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## THS students take part in second annual Darlene Wurl History of Tomahawk Essay Writing Contest

BY COOPER KELLEY  
TOMAHAWK HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER

TOMAHAWK – On Thursday, Dec. 21, the winners of the second annual Darlene Wurl History of Tomahawk Essay Writing Contest were announced in the Tomahawk High School (THS) auditorium. Darlene Wurl was an educator at Tomahawk and dedicated her life to children and their writing and language skills. In conjunction with the Tomahawk Area Historical Society, Bill Sparr, Pat Pietilla, Caroline and Lloyd Bishop and the THS Social Studies Department, this has become an annual tradition to remember Darlene Wurl and the history of our community.



Pictured, from left: Pete Wurl, Patricia Pietila, Edwin Riese, Freya Alberg, Jennie Fredrickson and Bill Sparr.  
Photo courtesy of Cooper Kelley

Over the course of the first semester of the school year, students took part in a process of writing about different historical events, people or themes in Tomahawk. During this time, students were able to visit the Historical Society on Oct. 26, 2023. From this, students were able to tour the facility and formu-

late ideas for their paper.

Students also had the opportunity to access the Tomahawk Public Library, books about Tomahawk and the Learning and Media Center

at the high school.

After receiving submissions from nearly all of the class of 2026, a grading panel picked three winners that will receive a monetary prize

from the Bishop family.

The following students are the winners of this year's essay writing competition: First place, Jennie Frederickson, \$100.00; second place, Freya Alberg, \$75.00; third place, Edwin Riese, \$50.00.

The students' essays begin below.

### William H. Bradley by Jennie Frederickson

Established in 1891, Tomahawk Wisconsin is a wonderful small town with a rich history. William H. Bradley was an essential figure in the history of Tomahawk. He was the founder as well as a businessman who made large contributions to the

area. Bradley created a prosperous and lively city based on logging, the railroad system, and tourism. William H. Bradley made many accomplishments as the founder of Tomahawk. These accomplishments included organizing the Tomahawk Land and Boom Company, being head of the Bradley Brothers Lumber Company, creating the first Tomahawk Mill, building a dam in Tomahawk, and founding schools and churches. Tomahawk surely would not be what it is today without William H. Bradley.

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## LCHD achieves Level III certification from DHS

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) recently received a prestigious designation of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).

During the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Dec. 19, Angela Nimsgern of DHS explained that under state law, county health departments must be reviewed by DHS at least every five years.

Nimsgern said that through the review process, DHS looks for compliance with statutes and rules while also seeking out examples of quality improvements that can be shared to bolster health department operations throughout the state.

Evaluations involve a DHS team meeting with local health departments to discuss the departments' work and review documentation.

Since LCHD is a nationally-accredited health department, DHS was able to review the documents submitted to achieve that designation rather than request LCHD re-submit paperwork to the state, which saved time in the review process, Nimsgern

noted.

Wisconsin has three levels of health departments – Levels I, II and III, Nimsgern explained. DHS compared LCHD's national accreditation score with DHS' Level III standards.

Nimsgern said Level III health departments are "full service" departments, and according to DHS' website, such departments "serve as community health strategists."

"This role requires leading data collection to guide local public health plans and decisions; providing public health expertise, data and research to the community; and a focus on impacting population health," DHS stated.

Nimsgern said she was "happy to share" that LCHD met the requirements of a Level III health department.

"While we are responsible for conducting the review of the health department, our goal was also to be sure that you all know that you have a strong public health department here," Nimsgern stated, adding that the certification is a testament to the board's leadership and the work of LCHD staff.

Nimsgern presented LCHD Director and Health Officer Shelley Hersil with a certificate recognizing the certification.

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**ESSAYS**  
FROM PAGE 1

William H. Bradley was born on February 25, 1838, in Bangor, Maine. Bangor was the typical logging town where Bradley gained his knowledge of forestry and lumber. Bradley took his knowledge of logging to the Midwest and began investing in Wisconsin timber. From 1862-1865 Bradley operated a sawmill in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. From 1865 to 1877 he operated a mill in Muskegon, Michigan (Wisconsin Historical Society). Shortly after, Bradley was drawn to Tomahawk due to the timber resources. He became head of the Bradley Brothers Lumber company, which was based in Tomahawk (Wisconsin Historical Society).

