members, businesses, organiza-

tions, agencies and other professionals are encouraged to share their skills and expertise through the survey or by contacting her at remingtont@myhatchets.org.

To take the survey, visit the Community Education page on the district’s website at www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/community/community-education-program.cfm and click the Hatchet logo at the top of the page.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Tuesday, Jan. 16:

On 01/09/2024 at approximately 16:30, a deputy was dispatched to the area of USH 51 and CTH S in the Town of Bradley for a reported hit-and-run crash. It was reported that a school bus with Lamers Bus Lines struck a Lincoln County Highway Dept. plow truck and failed to stop following the crash. The deputy was able to locate the bus with help from Lamers, and found that the driver Rosholt man, 68, was driving a school athletic team to a local event. The bus was passing the plow at the time and the busses passenger side mirror made contact with the plow wing. The bus sustained minor damage. No injuries were reported on the bus or the county worker.

On 01/10/2024 deputies and officers with the Merrill PD were dispatched to Branch 1 of the Lincoln County Courthouse in the City of Merrill for a Tomahawk woman, 25, that was upset and acting in a disorderly manner. The woman was taken into custody by the court security deputy and continued to be disorderly while waiting for other officers to arrive. Due to the woman’s behavior, she was detained at the courthouse until a female officer arrived on scene to conduct a search of her person. During that search, the officer found a small baggie with a white powdery substance hidden in her under garments. The woman was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she was booked in for disorderly conduct and possession of methamphetamine.

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Oneida County delays CUP decision again

Cassian adolescent recovery center on hold as more information sought

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – For the second time in less than a month, the Oneida County Planning and Development Committee met to discuss a conditional use permit (CUP) application for an adolescent recovery and wellness center in the Town of Cassian north of Tomahawk.

For the second time in less than a month, the meeting ended with no decision.

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC), a consortium of 12 tribal nations in Wisconsin and Michigan, is seeking the CUP to build a 36-bed residential facility on 280 acres it purchased last year. It would serve youth ages 13 to 17 who suffer from substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions, using “cultural-centric practices.”

The Cassian Town Board opposes the facility and hired an attorney to help fight the CUP. At a Dec. 28 committee meeting, dozens of people spoke for and against construction of the facility, which led to questions among the Planning and Development Committee. They postponed a decision that night to get those questions answered, which is what took the majority of the two-hour meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

A concern expressed by the town and several residents was the facility would use all the hard-to-find groundwater in the area, with some stating their wells were drilled into the bedrock.

Two project managers working for GLITC addressed the committee. Based on information gathered on adjacent properties’ wells, they said the facility would not negatively impact the groundwater, and that wells in four adjacent properties had average flow rates of 10 to 15 gallons per minute and average well depths of about 50 feet.

“Given the size of the property – 280 acres – there would be no impact if multiple wells are placed on site to meet an estimated maximum usage of 25 to 35 gallons per minute,” said Nate Brown, Assistant Project Manager for Greenfire Management Services. “This would be no different than if the initial property had been subdivided into separate residences.”

Planning and Development Committee members also wanted to know about admissions policies, schooling, funding and what services will be required of the town.

GLITC was also asked repeatedly whether it will “deed restrict” the land so it cannot become federal land, exempt from state, county and town control.

“GLITC, as it exists, as it is incorporated and as it will operate, does not meet the criteria of a native nation or individual tribal member because it is a consortium of tribal nations,” GLITC President Shannon Holsey explained to the committee. “So, in that instance it is not applicable. Therefore, there would not even be an effort



The Oneida County Board room was full last week as the Planning and Development Committee discussed the conditional use permit sought by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council to build an adolescent recovery center in the Town of Cassian north of Tomahawk. **MMC photos**

forward to apply for the land to go into trust, because it’s a moot point, because we are not eligible for it.”

Some inquiries were not answered by GLITC, and its attorney told the committee why.

“I think the concern with the questions that weren’t directly answered is that they go to what is – and I’m uncomfortable saying this – it’s an illegal bias toward my client’s status as a tribal nation or a group of tribal nations,” said attorney Rodney Carter. “Who they admit and how the bills are paid and things like that are questions we can answer today, but quite frankly, I don’t know that the county wants to be asking those questions and basing a decision on any answers we would give to those questions

if this were to proceed beyond the deliberations today and had a court reviewing these records.”

During the meeting, GLITC CEO Bryan Bainbridge said he agreed there was a “racial bias” to the questions. In his defense, committee chair Scott Holewinski told Bainbridge the questions were not an assault.

“What I am doing is asking questions,” Holewinski said. “There’s nothing racial about this with me. You put something in an application, it got brought up, I’m questioning it. Don’t be insulted that I ask you a question to verify what’s going on.”

Afterward, Bainbridge said he is frustrated with the delays.

“We’re being held to a cer-



Rodney Carter, an attorney representing GLITC, standing right, and Nate Brown, Assistant Program Manager for Greenfire Management Services, address questions from the Oneida County Planning and Development Committee on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

tain set of standards beyond anybody else,” Bainbridge said. “And it’s glaring within the questions, if it’s native or non-native or even referenc-

ing another tribe, to me that’s problematic. Of course it’s a little frustrating, and we’ve been going down this road for quite a long time, and I’ve

been trying to provide anything and everything I can to the county. I think other people may have just thrown their hands up and quit. But we have a goal, and we set it to build this project, to have it done for our youth, and having our youth in the forefront and in mind the whole time.”

The committee voted to extend the review period to up to 180 days from the day the CUP application was received by Planning and Zoning, which was in October.

Holewinski said the GLITC representatives and the Cassian Town Board should hold a meeting to discuss outstanding issues.

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John "Jack" Alfred Engberg, 81, of Arbor Vitae, Wis., passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Jack was born May 27, 1942 in Ramsay, Mich., the son of Willard and Ethel (Mooney) Engberg. Jack was married to the love of his life Bonnie Kay Peterson on Oct. 26, 1964. She preceded him in death on Oct. 30, 2014. Jack was a devoted husband and father. He made many great friends in his journey through life. His humor and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. Jack loved to play golf. One of his favorite moments was his two holes in one at Inshalla CC in Tomahawk. He was also a tremendous bowler for many years. His accomplishments include rolling perfect 300 games. Jack also served in the Army National Guard.

Jack is survived by his brother, Jim (Marge) Engberg of Hurley, and daughter, Kris Engberg; his son, Don Engberg of Arbor Vitae; his daughter, Jackie (Marc) Alexander of Three Lakes; five grandchildren, Megan Engberg, Dalton (Teresa) Alexander, MacKenzie (Gary Garand) Alexander, Khale (Crista) Alexander and Sierra (Carson Sillars) Alexander; five great-grandchildren, Logan and Lexi Alexander, Liam Alexander and Jack and Norah Alexander.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Ethel Engberg.

Honoring Jack's wishes no services will be held.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral and Cremation Services are assisting the family. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com.



Zachary Ryan Hagar, a proud and favorite uncle, dedicated son, grandson, and loving brother, 38 years old, of Oshkosh, Wis., and formerly of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024. Born on July 24, 1985, to Terry and Kristann Hagar, Zach was the eldest among seven siblings and became the best playmate and bonus "parent" to make sure his siblings were kept in line. Family time was one of the most important things to him. As he grew

older, he kept the role of whimsical elder and loved playing with the next generation of kids in the family and being goofy with them. His nieces and nephews were a light in his life.

Zach graduated from Tomahawk High School in 2003, excelling as a state-level athlete in cross-country and wrestling. His most notable success was in wrestling, where he was a three-time state qualifier, earning a runner up as well as a state title. Zach continued his love of wrestling beyond high school by walking on for the Badgers, wrestling in Germany, and volunteering as a wrestling coach for the Hatchets.

During his college years at UW-Madison, Zach fully realized how much he enjoyed learning new languages and exploring the world. Zach studied abroad in Bonn, Germany, traveled throughout Europe, studied various languages and linguistics, and graduated with a German degree. He liked how diverse languages can offer nuanced meanings of similar words, and would frequently talk in German, Finnish, or Russian. Zach also got a kick out of using sophisticated vernacular whenever the moment presented itself.

Zach had an unmatched competitive spirit amongst his friends and family and found great pleasure in playing board games or card games. His competitiveness could be witnessed through audible grunts and mini temper tantrums during even the friendliest matches of magic or soccer. He spent many hours playing cribbage with his dad, keeping track of who had the best record over hundreds of games, and even went so far as creating their own variation called "joker-ibbage." His interests also included outdoor activities in the Northwoods. Learning from his grandpa, he loved fishing on the open water and hunting with his family at the Swan Creek Hunting Club, which paired well with his love for the cold.

Known for his generous heart, Zach consistently helped those in need whether it was giving his last 20 dollars to a family in need, volunteering his time to help at a community event, or being a listening ear for someone in crisis. His charitable actions were prolific ranging from assistance at the soup kitchen to working on the Redeemer Learning Center rebuild. He was a hard worker and took pride in completion of difficult mental or physical tasks, especially his landscaping projects.