After moving to Tomahawk, Bradley began making many contributions to the area. The most notable contribution was the founding of Tomahawk in 1891. Bradley was very proud of his new city. The population instantly skyrocketed, a factor that led to this was the expansion of

the railroad which brought more goods, supplies, people, and jobs. Bradley had many connections to the railroad and was a primary stockholder of it (Wisconsin Historical Society). The Tomahawk area was loved by many because of its lakes and rivers, timber, and agricultural opportunities.

William H. Bradley established many of the first corporations in Tomahawk including the Tomahawk Land and Boom Company, the mill, and the Bradley Bank (Go To Tomahawk). These companies boosted the economy of the young city, provided jobs, and established the high-scale production of lumber in Tomahawk during that time. Furthermore, Bradley assisted in establishing the first school which was later converted to the Tomahawk Historical Society. He also played a role in building churches, and the first general store (Hammond).

After a long life of advancing the Tomahawk community, William H. Bradley passed away in 1902 at the age of 64



Jennie Frederickson took first place in the second annual Darlene Wurl History of Tomahawk Essay Writing Contest.

Photo courtesy of Cooper Kelley

(Go To Tomahawk). He will continually be remembered as a vital individual in the founding and upbringing of Tomahawk, Wisconsin. He founded companies and contributed to causes that shaped the future of Tomahawk, some of which are still around today. Bradley made a long-lasting impact on the community and Tomahawk would not be the same without him.

**The History of Tomahawk Wisconsin by Freya Alberg**

The city of Tomahawk, located in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, was officially founded in 1891. Nevertheless, the city started to take off much earlier than that in 1886. To the casual eye, Tomahawk may seem like a typical, boring city. However,

when digging deeper into the history of Tomahawk, one can find various interesting aspects of the early days in the small city. Some of these aspects include bootlegging and moonshine operations, the Mitchell Hotel fire, and the Washington School fire.

Tomahawk was home to bootlegging and moonshine operations. Bootlegging is a term used to describe the smuggling of alcohol, while moonshine is a type of alcohol that was made illegally. These things were popular in the 1930s and 1940s, during the Great Depression. Making, selling, and smuggling liquor was a way that some people were able to get by during this time. There was also a gangster presence in the Northwoods including ties to the American crime boss, Al Capone (Oatman).

In 1929, a fire broke out known as the Mitchell Hotel fire. The fire damaged 18 buildings in downtown Tomahawk in a short period of 4 hours. The Tomahawk firemen's efforts were proved to be inadequate due to a need for better fire-fighting tools. Firemen from surrounding communities including Merrill and Phillips even contributed to combat the flames. The fire ultimately went out at around 5:00 p.m. It left 10 families, occupying the apartments above, homeless as well as many more buildings in need of rebuilding. The fire was estimated to have caused \$243,500 in damage (Mitchell Hotel).

The Washington school, located at Washington Square, caught fire on August 12, 1978. The cause of the fire was named accidental and believed to have started in the attic of the school. Firefighters from surrounding towns came to help, allowing

control over the fire after 90 minutes of efforts. The fire resulted in no serious casualties. Nonetheless, damage to the school was significant, roughly calculated to be \$1.5 million. The Washington School fire was a very significant part of Tomahawk's history, being the town's most expensive fire (Maki).

The history of Tomahawk, a small town in Northern Wisconsin, provides interesting aspects to the otherwise seemingly boring town. Bootlegging operations, the Mitchell Hotel fire, and the Washington School fire are just a few of the many factors that contribute to the intriguing history of Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

**William Bradley and the Founding of Tomahawk by Edwin Riese**

Back in the days of its founding, Tomahawk was a big logging town. William Bradley, its founder, was a logger and business owner who created the Tomahawk Land and Boom Company. Bradley came from a long line of loggers, so it was only right that Tomahawk was a town filled with sawmills and surrounded by trees. William Bradley was the start of Tomahawk and helped progress it since he was so involved.

On February 25, 1838, William Bradley was born in Bangor, Maine. Bangor was like a usual logging town, and Bradley wanted to continue the family business. During his youth, he wished to travel west to create a logging business, so he traveled to the Midwest to work. While traveling on the Wisconsin River, he announced that he would make a town on a stretch of water that he liked and would name it Tomahawk (American Lumberman). Since

Bradley was living in Chicago, the easiest way to reach Tomahawk would be by train on the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad. The train to the Northwoods was extended to Minocqua in 1886, which allowed vast opportunities to progress Tomahawk (Tomahawk History).

In 1886, Bradley created his company, Tomahawk Land and Boom. Creating a treaty with the Chippewa Indians and buying land grants from a Canadian trapper allowed the town to flourish. Bradley created city Plans, land plots were sold, a dam was built, and in 1888, they constructed a sawmill next to the dam. In 1891, Tomahawk was incorporated as a town. More sawmills were created, along with buildings like Bradley Bank, stores, a shoe factory, a bank, and a park named Hog's Back (now Bradley Park). Tomahawk produced large amounts of lumber during this time, with estimates showing numbers between 60-75 million feet being produced (Tomahawk History).

Bradley was a very involved founder, and always wanted to better the community of Tomahawk. He helped to fund and build schools for children, churches, hotels, and other buildings focused on the entertainment of the people. He created a general store and also helped establish a newspaper. Of course, Bradley also expanded Tomahawk's lumber industry. For example, he built the Marinette, Tomahawk, and Western Road which connected to other towns to help the industry (American Lumberman). He enjoyed having a good time, and he and some of his friends organized a sort of pontoon boat train,

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# Southeastern Wisconsin man rescued after falling through ice with ATV on Spirit River Flowage

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

**TOWN OF TOMAHAWK** – A man from southeastern Wisconsin was rescued after he and his ATV fell through the ice on the Spirit River Flowage in the Town of Tomahawk last week.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Friday, Dec. 22, at 7:54 a.m., an emergency call was re-

ceived reporting the incident, and deputies, along with the Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD) and Tomahawk EMS, responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, it was discovered that the 911 caller, a nearby fisherman, had tied a rope to the man and was holding him in the water while awaiting emergency personnel, and a local resident had walked out to the man in the water with a canoe to assist.

The Sheriff's Office said

a TFD water rescue team ultimately removed the man from the water and brought him to shore. The man was about 400 yards from shore when he was rescued.

The individual in the water, identified by the Sheriff's Office as a Bristol, Wis., man, 65, was later transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital to be treated for mild hypothermia symptoms.

The man was expected to make a full recovery, ac-

cording to the Sheriff's Office.

"The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that no ice is ever 100% safe," the Sheriff's Office stated in the release. "Please take this into consideration when utilizing Wisconsin waterways."

The Sheriff's Office added that with warmer temperatures and rain forecasted for the several days following the incident, ice conditions would deteriorate.

## 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 Monday, Jan. 8, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m. to noon; and Monday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Additional dates are scheduled. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of First Congregational, 135 E. Larch St., Rhinelander, or the Oneida County Health Department, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. For more information, refer to the Warm for Winter Facebook page ([www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s](http://www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s)) or call 608-345-7305.

### LCHD COVID-19 testing clinics ending

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

### Grace Lutheran blood drive

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

### City of Tomahawk winter parking ban

The City of Tomahawk's winter parking ban will be in effect through Friday, March 15. Parking on city streets is prohibited between 2:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

# Eight THS singers selected for 74th annual Dorian Vocal Festival in Iowa

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**TOMAHAWK** – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Music Department, on Wednesday, Dec. 27, announced that eight THS choir members have been invited to sing at the 2024 Dorian Vocal Festival.

The Dorian Vocal Festival, the largest select vocal festival for high school students in the nation, will be held at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, on Sunday, Jan. 7 and Monday, Jan. 8.

THS will be represented by Murphy Koth, Bella Marino, Robin Schmidt, Maddy Baumann, Alex Clifford, Arawen Alberg and Xan Sutton, who will join over 900 other high school singers from nearly 300 schools across the up-



Pictured, back row, from left: Trey Morrison, Alex Clifford, Arawen Alberg, Xan Sutton; front: Murphy Koth, Bella Marino, Robin Schmidt, Maddy Baumann. Photo courtesy of Corey Colburn

per Midwest.

A release from the Music Department said that during the two days of the festival, the students will be led and taught by members of the Luther College choral fac-

ulty. At the conclusion of the festival, the singers will be part of the Grand Concert at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8.

The Luther College Nordic Choir and auditioned high school soloists will also

be featured during the concert, which is scheduled to be livestreamed on the Luther College Music Department YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/c/luthercollegemusicedepartment](http://www.youtube.com/c/luthercollegemusicedepartment)).