Zach had an appreciation for the unique and ornate things in life including small detailed trinket boxes, colorful and well-plated food garnishes, as well as various clothing and facial hair stylings. He knew how to rock everything from a mullet and leather jacket, to a handlebar mustache and sweater vest. He is survived by mother, Kristann Hagar; father, Terry Hagar; grandparents, Ed and Sally Nyberg; siblings, Celia (Eric), Erica (Adam), Nicholas (Amelia), Nathan Scott (Rose), and Adrianna (Alex); and beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is further survived by the various groups of friends, turned family, including his German family, his wrestling family, and his family in both Fox Cities and Tomahawk who supported each other in recovery. He was preceded in death by brother, Garrett Schultz; uncle, Eddie Nyberg; and grandparents, Jerry and Marion Hagar.

Funeral services for Zachary Hagar were held on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Generations Funeral Home. Deacon David Bablick officiated. The family received friends for visitation on Friday, Jan. 19, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., and again on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. You may view Zach's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Carol J. Halverson, age 77, of Tomahawk, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024. Carol was born in Wausau, Wis., on Aug. 18, 1946, to the late Clarence and Florence (Traska) Krueger. She was married to Walt Halverson on March 4, 1967, and shared 56 beautiful years together. Walt passed away on Sept. 11, 2023.

Carol grew up and attended school in Wausau, graduating with the Class of 1964. She later attended college in Marshfield, Wis. She went on to become a respiratory therapist working in the Marshfield Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk, and St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. Carol happily retired in 2011 after 46 years of service. She was a faithful and active member of Grace Lutheran Church where she was treasurer and served on the Altar Guild. Carol and Walt shared a talent for crafts having booths at the flea market in St. Germain, Wis., and locally at the Old Towne Mall. She spent many hours cross-stitching, crocheting, and knitting. Carol's caring and selfless personality started in her younger years as she took care of her siblings while her parents were at work and carried over into her job as a physical therapist, taking great pride in her work and forming wonderful bonds with her patients, especially children. In her later years, she took care of her husband all while battling health issues of her own. When not working, Carol enjoyed spending time at the family cottage on Long Lake in the Town of Harrison. She loved spending hot summer days around the family pool, and she traveled extensively with family to Daytona Beach, Fla., Pensacola, Fla., Bar Harbor, Maine, and throughout Canada. She enjoyed visits to area casinos and in Laughlin, Nev. Above all, Carol cherished time with family and friends and will be remembered for her compassion toward all those who knew her and the countless patients she treated.

Survivors include her sons, Shawn (Shirley) Halverson, and Jason (Shannon) Halverson; her daughter-in-law, Tracy Halverson; her brothers, Glen Krueger, and Kenneth (Candy) Krueger; her sister, Debra Krueger; and her sisters-in-law, Jan (Jim) VanNorman, and Linda Halverson. Carol is further survived by her grandchildren, Shane Halverson, Amanda Halverson, Carissa Handrick, Tucker VanRyen, Hunter VanRyen, Casey Rossiter, Eric Ravelo, and Amber Ames; and her great-grandchildren, Leah Handrick, Charlotte Rossiter, Lydia Ravelo, Emmitt Ravelo, and Corbin Cannon. She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence; her mother, Florence (Frank) Wirbinski; her husband, Walt Halverson; her son, Todd Halverson; and her brother, Rick Krueger.

Memorial services for Carol Halverson were held on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2023, at Grace Lutheran Church, at 1 p.m. Pastor Julie Sinkula officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of services at 1 p.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Carol's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Paradigm Shift For A Day

Dear Reader,
Going off the grid for a day can provide a balance between productivity and self-regeneration. It offers a chance to disconnect, focus on non-digital activities, and foster mindfulness. While challenging, it's still possible and can be a valuable reset in our increasingly digital lives.

Taking a day off the grid allows you to break the constant digital connectivity, reducing stress and promoting mental well-being. It creates space for activities like reading, outdoor pursuits, or face-to-face interactions, fostering a sense of presence and relaxation. Productivity may decrease in traditional terms, yet the mental recharge gained often leads to increased overall effectiveness in the long run.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher



Gerald E. Roberts, 97, of Tomahawk, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at Tomahawk Health Services. Gerald was born Aug. 18, 1926 in Milwaukee the son of Leroy and Anna (Gough) Roberts. He was united in marriage to Wilhelmina (Renn) Basel on Sept. 26, 1987 and she preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 2019. Gerald served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946.

Surviving are his step-children, Mary Sann, Wausau; Jane (Russ) Penkalski, Stoddard; Ella Sheldon, Rhinelander; Joyce (Jack) Verbist, Tomahawk; Theresa Majerus, Port Washington; Delores (Phil) Miller, Wausau; niece, Mary Felzkowski, Tomahawk; 15 grandchildren, and many great- and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, June Behling; brother, Richard Roberts; nephew, Tom Behling; and step-son, George Basel.

Services were held at 12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Tom Basani officiating. Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to time of service. Burial will be in held in spring.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home assisted the family. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com.

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Ask the PASTOR

Readers are invited to submit questions about God, the Bible, and religion. I shall try to answer them for you, using the Bible as the authority for my answers.

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the idea that the Christian life is an *ordinary life*. By an *ordinary life*, I do not mean that there is nothing exciting or that nothing ever happens that is out of the ordinary. What I mean is that the Christian life can be like any other life being lived; it has its ups and downs, and its joys and sorrows like everyone else. If the Christian life is at all extraordinary, it is extraordinary in this: it is a life that is directed by a love for God and a humble obedience to what God has said. The Christian life is not a *religious life*, but a *humble, obedient life* that is confident in the One who defines what is true.

In Galatians 5:6 we are told, in *Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which works by love*. Circumcision mentioned in this verse is a ritual in the Jewish faith; you were not considered a true Jewish man if you did not partake in the ritual of circumcision. Circumcision had become the very symbol of being religious. It is mentioned in this verse because some Christians were saying that believers had to follow certain religious rituals if they were to be true Christians. The Apostle Paul wrote the book of Galatians to counter such foolish thinking.

In Galatians 3:1-3, the Apostle Paul asks the believers who had begun to believe that false teaching, he asks: *If you began the Christian life by believing the message of Christ's death for you, then what makes you think that doing religious rituals will make you a better Christian?* Paul says they were foolish to think they needed to follow certain rituals to be a true Christian. In Galatians 5:3,4 he warns that they could even be removing themselves from the grace of God if they believed religious rituals would make them a true Christian.

Galatians 5:6, says that religious rituals (symbolized by *circumcision*) mean nothing before God. The only thing that matters to God is a *faith which works by love*.

Faith, according to the Bible, is all about us humbly obeying what we know God has said (James 2:14-26). We can talk about believing God, but it means nothing if it is not backed up by obedient actions in our everyday living.

Hebrews 11 describes what living by faith looks like. It illustrates faith as actions based on a knowledge of what God had said. Sometimes that faith led to accomplishing great things, and sometimes that faith led to persecution and martyrdom because they would not give up on what God said. Our faith is defined by humble obedience to what we know God to have said.

Galatians 5:6 says the only thing that matters to God is that our faith is being worked out in obedient actions because we love God. God desires a relationship with us – not religious rituals. In this sense, the Christian life is an ordinary life with one distinction; it is lived in humble obedience to what God says is right.

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EDITORIAL

We want it to be journalism

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
PASS IT FORWARD
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
MMC SENIOR EDITOR



Leonhardt

Dear readers,
As we enter 2024, we usher in a new group of interns through our "Pass it Forward" internship program.

The internship program was born out of a pilot program in 2022 that led to the hiring of two dedicated editors at the Press Times in Green Bay, which I have the pleasure to work beside now.

The spring, summer and fall 2023 programs were supported by the Packers Give Back initiative and Nicolet National Bank. The pair will continue that support through 2024.

In 2023, we worked with two dozen college-age interns who showed an interest in exploring the journalism industry. With limited college courses available to offer this opportunity, Multi Media Channels (MMC) is willing to provide this opportunity.

Working with St. Norbert College, UW-Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, we have been able to reach those students; it is a win-win-win for all of us.

We are able to help local educational institutions provide a service for their students and our backers are able to help our community stay connected through enhanced journalism.

The benefits to us are numerous: the obvious, help in covering local news and features to keep the community connected. The benefit I knew was there, but didn't see the full potential: learning from them.

Learning from them comes in two forms – technology is the most obvious and expected, but there is more. I am learning how they view the world and what they see that other generations might not be aware of, which is also reflected in their writing. That 1,000-foot view they have looks a lot different than mine.

Now you might think that I am talking age, but

I am talking experiences. Not the amount of experiences, but the types of experiences. They are learning through a different lens and an entirely different scope.

I am grateful that I have been given this opportunity to share my passion with them and learn about their passions.

The two dozen interns who have completed the program thus far are change-makers, and they are looking for the place where they will begin that work.

We want it to be journalism.

This spring, we are opening our program to two high schools to reach secondary students who would like to explore journalism. We hope to expand this program through our entire company footprint, but we can't do it alone. We are hoping that others join us in continuing to keep communities connected.

One of our 2023 interns illustrated it best stating, "I thought I was connected in my community until I started this (internship.) Now I realize what I was missing."

MMC is the publisher of the Tomahawk Leader.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions on why this site was chosen

I live in the township of Cassian approximately 1/2 mile from the proposed site of GLITC Rehab and recovery center. I as well as many of the residents have lots of questions on why this site was chosen.

My concerns are what will happen to our water quality and whether our wells will dry up from the amount of water this site will use per day. They are expecting to use Approximately 5,800 gallons per day. How much waste water will be leaked into the ground and effect the drinking water quality and what will this do to the nearby river system.

What about our roads, the roads are not set up for heavy traffic, who will pay for the upkeep? This will be a burden on the township and the taxpayers. We did not ask for this facility in our township and we should not have to pay for this. I realize that we already paid for this facility through the grants they received but we should not have to have our taxes raised

because of this.

What will happen if a fire breaks out? The area has all volunteer fireman that all work normal jobs. It will take at least half an hour for anyone of them to get there. For example, look what happened on Hwy. Y in the township of Little Rice Jan. 8. Multiple departments were called in and the structure was a total loss. What will happen to this Facility if a fire breaks out. Who will stop this from turning into a forest fire? There are a lot of pine trees in the area and lots of dry needle to keep a fire going.

Why do they need 289 acres? GLITC states they need the land to teach the kids how to hunt and fish. I would have figured that if the kids were into hunting and fishing, they would already know all this. Why would there be any weapons on hand? This could turn into a big problem. I do not trust anyone with mental or drug addiction to handle any weapon. What will happen along the river that runs along this land. This river is

used for recreational purpose. There is many kayakers and canoeist that use this. Will this river be used to smuggle drugs into the facility? With no security how will they stop this from happening? GLITC has more planned then what they are telling us.

Please take a good look at all the possibilities that could happen and deny this from going through.

Thank you,
Shawn Steines
Town of Cassian

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Of What Are You Afraid?

We are almost through the first month of 2024. If you watch news shows, you might have heard pundits speculating or predicting the major events of this year. Some are predicting who the next president of the United States will be. Others are predicting the direction of the major conflicts around the world. Who will win? How will it impact our lives. Behind many of the predictions and speculation is a certain sense of fear of the unknown.

If you are familiar with the books of the Bible, you will know that there are many instances when those who faced a fear-inducing situation were told, either by a representative of God or Jesus Himself, "Fear not."; in today's vernacular, "Do not be afraid." Moses said it to the Israelites fearful of crossing the Red Sea (Ex 14:13 NRSV). The Lord said it to Joshua as he was taking over leadership from Moses, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous... do not be afraid, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9 NRSV) An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds on the night of the Messiah's birth saying, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy of all the people." (Luke 2:10 NRSV) Jesus said it to the women at the tomb (Matt 28:10a) when he appeared to them after His resurrection. I could go on and on, but there is not enough room in this article.

It has been said that there are 365 "Fear not" Or "Do not be afraid" messages in the Bible...one for every day of the year! Whether totally true or a slight exaggeration, the truth is that our God does not want us to live in fear; in awe of God, yes, but not in fear of the future. As we live into this new year, God wants us to walk in faith, believing that He is "with us wherever we go"; that, no matter what test or trial we are facing, we can find strength and assurance in God's love and presence in our lives.

When anxiety or fear grips your mind and soul, remember that "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1) Live your life in faith, not fear.

Correction: The December 27, 2023 article was written by Dennis Mannering.

Submitted by
Wendy Mannering
Volunteer Outreach Pastor
First Congregational Church

Crossbridge reopens THS branch, makes pair of donations

New sign created by Hatchet Innovations Lab students

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Crossbridge Community Bank last week announced that it had reopened its branch at Tomahawk High School (THS) and revealed a new co-branded sign created by students in the Hatchet Innovations Lab.

A Thursday, Jan. 18 release from Crossbridge said its school location is considered a learning branch and will incorporate edu-

cational opportunities for the Crossbridge Youth Apprenticeship program, as well as educational elements for students.

“Financial literacy is a cornerstone of what community banks provide, and Crossbridge is excited to expand on this partnership with the Tomahawk School District,” Crossbridge stated.

In addition to the new sign created by the students, representatives from

Crossbridge also presented a pair of donations, totaling \$1,200.00, to the district – one for improvements to the Hatchet Innovations Lab, and another to the district’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization.

“In a longstanding relationship with the FBLA group, Crossbridge is committed to donating any proceeds collected from check purchases or use of the Crossbridge ATM located within the school to this group,” Crossbridge said.



Crossbridge Community Bank recently reopened its THS branch and made donations to the Hatchet Innovations Lab and FBLA, while students in the Hatchet Innovations Lab created a new sign for the branch. **Photo courtesy of Jesica Witte**

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“The goal is to offer both convenience and peer-to-peer financial educational services and interactions,” Crossbridge noted.

“Teaching young people the basics of opening ac-

counts and preparing for their future has always been important to us,” said Melissa Kahle, Vice President of Retail Operations, Crossbridge Community Bank. “We are committed to expanding opportunities for students in Tomahawk. It’s just what we do and will continue to do. Having the technology onsite to create our new signage is just a bonus, and we were excited to have the students involved.”

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, 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.

Lifeguard Certification Class

The School District of Tomahawk will offer a Lifeguard Certification Class at the district pool. The three sessions will be held on Friday, Feb. 9; Sunday, Feb. 11; and Monday, Feb. 12. Participants must be at least 15 years old by the Friday, Feb. 2 registration deadline and must attend all three sessions to receive lifeguard certification. Cost is \$150.00 per person. To register, email Kelly Tollefson at tollefsonk@myhatchets.org with your name, personal email, and phone number. The online portion must be completed before class starts.

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Kinship of Tomahawk was established as a result of the community roundtable held by Tomahawk Together on Feb. 14, 1997. At the end of the roundtable, a youth mentoring program and family resource center were the top two needs determined by the community. That summer, the Tomahawk Together Board of Directors selected the Kinship Program as the new mentoring program for our community.

In Aug. 1997, the Board of Directors for Kinship of Tomahawk was selected, and under the umbrella of Tomahawk Together, a mentor program began. Kinship of Tomahawk made its first match that December.

Kinship of Tomahawk became incorporated in May 1999.

In the summer of 2011, the KinsKlub Program was added.

Kinship moved into the Kinship House next to Crossbridge Community Bank in Sept. 2013.

In Oct. 2022, the Lunch Buddy Program officially started after COVID-19 disrupted an earlier start. That same month, Kinship received an AT&T Foundation Grant to offer an afterschool tutoring session for middle and high school Kinskids.

Kinship purchased a 12-passenger van in Aug. 2023. This has improved our services for our Kinskids, since we are now able to transport children from school to the Kinskids programs at the Kinship House. We are also able to take Kinskids on field trips.

Mission Statement

Kinship of Tomahawk: Providing mentoring opportunities to youth and families in our community.

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Update from Executive Director Patti Hilgendorf

As we look back on 2023, Kinship has so much to be grateful for.

The year was successful in finding mentors for 11 of our waiting Kinskids, in our fundraising efforts and in our ability to make a difference in the lives of many of our Kinskids and families.

2023 highlights

Kinship made 11 new matches in 2023 and has made three already in 2024.

Kinship received funding from the Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop to continue our successful tutoring program. Last year, we had five Kinskid seniors who earned their high school diplomas.

Starting at the end of Jan. 2023, we went back to having Kinskids in the Kinship House four nights a week – kindergarten through 5th graders attend on Monday and Wednesday, and 6th through 12th attend Tuesdays for tutoring and Thursdays for normal KinsKlub programming.

In August of 2023, Kinship was able to purchase a 12-passenger van to transport Kinskids from the school to the Kinship House. It has been a game changer for getting some of our Kinskids to be able to participate in KinsKlub. We have also been able to take our Kinskids on field trips and tours to Nokomis Park, the library, Samuel Pressure Vessel Group and Daigle Brothers. We are hoping to get other businesses on our tour schedule to show our older Kinskids all the opportunities that are right here in our own community – if they just work hard and earn their high school diploma.

Kinship had their most successful fundraisers this year, including the Harlem Wizards basketball game, Jiggin' for Jayden Fishing Tournament, Dr. Bobbi Memorial Golf Outing and our annual fall fundraising banquet. In fact, the dessert auction at our fundraising banquet earned a record breaking \$12,500.00 for our

scholarship fund. Kinship will be offering scholarships to all Kinskids to attend summer and sport camps or participate in extracurricular activities. Kinship will also be offering scholarships to our graduating Kinskid seniors who are planning on attending further education.