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| Jan 4      | 11:37PM | 4:55AM  | 11:01AM | 5:15PM  |
| Jan 5      | 12:44AM | 5:36AM  | 11:18AM | 5:58PM  |
| Jan 6      | 1:52AM  | 6:21AM  | 11:40AM | 6:45PM  |
| Jan 7      | 3:06AM  | 7:10AM  | 12:07PM | 7:37PM  |
| Jan 8      | 4:21AM  | 8:05AM  | 12:44PM | 8:34PM  |
| Jan 9      | 5:34AM  | 9:05AM  | 1:32PM  | 9:36PM  |
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# OBITUARIES

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**Ronald John Suske**, 83, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 with his wife of 61 years, Karen, by his side. Ron grew up in Rothschild and was smitten by Karen in high school when he first saw her at the ice skating rink. They were united in marriage on December 15, 1962 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Rothschild. Together, Ron and Karen owned and operated several grocery stores in the Rothschild area. Ron loved the

Northwoods, and in 1986 they purchased a grocery store in Tomahawk and settled into a home on Deer Lake. In 1994, Copp's Corporation chose Ron and Karen for their Grocer of the Year award.

Ron always enjoyed being in the great outdoors, splitting wood, deer and grouse hunting, and fishing, especially ice fishing. He was well known for his skill of water witching so people could find water for their wells. Ron adored his grandchildren and always attended their activities; he especially loved to swim in the lake with his grandchildren. Ron was an avid Packer and Badger fan. Each fall, he would spend long hours picking blackberries and always gave all of the berries away to grateful friends and family.

Ron is survived by his wife Karen; daughters, Linda Renn (Heath Somers), Rhineland, and Kim Suske, Washburn; four grandchildren, Jason (Tricia) Renn, Kelsey (Zach) Lauterbach, Haydn Suske-Funk, and Ellyn Suske-Funk; three great grandchildren, Ava, Clara, and Wyatt; sister, Carol (Duane) Grunewald, Wausau.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Gertrude (Schultz) Suske; grandchildren, Madison, Kalie Jo, and Chance; sisters, Alice, Margie, and Pat; and brother, LeRoy. Services for Ron were held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023 at the Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home in Tomahawk with Chaplain Michele Rein officiating. Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. to time of service. Entombment will be private at Restlawn Memorial Park in Wausau. Ron will be greatly missed by those whose lives he touched. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the nurses and staff at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital and Riverview Health Services, Tomahawk.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kinship of Tomahawk or your favorite charity.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com).

"Never buy a grocery store bigger than your wife can handle." - Ron

**Everett Lange**, 89, a lifelong Tomahawk area resident passed away Dec. 21, 2023 in Rhineland. Funeral arrangements are planned for Friday, Jan. 5, 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Visitation will be on Thursday, Jan. 4 from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Krueger Nimsgern Funeral Home. A full obituary will be in next week's Tomahawk Leader. It can also be found at [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com).

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**Five Generations**  
An area family celebrated its fifth generation last year. Doris Ingman, of Tomahawk, welcomed her first great-great-grandchild, Erin Rae Michelle Dewing, born in Jan. 2023. Pictured are Chase (father) and Erin Dewing, of Crandon; Doris Ingman (great-great-grandmother); and Michelle Dewing (grandmother) and Sue Mullins, (great-grandmother), both of Crandon.  
**Photo courtesy of Michelle Dewing**

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A daughter, Brynli Kay, was born to Bobbi Wimmer and Steven Renn, Tomahawk, on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023. She was born at 6:19 p.m., weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long.

## ESSAYS

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where they traveled down the Wisconsin River to Somo. The boats were built with luxuries, and the people of Tomahawk enjoyed watching them come in. Bradley also helped create a toboggan run, a gazebo, and camps in Bradley Park.  
Today, Tomahawk is a small, tight-knit community. What we have today all started with William Bradley and his wish to create a logging town. A young man from Maine created his town in the Northwoods of Wisconsin and helped it prosper. The people of Tomahawk should remember Mr. Bradley and what he did to create our small town.



**Francis O. von Schrader**, 86, a longtime Tomahawk resident, passed away Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital surrounded by his family.