This past year, Kinship has really embodied our mission of providing mentoring opportunities to youth and families in our community. We find ourselves on deck 24/7 to give a hand up and help our families through lots of difficult circumstances, as well as share in many of their joys and accomplishments. Our families always know they have someone who will listen and be there to help or cheer them on.

Please continue to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/kinshiptomahawk) and check out our website (www.kinshiptomahawk.org/) often, as we are trying to keep things fresh and up-to-date. We are even

working on being present on Instagram, but that has been a little more difficult for this technology-challenged Executive Director!

There are many ways to become involved in the Kinship Program. We need mentors, lunch buddies, KinsKlub volunteers, rentals, donors and activity sponsors.

In closing, I want to thank the hundreds of businesses and individuals who have supported our match-making efforts over the past year. You can check out that expansive list on our website. Please remember to support those businesses that support all of us little non-profits in our community as we could not do what we do without their support, or yours.

For more information on supporting Kinship of Tomahawk or becoming a mentor, feel free to give me a call at 715-453-1910 or stop in at the Kinship House at 27 E. Wisconsin Ave. Have Your Best Day!

What I've learned and why I'm involved

BY THERSEA BURZYNSKI
 KINSHIP OF TOMAHAWK BOARD PRESIDENT
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 PROUD MENTOR
 RETIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Did you know that Kinship is a nonprofit rural Midwest youth mentoring program, and there are more Kinship affiliates than just in Tomahawk?

Before coming to Tomahawk, I did not know this myself. I've learned that at one point there were close to 40 affiliates across the Midwest, but just over one-half of those programs have survived.

I've gotten deeply involved because it is something I believe in, and could do with my husband, and even involve my whole family. Even though Kinship isn't known as broadly as Big Brothers Big Sisters, in communities where Kinships exist, they are invaluable and provide a conduit for communities to serve their own youth while operating with relatively low overhead.

Kinship Incorporated is a national organization that exists to serve local Kinship affiliates across the Midwest. Kinship Inc. works to provide support through networking, training, group negotiating power and operational support such as guiding bylaws, logo development, and some promotion. Each affiliate grows its own programming with the shared goal of providing safe, impactful and

sustained youth mentoring. Thanks to our own community support, Kinship of Tomahawk is able to grow its programming, serve both youth and families in need, provide basic hygiene supplies, tutoring and continue to connect our caring community adults with some precious young people who may benefit.

Through my experiences I have witnessed the impact of community-based youth mentoring. As a mentor myself, I would also like to share some of the benefits of mentoring both personally and collectively.

A quick internet search reveals the benefits of mentoring a child are 1) you gain a sense of purpose; 2) it helps expand your perspective; 3) it broadens your network of

people; and 4) it helps you build communication and leadership skills. All of these have been true in my own mentoring experience, as well as many other matches I observe through Kinship. Some matches have more ups and downs than others, but mentoring exists because needs exist.

I have been matched with my mentee for over seven years. I have three grown boys of my own, so mentoring a boy was a good choice. He is not my son, but he is special to me in a significant way, and I cherish the relationship with him and his family. He is funny and kind and our time together brings me joy. We share jokes and

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KinsKlub Update from Coordinator Kris Berg

I feel like every year we are evolving and changing things up at KinsKlub. That's a very good thing! That means we continue to grow and develop new ways to connect with our Kinskids.

Having been blessed to add a form of transportation with our purchase of a new-to-us van, we can now transport our Kinskids to the Kinship house and take them on business tours and field trips. We've become regular visitors to the Tomahawk Public Library, which is always a fun and exciting time with a chance to borrow new books.

This past year found us once again adding a new development to our programming. We have established a four-day-a-week program for our Kinskids. During the academic school year, we hold our traditional KinsKlub two days of the week with our K-5th grade Kinskids and one day for our 6th-12th graders. In addition, one day of the week is a continuation of our tutoring/study help program for our 6th-12th grade Kinskids that was started last school year.

During the summer months, we look to stay

connected with our Kinskids and explore new things a couple of times a week. You'll often find us outside, enjoying the backyard and working in our garden. This year, our garden produced a bounty of vegetables that had the Kinskids busy harvesting and enjoying nutritious treats. They made fresh salsa to take home, all from veggies grown here at Kinship. It was quite a sight to see K-12th graders busy chopping vegetables at the tables in our backyard. We also made refrigerator pickles to take home and enjoy with their families.

All through the year, we invite you to check out our website to peek into our world. Our windows give you a glimpse into the current topics of exploration at KinsKlub, as we love to display our handiwork. If you feel the pull to volunteer to spend time with our Kinskids or have an idea you want to share, please feel free to stop in to talk with us. You may never really see how much of a positive difference in the life of a child you are making, but please know that we see it.

Thank you once again for all your support!

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riddles, play games, make snacks and meals, and we love to be on Lake Nokomis when the weather is nice.

Every month, Kinship offers a wonderful activity that is free to mentors and mentees, and those monthly events have become traditions and helped me get in-

involved in parts of the Tomahawk community. As my mentee has gotten older, we pick and choose the events we attend due to his other involvements, but Kinship makes it so easy to have fun things to do together.

Recently, I've become a snowbird and thought he'd trade me in, but we still stay in touch and look forward to our days ahead.

Update from Activity Coordinator Jenny Symonds

Each month, Kinship is able to provide a free-of-charge monthly activity for all matches (mentors and Kinskids) and Kinskids waiting for a mentor.

These activities are a great time for

mentors and Kinskids to get together as a group. While some activities are for fun, we do have ones that provide a new experience for some. And every now and then, we have a learning

experience tied into an activity.

With the New Year, we have some new activities planned and look forward to enjoying them with our mentors and Kinskids!



Shannon and Corinne were matched in 1998.



Their Kinship match grew into a lifelong friendship.

Shannon and Corinne: From Kinship match to lifelong friends

BY SHANNON GRAEBER AND CORINNE SWAN

Shannon Graeber and Corinne Swan were matched on Feb. 12, 1998. Their match was dissolved on June 10, 2010 after Shannon graduated from high school, but that did not stop these two from being lifelong friends.

This story begins in 1998. I was in kindergarten at St. Mary's school when the Kinship program started, when I was growing up as an only child with a single father. Around this time, Mrs. Swan joined the Kinship program as a mentor.

Our match was a little different from most,

because I was not registered in the program at the time. When Patti asked Mrs. Swan if there was a child in mind she wanted to mentor, she asked for me. This had to be discussed with my dad, to which he agreed, and upon meeting Mrs. Swan, he expressed, "I hear you want to love my daughter."

After that, Mrs. Swan would pick me up every Wednesday after school and take me to her house. I would do homework before dinner, which was always homemade and delicious. This was usually followed by relaxing in the hot tub watching the Game Show Network. We would play

pool, bake, or work on a puzzle.

Summers were always full of gardening. We would attend all the Kinship events together and celebrate holidays with Easter egg hunts and make Christmas treats.

When I transferred to public middle school, the bus would drop me off at Mrs. Swan's every Wednesday.

Once I got my driver's license, I drove myself to her house, still every Wednesday.

The Kinship program ends when you graduate from high school, meaning no more events with the program. Some matches lose touch, but some keep going strong. 25 years after first meeting, we still find time to get together, usually going out to eat or having a home-cooked meal for my birthday.

We are both thankful to have found each other through Kinship, and would encourage anyone thinking about mentoring to jump on in.

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Kinskids Awaiting Mentors

The following Kinskids are waiting to be matched with a mentor. For information on how to become a mentor, call Kinship at 715-453-1910.



Zayden is an energetic 11-year-old. He enjoys Legos, video games, and playing outdoors. He is looking for a mentor to help him focus and work on math and reading.



Xavier is a 14-year-old happy, talkative teenager looking for a mentor. His favorite subjects are math, science and phy-ed. He also enjoys football, soccer, wrestling, fishing, shooting archery and guns. He enjoys playing chess and video games, as well. He is always open to learning something new!



Asavari is a 9-year-old girl that loves to cook and bake. She is a young, take-charge, tell it like it is young lady that loves nothing more than to be helpful to others. She enjoys reading, waterparks and is musically inclined as well – she plays the guitar! Asavari loves to learn new things and is not afraid to meet new people as she is outgoing with a can-do attitude! She will absolutely, truly revel in accompanying you to various other volunteer duties. Give us a call and talk about mentoring Asavari; she just may be your Kinskid to mentor!



Meet 5-year-old Ethan! He is as sweet as he is cute. He loves animals and playing outside, but most of all he really would like a "big person" that can take time out of their life to spend time with just him and only him. Ethan comes from a large family and is in need of one-on-one time.



Ozias is a 6-year-old boy looking for a mentor that enjoys swimming, fishing and riding bike. Ozias has great manners, but his mom is hoping for a stable, reliable, confident guy to teach him the art of being a gentleman. Ozias, on the other hand, is just hoping for a mentor to get him out of the "house of girls" he lives in, as he is the only boy with three sisters.