Fran was born April 5, 1937 in Eau Claire, Wis., to Freeman and Verna (Whelihan) von Schrader. He married Vera Bunkelman on May 5, 1962 also in Eau Claire. She passed away in 2008. In his younger years Fran worked at Channel 7 in Wausau as a sportscaster, he later spent many years at

Sieg and later Tomahawk Auto Parts. Following his retirement Fran worked for Scaffidi Truck Center as a driver. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Fran was an avid golfer and was a member of Maple Birch and later Edgewater Country Club. He enjoyed watching all Wisconsin sports on TV but especially loved watching his grandchildren compete, and he also enjoyed an occasional trip to a casino.

Surviving Fran are his children, Julie (Chris) Winger, Tomahawk; Mike von Schrader, Tomahawk; Joseph (Dawn) von Schrader, Rothschild; Mark von Schrader, Tomahawk; and John (Rebecca) von Schrader of Kewaunee. Fran is further survived by 16 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and his dear friend and companion of many years, Betty Zehner and her family. Also surviving is a sister, Laura Barry, Pewaukee; a brother, Fritz von Schrader, Eau Claire. Fran was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Vera and brother, Freeman.

A Memorial Mass for Fran von Schrader was held on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023 at 11 a.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church. The family received friends at the church Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of mass at 11 a.m. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home is caring for the family. You may view the obituary at [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com). Fran's family would like to thank Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital staff for their outstanding care through the years.

# 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.

The year 2024 AD has officially started. I remember as a young boy wondering what it would feel like to enter the new year. Things like that fascinated me and set my young mind wondering. It was almost like the new year, set off by a date on a calendar, could somehow make life different. And like many people, what I found was that the passing of the days and weeks after January 1 gradually replaced the excitement of a new year with the mundane, ordinariness of daily living. But come the passing of Christmas and once again the mystique of a new year would grab the attention of my young mind.

Those thoughts and feelings concerning the new year are not unique to me. It is a common trait for people to hope for change, for something better, and those hoped for changes are often tied to some simple marker of time, such as the date on a calendar. There is nothing wrong in all of this, for without hope, no matter how shaky its basis may be, life would lose one of its pleasures. Hope in the future is something that makes life sweet and helps to make bearable the struggles or disappointments of today.

In Romans 8:25 we read, *if we hope for that which we have not seen, then we with patience wait for it.* To hope is to place our confidence in something we have not yet experienced, but something for which we live and look forward to.

For the Christian, the Bible talks about the *Blessed Hope*, the time when Christ returns to earth and brings in the judgment of those who have rejected Him and the rewards of those who have believed Him. This is the *Blessed Hope* (Titus 2:13). This is the time when all that Christians have believed will become a *visible* reality.

The idea of the word hope, as used in the Bible, is not like the word hope as it is used today. Today, when we say we are hoping for something, we may cross our fingers and repeat the mantra; *I hope, I hope, I hope, I hope....* In the Bible the word *hope* means a future reality not yet experienced. It is the idea of something that is guaranteed to happen, we just are not there yet. The return of Christ with its judgments and rewards is a reality guaranteed by God, but still future to our day. It is our *Blessed Hope*.

*The Blessed Hope* is something that should shape how Christians live today (Titus 2:12-14). It is something that should make us better people because we know it is coming, and we desire that Christ would find us doing what is right.

To have hope is a good and healthy thing. It is necessary for life. But more important than whether or not we have hope is the issue of what is the foundation of our hope. The world promises us a lot of things, and it is not wrong to hope for those things. But the world has no guarantee of the things it offers. For me to hope in what Christ offers me has God's guarantee, and there is no surer guarantee than the guarantee of the Creator.

God who still rules over His creation. Do you have this same *hope*?

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The anniversary date of a loved one's death is particularly significant. You will have done something you thought was impossible a few months earlier. You will have survived an entire year without someone who was as important to you as life itself.

- Bob Diets, Life After Loss

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.* 1 Corinthians 16:13

We are coping, struggling, trying to remain strong. We are grateful for and ask for continued support through prayer. Her loss is forever but so is our love for Krista, until we are together again.

- Her Family

## Pastor's Corner

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

### Happy Birthday Jesus!

Everybody likes birthdays. And everyone likes to be remembered on their birthday. We love getting mail, calls and gifts. I guess that's pretty universal, because everyone has a birthday!

But Jesus' birth was a very different birthday. He has a completely human mother, but His Father was from Heaven. He was therefore no ordinary baby. It took several hundred years for theologians to figure out that Jesus was 100% human and 100% divine. We celebrate Jesus' birth because He was no ordinary baby. Jesus changed the world, and continues to change the world. Without Jesus, there is no Christmas.