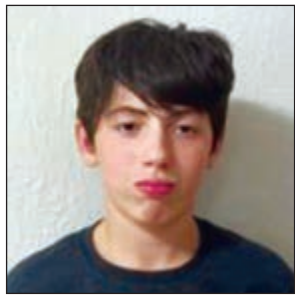
Braxley is a 6-year-old boy who can be a handful at times and is really a sweet, funny little guy. Braxley likes bike riding, dinosaurs, going to the park, being outside and is open to experiencing new things.



AR'manny is a 5-year-old girl who is a little firecracker, starting each day ready to go and get stuff done! She is a wizard with building blocks, both putting up and demolition we're told. She would love to color and draw with her mentor, but would like it if you'd let her use the pink! AR'manny has just tried gymnastics for the first time, and her mom says that she really enjoyed that as well. If you're looking for someone to do some cartwheels with, this might just be your match.



Markus is an 11-year-old boy who is intensely quiet and shy. Markus is most comfortable in the company of adults and dogs. He has zero desire to sit in front of a video game or a computer and is happiest outside playing with his Saint Bernard puppy or repairing or rebuilding engines of all kinds. Mud bogging and four-wheeling are a couple other favorite things that Markus enjoys spending time doing.



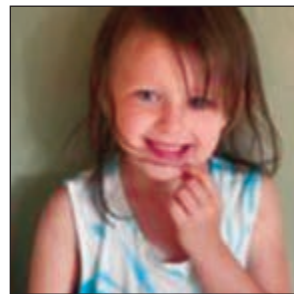
Traitynn is a 13-year-old boy who loves participating in sports like football and basketball. Traitynn likes fishing, biking, arcades, being outside, and is open to trying new activities.



Abriyellah is an 8-year-old girl who is eager to learn and is wishing for a mentor to hang out with. On the top of Abriyellah's list of things she'd like to do is roller skating. She also enjoys drawing, singing and being outdoors. Abriyellah will never turn down a game of bowling either.



Hunter is a 9-year-old boy looking for a mentor and some one-on-one time he can enjoy. He enjoys boat and ice fishing, swimming, baseball and especially rollerblading. A mentor will provide much-needed time and make a difference in this young man's life.



Quite a wide range of interests sums up this 6-year-old girl, Olivia. She enjoys getting dolled up in pretend make-up and playing dress-up. Olivia also enjoys running and jumping off her extra energy outside while she partakes in her favorite pastime – collecting bugs! The other thing about Miss Olivia, she will be doing all of this dressed in pink, her favorite color.

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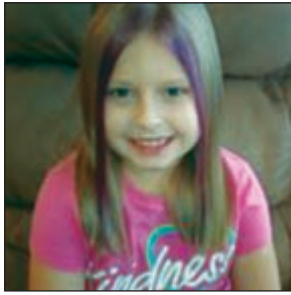
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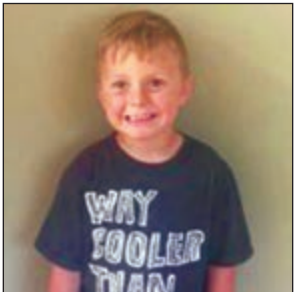
Damian is a shy but outgoing 17-year-old. He enjoys Minecraft, riding bike, electronics, and playing in the woods. He is looking for a mentor to spend one-on-one time with and do activities outside of the house.



Ciana is a very sweet 7-year-old girl that is up to trying anything and is always looking for something new to do. Ciana loves to figure skate, color, paint, play games, go swimming, dance and make jewelry.



Tristin is a 14-year-old young man who is looking for someone to guide him and teach him. When asked what he would like to do when a mentor is found for him, he answered with a simple "Anything, just spend time together." Tristin's all-time favorite meal is beef stroganoff, served over noodles, of course! His favorite color is red and he enjoys football. When asked if there was anything he might like to try out with his mentor, he said he always thought about trying archery. If you think you just may have an extra quiver sitting with your hunting supplies that you've been meaning to blow the dust off of, why not make the call and find out more about becoming Tristin's mentor?



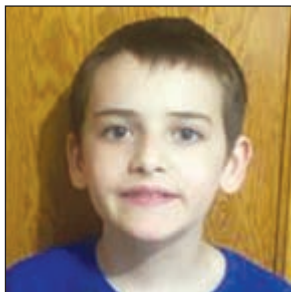
Zayn is filled to the brim with 6-year-old boy energy, that is for certain! At the end of the day, there is no stone left unturned. Zayn is very active, loves to be outdoors, going to parks, sledding, or riding his bike. When life keeps him inside, Zayn likes music, dancing, and reading.



Jeriah is a 12-year-old boy. He is looking for a mentor to spend time with outside four-wheeling or even learning about guns and gun safety. His favorite subjects are math and gym!



Kaylynn is a 16-year-old girl. Kaylynn hopes to find a mentor to help guide her through the high school years.



Jacob is a 12-year-old boy. He enjoys helping others. He also enjoys playing with other children. Jacob is an outdoor enthusiast and is looking for a mentor that enjoys fishing, four-wheeling and biking.



Sam is an 18-year-old boy in the 11th grade. Sam has an intensely strong interest in electronics and computers. He hopes to build his own PC, do web design, coding or more. Sam really wishes he could get a mentor to hang out with and talk about some of the decisions he will be making heading into his senior year and beyond.

New Matches



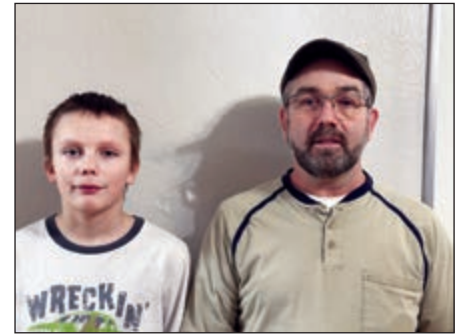
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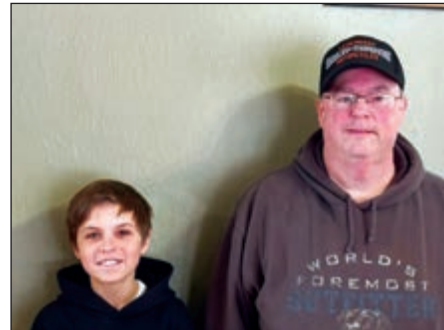
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Richard and Kay Olson, July 2023



Donation for ultrasound machine

Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital recently received donations from the Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital Foundation and Ties That Bind Us, a local cancer support group. The funds helped purchase a new ultrasound machine. "On behalf of the Tomahawk Hospital Emergency Department staff, we thank the Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital Foundation and Ties That Bind Us for their donations in assisting with the purchase of an ultrasound machine," Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital said, noting that the machine will assist providers with lifesaving diagnoses and procedures.

Photo courtesy of Ties That Bind Us

Nicolet College Foundation to accept scholarship applications in February

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER



RHINELANDER – The Nicolet College Foundation last week announced that it will accept scholarship applications through the month of February.

The Foundation is encouraging those planning to attend Nicolet College to apply.

Scholarships will be accepted online from Thursday, Feb. 1 through Thursday, Feb. 29.

Awarded scholarships will be available for use in the fall, spring and summer terms during the 2024-25 academic year.

Scholarship awards range from \$250.00 to \$5,000.00, and funding can help pay for tuition and books. Any current or future Nicolet College student who is enrolled or will be enrolled in at least three credits per term and has a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 or higher is eligible to apply.

High school seniors who plan to attend Nicolet College in the fall are also encouraged to apply for scholarships.

"Scholarships made available through the Nicolet College Foundation have supported countless students over the years," said Heather Schallock, Nicolet College Vice President of Community Engagement and Executive Director of the Nicolet College Foundation. "Our goal is to continue providing opportunities for current and future students to achieve their academic and personal dreams."

Nicolet College liberal arts student Sarah Ryan expressed her gratitude upon receiving a scholarship from the Foundation and reflected on the value of that support.

"This scholarship is a pivotal support in realizing my dream career," Ryan stated. "It's not just

about the financial assistance; it signifies the validation of my aspirations and the belief that my dreams are within reach."

Lena Symonds, Nicolet College nursing student and 2023-24 Foundation Student Ambassador, echoed the impact of the support from the college and the Foundation.

"Nicolet has been vital to my path to become a nurse," Symonds said. "My gratitude extends beyond just the financial aspect, but also for the community support of nursing students."

Visit www.nicoletcollege.edu/foundation to apply for a scholarship online.

For more information about applying for scholarships or donating to the Nicolet College Foundation to support student scholarships, contact Advancement Specialist Leslie Lukas at llukas@nicoletcollege.edu or 715-365-4557.

Nicolet College's Academic Success program also offers writing labs for those needing assistance with their scholarship applications. Call 715-365-4455 or email academicsuccess@nicoletcollege.edu to schedule an appointment.

Current Matches

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- Eddy and Wendy Smith and Ethan – matched 11/07/11
- Kayci and Tyler Stevenson and Mia – matched 01/02/14
- Phil Dahl and Anthony – matched 07/22/14
- Elizabeth Lynch and Alexis – matched 10/19/15
- Dave Tormohlen and Damyen – matched 12/14/15
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- Paula Norman and Kyra – matched 02/23/22
- Tara Messer and David – matched 05/18/22
- Coral Rickel and Ariella – matched 05/23/22
- Cindy and Jack Bremer and Connor – matched 05/31/22
- Tamie Hall and Shyann – matched 06/13/22
- Kris Berg and Aliannah – matched 06/29/22
- Brian and Michelle Arnott and Cylus – matched 07/12/22
- Julie Jensen and Emily – matched 09/15/22

Wish List

- Donations of the following items may be dropped off at the Kinship House, 27 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Tuesdays through Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. To arrange another drop-off time, call Kinship at 715-453-1910.
- Bright colored copy paper
- White copy paper
- Colored card stock
- Gift cards for Trig's (to get snacks/fresh fruits/veggies for KinsKlub)
- Kitchen garbage bags (13-gallon size)
- Disinfectant wipes

- Hand soap refill
- Liquid dishwasher detergent
- Hygiene products (full-size body wash, shampoo and conditioner, kids 3-in-1 body wash, deodorant, feminine products)
- Post-It Notes
- Scotch tape for desk dispenser
- Office Max gift cards (for copy toner)
- Postage stamps
- Air purifier
- Financial donations to help cover rent, utilities, insurance, monthly match activities, etc.

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LEGALS

Legals 7700
 STATE OF WISCONSIN
 CIRCUIT COURT
 LINCOLN COUNTY
**HALES CORNERS
 SHOPPING CENTER, INC.**
 W136S6868 Hale Park,
 Muskego, WI 53150

Legals 7700
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
**JOHN L. BARRETT; and
 Unknown
 THE ESTATES, TAKERS, OR HEIRS
 OF JOHN L. BARRETT**
 Unknown

Legals 7700
 Defendants.
 Case No.: ---
 Case Code: 30405
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each person named above as a Defendant: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 45 days of the date of publication of this Summons, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Lincoln County Clerk of Courts, 1110 E. Main St., Suite 205, Merrill, WI 54452, and to Plaintiff's attorneys, Alexander H. Ferrone and Jeremy M. Kiang, whose address is 1227 Corporate Center Dr., Suite 200, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 45 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and also may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Oconomowoc this 18th day of January, 2024.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
 CIRCUIT COURT,
 LINCOLN COUNTY**
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 BRUCE A. CLIFFORD
 DOD: 07/24/2023
**Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims
 (Formal Administration)**
 Case No. 24PR1

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
 1. The decedent, with date of birth 12/15/1953 and date of death 07/24/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N8131 E. Silver Lake Road, Irma, WI 54442.

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 2. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
 1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 05/03/2024.
 2. A claim must be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Room- Office of Register in Probate.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: January 10, 2024
 Electronically signed by,
 Galen Bayne-Allison
 Circuit Court Judge
 Form completed by:
 Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
 221 S. First St, PO Box 639
 Eagle River, WI 54521
 Telephone: 715-479-6444
 Bar Number: 1018485
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CLASSIFIEDS

Announcements 7005

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Estate Sales 7208

Estate Sale Jan. 24th-26th 9:00-6:00 Wed & Thur. and 9:00-4:00 Fri. All must go. Clothes, furniture, kitchen ware, books & small appliances. Located on West side of Merrill at 1604 Cotter Ave. Watch for signs. Call 715-536-2791 or 612-1728.

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GUN SHOW JAN 26, 27 & 28th. WAUSAU/ROTHSCHILD, Central WI Conf & Expo Ctr 10101 Market St. Rothschild 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

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Miscellaneous Real Estate 7487

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ACCEPTING BIDS

The Town of Nokomis is accepting bids for a 2006 Kubota Commercial Front Mower. 4-Wheel Drive with heated cab. Sale includes 5' front mount snowblower and 6' front mount mower deck. Machine has 2,380 hours.

Sealed bids should be returned to Town of Nokomis, Attn: Wendy Smith Kubota Bid, 2541 Lake Nokomis Rd, Tomahawk, WI 54487. Deadline for bid acceptance is Thursday February 8th, at 6:00 pm.

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NOTICE

Approximately 53.0 acres on Bridge Lake, located in Lincoln/Oneida County WI, will be treated with the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR EC. The treatment is scheduled for May/June 2024, or when the WI DNR deems it appropriate. Water use restrictions will be posted. Riparian property owners will receive a copy of the permit application. The applicant will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. The person or entity requesting the meeting shall state a specific agenda of topics including problems and alternatives to be discussed. The request for the public informational meeting must be sent to: Lake Nokomis Lake District, ATTN David Nycz, 1975 Sunset Dr, Tomahawk, WI 54487 and a copy to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Northern Region Headquarters 107 Sutliff Ave. Rhineland, WI 54501-3349 within five days after the public notice is published.

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Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Habitat Structures Project (Spring Creek 2024 Stage One)

Taylor Curran, 223 East Steinfest RD, Antigo, WI, 54409, has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to construct/install habitat structures within approximately 3,000 linear feet of Spring Creek (WBIC 1483400) for the purposes of narrowing and increasing the depth of the stream channel, increasing the amount of complex wood and rock habitat in the stream, and suppressing tag alder growth while encouraging recruitment of mature timber (habitat) into the stream within the riparian area in Lincoln County. The project is located in the NE 1/4, SE 1/4, and the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 16, Township 32N, Range 07E, and the NW 1/4, SW 1/4, and the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 15, Township 32N, Range 07E, Town of Merrill, Lincoln County, WI.

This project is named "Spring Creek 2024 Stage One" and involves a proposal to construct/install habitat structures within approximately 3,000 linear feet of Spring Creek (WBIC 1483400) for the purposes of narrowing and increasing the depth of the stream channel, increasing the amount of complex wood and rock habitat in the stream, and suppressing tag alder growth while encouraging recruitment of mature timber (habitat) into the stream within the riparian area. The applicant proposes to construct four new islands totaling 769 ft² and 32 new point bars totaling 6,152 ft². The applicant also proposes to excavate approximately 9,788 ft³ of material from the stream to be used for the construction of the proposed islands and point bars and proposes to place 499 ft³ of logs and 614 ft³ of rocks. Staging of materials and brushing of the corridor will take place on frozen ground in the winter of 2024. The applicant indicated any exposed soil will be seeded with a clover, rye, and oats cover crop and be mulched with straw to prevent erosion.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 30.12(3m), Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue a permit with conditions for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for Curran or WP-IP-NO-2023-35-X12-04T11-30-49.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing roberta.hoffman@wisconsin.gov, over the phone at (715) 499-0716, or writing to Robert Hoffman, 107 Sutliff Ave., Rhineland, WI 54501 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

Docket Number IP-NO-2023-35-04120

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary

BY:

Robert Hoffman
 Water Management Specialist Date: 01/18/2024

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NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

DHS encouraging testing of homes, childcare centers, other properties for odorless, radioactive gas

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - As part of National Radon Action Month, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is encouraging home and building owners, along with childcare providers, to test their properties for radon.

In a release, DHS said radon, an odorless, radioactive gas naturally present in the ground, is found across Wisconsin and enters buildings through their foundations.

Approximately one in ten Wisconsin homes has elevated radon levels, according to DHS.

"The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s action level for safety is 4 picocuries per liter



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(4 pCi/L)," DHS stated. "Last March, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) enacted rule changes which require licensed family and group child care providers to test for radon and install a mitigation system if radon levels exceed the EPA action level."

"Reducing radon exposure is a top environmental health concern," said Paula Tran, State Health Officer. "DHS applauds DCF for taking this important step toward protecting all Wisconsinites from exposure to radon

by putting children, and their caretakers, first."

DHS said radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, and it is estimated to cause over 21,000 deaths each year in the United States. Approximately 962 of these deaths are in Wisconsin.

High radon levels are especially dangerous for people who smoke, according to DHS. Their risk of lung cancer is ten times higher than non-smokers.

"Fortunately, this cause of lung cancer is largely preventable, and the first step is to test your house,

apartment or business location for radon," DHS stated.

DHS noted that the cost of mitigation can be a barrier for some families and businesses. State residents can visit www.lowradon.org to find Radon Information Centers (RIC) in Wisconsin or speak with local public health department radon experts by calling 888-LOW-RADON to discuss available options.

Reduced-cost test kits are available through RICs, and test kit promotions are happening throughout January.