For the Israelites it was a very big deal. They had waited a very long time for the Messiah. And for us, our salvation, is a pretty big deal. Isaiah said we have been walking in darkness. We all know what that feels like. I can't remember when I saw the sun last. Isaiah prophesies that a child would be born, a Son given to us, authority would rest on his shoulders, a wonderful counselor, a mighty God, our everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.

Mary related the events to Dr. Luke, and he related the events to us. Joseph was a descendant of David. Mary was chosen by God. The baby is born in Bethlehem, just like the prophets said it would be. The stars were in alignment. Mary gave birth in a manger stall. Shepherds quickly came to see. They were the first witnesses, and they made known what the angel had told them about this child.

Wise men, women and children still go and see for themselves. And we still make known what has been told about this miraculous birth. That is our only job... to treasure this Christ gift. The gift given to us by our heavenly Father. God has given us His only Son. And we must tell others what a priceless gift His Son is to the world.

Jesus is for everyone. Jesus will save us from our sins and enable us to know our Father God. This precious child is God in the flesh, and given to all who would believe the message of the angels.

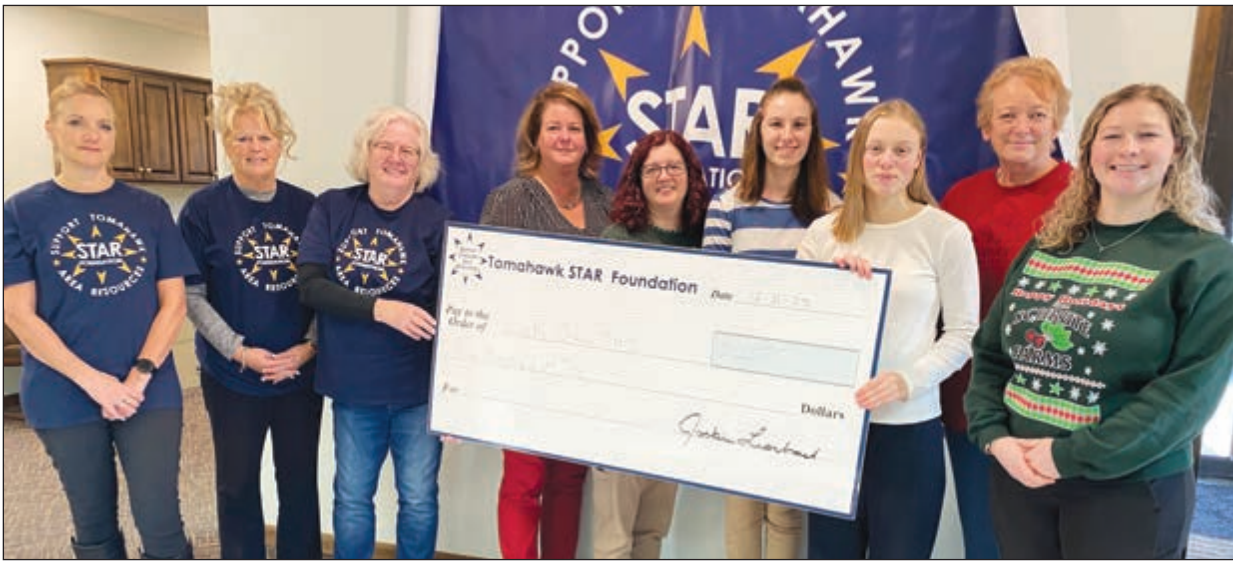
And so we remember, we worship Him, and we obey in awe. And we treasure these words just as Mary did. We praise and thank God for this Most priceless gift. And so we go and make known what the angels have told us.

Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to all among us!

Happy birthday Jesus!!

**Pastor Carolyn Rauschert,**  
Retired  
Formerly of  
St. Barnabas Church  
Associated Clergy  
of Tomahawk





The STAR Foundation recently donated \$500.00 to the THS Link Crew.