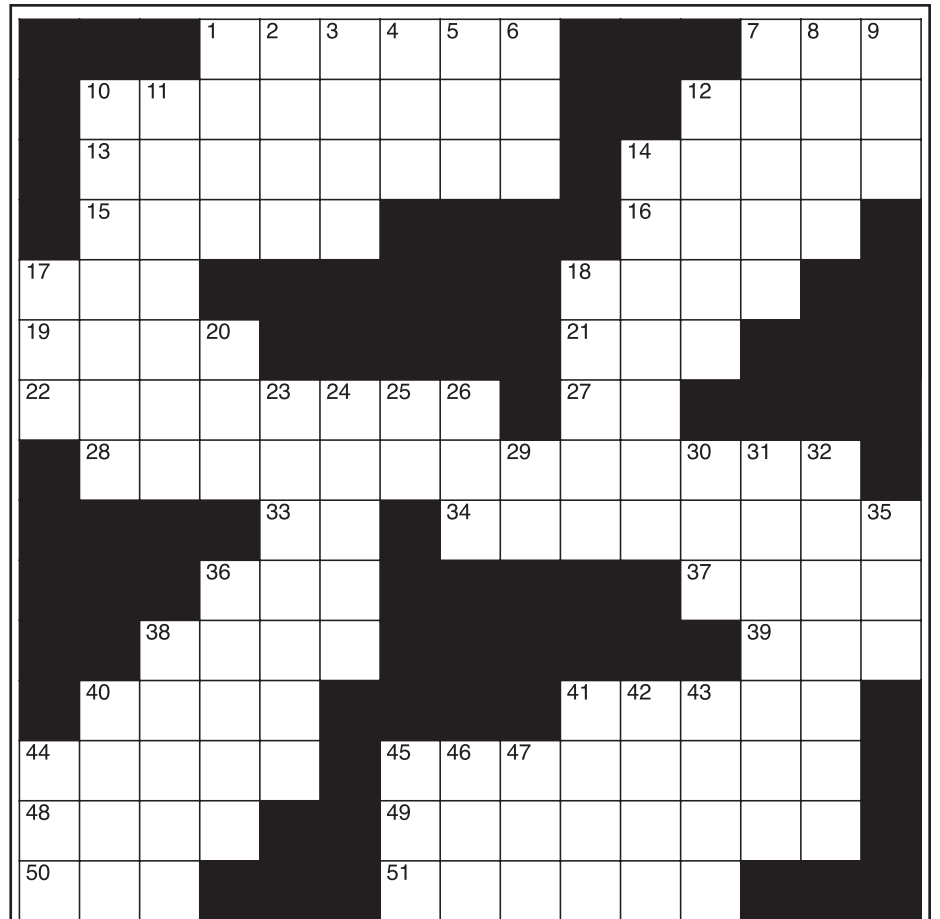
"Any house or building can be at risk for high radon levels, including apartments and commer-

cial buildings," DHS said. "Landlords have a responsibility to provide safe living and working conditions to their tenants and should work with a certified radon testing and mitigation contractor to get started on addressing the issue for their tenants."

DHS maintains a list of certified radon professionals that can provide radon measurement and mitigation and encourages homeowners and property owners to prioritize using a certified contractor. View the list at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon/radon-proficiency.htm.

More information about radon can be found at www.lowradon.org.

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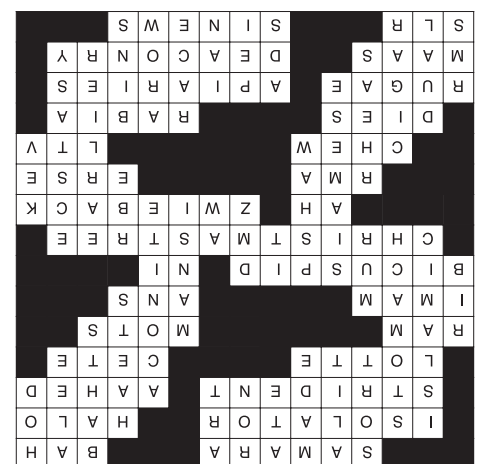
- 1. Winged nut
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10. One who sets apart
12. Circle above a saint's head
13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
14. Expressed pleasure
15. Feminine given name
16. Company of badgers
17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
18. Witty sayings
19. Leader
21. Autonomic nervous system
22. Premolar
27. Atomic #28
28. Holiday decorative item
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Rusk or cracker
36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
38. Eat
39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
40. Ceases to exist
41. Male Arabic name
44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
45. Places where bees are kept
48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin

- 49. Church office
50. Single lens reflex
51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Classify
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3. Produced
4. Consumed
5. Director Howard
6. The products of human creativity
7. Thai monetary units
8. Away from wind
9. Builder's trough
10. Relating to Islam
11. It can sometimes ache
12. Small quantities (Scot.)
14. Poisonous plant
17. Laugh at
18. Vogul

- 20. C. European river
23. Type of cat
24. Exclamation of disgust
25. Stephen King novel
26. Without armies
29. Expression of sympathy
30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
31. Previously
32. Illegal drug
35. Kiloelectronvolt
36. Large, flightless birds
38. For smoking
40. Binary
41. Competition
42. Mark resembling an arrow
43. Containers
44. Root mean square (abbr.)
45. Commercials
46. I.M., architect
47. 007's creator



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Leader Sports & Nature

Gainers of the Month



The Hatchet Weightlifting Club recently announced that Siannah Calkins (left) and Michael Samundsen (right) have been named its December Gainers of the Month. Coach Andy Peissig said Calkins and Samundsen were honored for their hard work and dedication in the weight room. **Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig**

Fishing Report: Warming temps to help anglers

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – We're going to get a break from the cold blast that gave us good ice conditions. We've got some mid-30s coming again, and it looks like whatever tiny bit of snow is in the forecast will be overshadowed by some rain, too.

We're seeing anywhere between nine to 11 inches of ice on most lakes, although we are still getting reports of very thin ice in surprising places.

Some food fishing reports are coming in. Walleye have been decent for the last several weeks, although we seem to be seeing the beginning of that typical January slow-down. The Chain has produced good fishing in the evenings in the ten to 15 feet range right off the weeds. Shiners and sucker minnows seem to be working equally well. The bigger, deeper lakes have had much better action after dark than we've seen on the smaller lakes. Suckers or shiners have been even in production, with the tip-ups set near structure and intercepting the fish as they move up after dark to feed.

Northern action has been pretty good in the afternoons on most

lakes. They are feeding, as usual, in the weeds. Look for the deepest weeds you can find. Large shiners are by far the best for these fish, with the tip-ups being set right on top of the weeds. All lake sizes are producing fish at this point.

Panfish action has been very good, with good crappie action in the holes. Anglers are jigging in the holes with smaller vertical jigs tipped with waxies. We have also had some reports of decent tip down action, with the people using crappie minnows or rosie reds. Bluegills are now hitting in the weeds well on spikes. We've had good reports from many of those mid-sized lakes with some nice weed beds.

Perch action has been good, also in the weeds on many lakes. We've heard of people getting them both off the bottom and in about 15 feet on weed edges, so you may need to look around a little for these guys.

Stay safe out there! It's beautiful out on the lakes and in the woods these days – still more quiet than usual with the lack of vehicles out there.

Good luck and good fishin'!

Middle school wrestlers kick off season with Merrill scramble

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MERRILL – The Tomahawk Middle School wrestling team began their season with a scramble in Mer-

rill on Monday, Jan. 15.

Other teams taking part were Merrill, Crandon, Elcho, Mosinee, Stratford and Athens. No team scores were kept.

Hudson Evans, Colton McMeekin, RJ Guzman, Aiden Cruz, Tyler Waller and Brayden Nowak each came away with at least one victory on the night.

This week's action

The middle school grapplers were slated to travel to Marathon for a scramble on Monday, Jan. 22.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 166

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 165 question: Where did THS grad Bill Cook run cross country after high school: UW-

River Falls, UW-Superior or UW-Stevens Point?

Week 165 answer: Bill Cook ran cross country at UW-River Falls.

Congrats to Patricia Feind for being the first to answer last week's question!

Week 166 question: What special statistic

was achieved by THS in its playoff game against Hurley in the 1975-76 basketball season: The most fouls in school history, the most offensive points scored in school history, or the fewest points scored in a victory in 38 years?

Tomahawk School District 2024



The Tomahawk School District will offer free Child Find screening for children three through five years of age whose parent or guardian has questions or concerns about developmental milestones. The screening will consider the areas of cognition, social/emotional, communication and adaptive skills.

The screenings will be at the Tomahawk Elementary School in the Early Childhood Room.

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Ice Age Trail Alliance to host Underdown snowshoe hike

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will host a guided snowshoe hike in the Underdown area of the Lincoln County Forest next month.

The hike will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Underdown Recreation parking lot on Copper Lake Rd.

“Come and enjoy the wonderful landscape created by the Great Wisconsin Glacier about 10,000 years ago,” a release from the Northwoods Chapter said. “A UW geology and geophysics professor described the Underdown as a ‘world-class hummocky feature’ of glacial topography. In

simpler terms, the area has swamps, lakes, bogs and hills abundantly.”

The release said the trail is well-marked and packed, and participants can choose between hikes of one to four hours, depending on ability, experience and endurance. The trail is considered “moderately difficult.”

Hikers are asked to bring snowshoes, a beverage and weather-appropriate clothing.

Hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies and a blazing fire will await participants after the hike.