Photo courtesy of Sheri Woodall

### STAR Foundation awards \$500.00 to THS Link Crew

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**  
TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Link Crew thanked the Support Tomahawk Area Resources (STAR) Foundation for a recent donation. The STAR Foundation awarded \$500.00 to Link Crew, which provides

schools with “a structure in which students make real connections with each other, thus increasing school safety and reducing the incidence of bullying with anti-bullying education,” THS Associate Principal Sheri Woodall explained. “Through this program,

freshmen learn that people at school care about them and their success, and student Link Leaders experience increased self-esteem, as well as overall character development,” Woodall said, adding that Link Crew increases attendance, decreases discipline referrals and

improves academic performance at THS. Woodall said the award will allow THS’s Link Crew program to expand both their social and academic follow-ups throughout the year, which will improve connectivity and overall student success.

### LP Foundation: \$875,000.00 in donations made in 2023, including ‘Our Dream Park’ contribution

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**  
NASHVILLE, TENN. – LP Building Solutions (LP) recently announced that \$875,000.00 in monetary and product donations were made in 2023 through the LP Foundation and other corporate giving initiatives.



“The LP Foundation embodies LP’s purpose of Building a Better World™ by enriching communities,” said LP Foundation President Breeanna Straessle. “Nearly a million dollars in monetary and in-kind product donations, as well as countless volunteer hours, were dedicated to initiatives supporting the communities that LP calls home.”

aligned with its mission and values: Building high-quality, affordable homes, with a focus on supporting wounded veterans; protecting the environment and promoting healthy forests; enhancing public STEM education to inspire the next generation of manufacturers; and working with organizations to build diverse talent and promote inclusivity.”

The LP Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, runs five philanthropic programs: Community Grants, Disaster Relief, Team Member Nonprofit Board Sponsorships, Team Member Giving Matches and its Gary

LP is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and has a facility in Tomahawk. Celebrating its 50th year, the LP Foundation supported over 80 nonprofit organizations and public schools. In Nov. 2023, the LP Foundation donated \$10,000.00 towards Tomahawk Together’s ongoing “Our Dream Park” project, which will see Washington Square Park on N. 4th St. revitalized with an all-inclusive playground, a splash pad and other amenities.

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Sinise Foundation partnership.

This year, the LP Foundation awarded a community grant to the Urban League of Middle Tennessee's Real Estate Developers Academy, which supports persons of color in the housing industry.

In the second year of partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation, LP and the LP Foundation helped welcome four severely wounded heroes and their families to specially adapted, mortgage-free smart technology homes.

The LP Foundation also continued its long-standing partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, and

the Hard Bargain Association (HBA) in 2023. The LP Foundation's donation to the HBA will go toward Bousquet Place, a nearly 40-home community providing affordable housing for those in financial need, focusing on city civil servants.

"Many LP team members are active in their local communities, volunteering to support community needs," LP stated. "The LP Foundation supported this work through its Nonprofit Board Sponsorships and Giving Match Programs. Since 2013, LP team members have contributed more than half a million dollars, matched dollar for dollar by the LP Foundation."

In 2023, LP and the LP

Foundation provided support for disaster relief following wildfires in British Columbia (near LP Dawson Creek), tornadoes in Nashville, Tenn., (near LP Nashville) and Selma, Ala., (near LP Clarke County), as well as the Covenant School shooting in Nashville, Tenn.

Additional grants went to nonprofits and public schools, including Harpeth Conservancy, Tennessee Environmental Council, the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Alabama and more.

Since it was established in 1973, the LP Foundation has donated over \$22 million to nonprofits and K-12 public schools in communities where LP operates.

**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**Journey Across Time: Exploring the Morality and Possibilities of Time Travel**

Dear Reader,

In the ever-expanding realm of human curiosity, the notion of time travel has captivated minds for centuries. The desire to revisit moments with loved ones who've departed or to catch a glimpse of the unfolding future ignites the imagination. However, delving into the prospect of time travel reveals a tapestry woven with moral, ethical, and economic complexities.

The allure of reconnecting with those who've left us is undeniably powerful. Imagine the chance to spend an afternoon with departed friends and family, catching up on the chapters of life that unfolded after their departure. It's a sentiment many share, and it speaks to the profound impact relationships have on the human experience.

Yet, as we ponder the prospect of navigating the corridors of time, ethical questions arise. Would we disrupt the natural order of events? Could altering the past inadvertently reshape the present and future? The delicate balance between nostalgia and the potential repercussions of tampering with time demands careful consideration.

Looking forward poses its own set of challenges. The unknown future, a realm of infinite possibilities, sparks both excitement and trepidation. Peering into what lies ahead holds the potential to shape our decisions in the present, but it also raises questions about free will and the consequences



of knowing too much.