There is no charge for the event. Donations to the Northwoods Chapter will be accepted.

Directions from Tomahawk: Take U.S. Hwy. 51

south to County Rd. J at Irma; left on J to H; right on H to Copper Lake Rd.; left on Copper Lake Rd. to Underdown parking lot.

Directions from Merrill: Take U.S. Hwy. 51 to County Rd. K north of Merrill; K right to H; H right to Copper Lake Rd.; right on Copper Lake Rd. to Underdown parking lot.

Directions from Rhineland: Take State Rd. 17 south to County Rd. J at Bloomville; right on J to Copper Lake Rd. Turn left on Copper Lake Rd to Underdown parking lot.

Follow the Ice Age Trail signs.

For more information, contact Ruby Jaecks at 715-551-1118 or brjaecks@outlook.com.



1946 Calendar

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). This 1946 Green Bay Packers calendar features the “six-time world champions,” including the 1945 scores and 1946 schedule. The calendar was sponsored by Leicht Transfer & Storage Co., which was located at 123 S. Broadway, Green Bay. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

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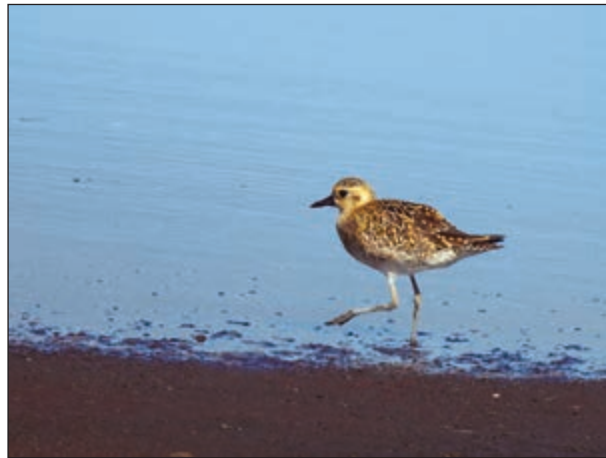
Bright blue waves crashed on a white sand beach that drew me in like a magnet. I left my parents napping in the truck. They were worn out after a week of adventures in Hawaii. Standing on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, I was surprised by how much the lush green hills of Maui's north shore reminded me of summer in the Sawtooth Mountains along the North Shore of Lake Superior.

The silhouette of a soaring bird caught my eye. At home they would have been an eagle. Here, the forked tail identified the bird as an 'Iwa, or Great Frigatebird. Wings are one of the main ways that life gets to Hawaii, and boy do frigatebirds have wings! Their seven-foot wingspan is the largest of any seabird commonly found in Hawaii. Weighing only 3 pounds, they have the lowest wing loading of any bird on Earth! That's in stark contrast to our Common Loons, who have the highest mass-to-wing-area ratio of any bird who can still fly.

While our loons make impressive migrations to the ocean each winter, frigatebirds make regular trips across thousands of miles of open sea, returning to Hawaii or other islands to breed. This makes them indigenous to Hawaii: they are native here, but not only here. Of all the wings bringing life to Hawaii, these seemed the most effortless and natural. Flying long distances across



Ae'o, or Hawaiian Stilts, don't migrate. They arrived on Hawaii once, and have now become their own subspecies. They have the second-longest leg-to-body ratio of any bird!



Kolea, or Pacific Golden Plovers, migrate 8,000 miles across open ocean to Alaska to breed, and then back to Hawaii for the winter.

open water is what they are built for. Even the airplanes coming and going constantly require more energy in flight. Other winged arrivals probably required a bit more luck.

At a different beach, in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, we spotted another amazing, flighted arrival. Kolea, or Pacific Golden Plovers, live up to their names, even during the non-breeding season. As we walked the boardwalk at sunset, the light illuminated the golden shades in the mottled feathers of these small shorebirds. Like us, they come to Hawaii to escape cold weather elsewhere. In the lovely warmth, they feast on insects to fatten up. Starting in late April, they begin an incredible 8,000 mile migration back to their breeding grounds in Western Alaska. While most return to winter in Hawaii, some head to New Zealand, Australia, Southeast Asia, and the Horn of Africa.

Throughout our journey, I photographed several



'Iwa, or Great Frigatebirds, have seven-foot wingspans for soaring and forked tails for maneuverability. They had no trouble flying to Hawaii. Photos by Emily Stone

more species of little shorebirds who also breed in the Arctic. 'Akekeke, or Ruddy Turnstones; Hunakai, or sanderlings; and 'Ulili, or Wandering Tattlers. All of these continue to make impressive flights every year, and so they are generally considered to be part of global populations who share genetics.

A few other waterbirds arrived on Hawaii, probably accidentally blown in on a storm, and stayed. Ae'o, or Hawaiian Stilts,

have been isolated on the islands long enough to have become their own subspecies, distinct from the ones who live in North America. This subspecies is endemic to Hawaii, which means they are native here, and only here. We sought them out near the headquarters of the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge. The whole place smelled of rotting fish, and tilapia carcasses dotted the drought-dried edges of the ponds.

Ae'o may be the most el-

egant birds I've ever seen. Standing 16 inches tall, with natty, tuxedo-like, black-and-white plumage, they wade through muck on long, graceful pink legs. The contrast between their snazzy plumage and the mudflats where they use their slender black bills to forage for worms, fish, and crabs is comical. The fishponds and flooded fields where Native Hawaiians grew their traditional food called taro used to be great habitat, but changes in the economy have destroyed that for everyone.

Also in this wetland, we spotted 'alae ke'oke'o or Hawaiian coots, and Hawaii's native duck, the Koloa Maoli, which looks a lot like a Mallard. The ancestors of both of these waterfowl arrived so long ago that they are now considered new species, endemic to Hawaii. To my eyes, they still look like home.

Arriving to Hawaii on relatively large wings feels impressive, but not impossible. Enter, dragonflies! Throughout Kealia Ponds,

we spotted their much smaller wings everywhere! Not all dragonflies and damselflies in Hawaii are native. Some arrived with humans. But the ancestors of the endemic ones are older than the islands themselves. The insects got their start on early islands who have since eroded away into mere pinnacles of rock. With all that time, they've evolved into 26 species and subspecies found only in Hawaii. A cousin to our Green Darner dragonfly has a record wingspan of 6 inches!

The big wings of an 'Iwa, the migratory wings of Kōlea, the small wings of Ae'o, and even the metal wings of an airplane, are all impressive ways to arrive in Hawaii. But my favorite story of winged arrivals begins with a flock of rosy finches from Asia who get blown way off course and land in a tropical paradise. In a version of Darwin's finches on the Galapagos Islands, they evolved into a rainbow of species. I can't wait to tell you more!

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

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DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Jan. 14	3	-9
Monday, Jan. 15	6	-11
Tuesday, Jan. 16	4	-2
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DNR, UW-Extension: Help protect Wisconsin waters from AIS this winter

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Wisconsin's lakes and rivers while fishing this winter.

In a release, DNR said invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm.

"AIS can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the quality of boating and fishing in Wisconsin waters," DNR stated.

Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil are aquatic invasive species that remain hardy under the ice in the winter, giving them an advantage over native aquatic plants.

The plant-like algae starry stonewort dies back for winter, but its tiny, star-shaped bulbils can be present on plants yanked up through the ice or in the mud that can come up if the bottom is disturbed by augers.

Disease and the larvae of invasive



Even during the winter, invasive species pose a risk to Wisconsin's water bodies. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

snails and mussels can also be present in the water and mud in winter.

"Because of the possible spread of diseases like viral hemorrhagic septicemia that can threaten fish populations, buying minnows from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer is important," DNR stated. "Up to two gallons of water may be kept for minnows provided they will be used on the same waterbody or if no lake or river water from the fishing site(s) has been added. Dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration."

Before stepping onto the ice or into a stream this winter, DNR and Extension say anglers should:

- Inspect fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud.
- Remove all attached plants or animals.
- Drain all water from buckets, containers and gear.
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody (fish out of water = dead).
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

In addition, the DNR encourages anglers to leave fishing gear where it can freeze for eight hours or more, as this will kill most species. Other methods to kill aquatic invasive species hiding in fishing gear are to steam clean the gear or to soak it in either 140° water or a bleach solution (2.44 tablespoons per gallon) for 10 minutes.

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts on Wisconsin's waters and economy, visit the DNR's invasive species webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives.

FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Jan 24	6:36AM	10:12AM	2:52PM	10:37PM
Jan 25	7:11AM	11:02AM	4:00PM	---
Jan 26	7:38AM	11:26PM	5:08PM	11:49AM
Jan 27	8:00AM	12:11AM	6:14PM	12:33PM
Jan 28	8:19AM	12:53AM	7:19PM	1:14PM
Jan 29	8:35AM	1:33AM	8:23PM	1:53PM
Jan 30	8:50AM	2:12AM	9:26PM	2:32PM
Jan 31	9:05AM	2:51AM	10:30PM	3:11PM

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