While the concept of time travel may seem confined to the realms of science fiction, theories and speculations from brilliant minds like Einstein hint at the tantalizing possibility. However, the practicality of such journeys remains

elusive, reminding us that for now, reliving the past remains an unattainable dream, one that can only be realized in a memory and not in reality.

As we grapple with these hypotheticals, it's essential to consider not just the question of "can we," but also the "should we." If time travel becomes a reality, navigating its implications will require a thoughtful approach. Who decides the rules? How do we safeguard against unintended consequences?

In the face of these complexities, one truth remains: The past, present, and future are intricately interconnected. As we dream of conversations with historical giants and glimpses into the years that lie ahead, the ethical responsibility accompanying such endeavors cannot be ignored.

So, while we may not have unlocked the secrets of time travel - yet - the mere contemplation of its possibilities invites us to reflect on our past, make mindful choices in the present, and approach the future with a sense of wonder and responsibility.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
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**ADRC-N DISABILITY BENEFIT SPECIALIST**  
**Price County Health and Human Services Department**  
**Aging & Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N)**

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

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

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at [www.co.price.wi.us](http://www.co.price.wi.us), by emailing a request to [hroffice@co.price.wi.us](mailto:hroffice@co.price.wi.us) or by calling 715-339-5131.

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

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

Price County is accepting applications for the position of Family Skills Worker in the Department of Health and Human Services. This is an advanced-level, para-professional position within the Children & Youth Unit serving children, youth, and families faced with child welfare or youth justice issues. Major responsibilities include teaching parenting and functional home-maintenance skills and linking families to critically needed community resources. Position functions are performed in an office, client home and community setting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST**  
**Price County Child Support Department**

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

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

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## LEGALS

Legals 7700

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-02-1939 and date of death 08-15-2023 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W1189 US Highway 8, Tripoli, WI 54564.
3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office, before Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on 01-11-2024 at 11:00 a.m.
4. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

DATE SIGNED: December 7, 2023  
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer  
Probate Registrar  
Nick G. Cirilli  
116 E. Davenport St.  
Rhinelander WI 54501  
715-369-3443  
Bar No. 1101541  
Published December 20, 27, 2023 and  
January 3, 2024 WNAFLP

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
402 South Park Drive-PO Box 213  
Tomahawk WI 54487  
715-453-4233  
NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2024,  
10:00 A.M.  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE, 402  
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## OP-ED

# Strategic investments are key to keeping Wisconsin's economy rocketing forward

BY MISSY HUGHES  
SECRETARY AND CEO,  
WISCONSIN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION



Hughes

Our state's economy is rocketing forward. More people are working here than ever before. Exports from our farms and factories continue to rise as global demand grows for Made In Wisconsin products. Our per capita income growth is outpacing the national average. And we've seen record numbers of filings to start new businesses.

At the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, we're committed to building an economy for all – a goal that requires us to make smart investments in businesses, communities and people in our state so everyone has the chance to prosper. This means we must keep looking forward, over the horizon and anticipating what is coming next.

In 2023, we saw important gains on our investments. The \$128 million Governor Evers has committed to locally driven workforce solutions through the Workforce Innovation Grants program is paying off. Thousands of Wisconsinites completed education and training programs and entered the workforce, while thousands more received help with transportation, child care and housing so they could get to work and keep their jobs. This is a huge step in meeting our state's ongoing workforce needs and making sure all our communities thrive.

We also directly supported nearly 9,500 new Main Street businesses in opening since 2021, filling vacant downtown storefronts across our state and giving people in every county of the state the access to capital they needed to invest in themselves and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's homegrown biohealth sector received a major boost when the U.S. Economic Development Administration designated it as one of only 31 Regional Technology Hubs nationwide. The recognition opens the door for up to \$75 million in federal CHIPS Act funding and has spurred businesses and educational institutions – such as GE HealthCare, Exact Sciences, Accuray, and the Universities of Wisconsin – to work together more closely.

While this designation is important, the work behind it, happening here in Wisconsin, is next-level technology, and next-level exciting. These efforts are focused on personalized medicine, combining genomic innovation, advanced imaging technologies, data analytics, AI computing, population health trends and bioscience breakthroughs to develop cancer treatments carefully calibrated to a patient's specific medical needs. This

innovative approach stands to transform medical care so patients can heal faster, experience fewer side effects and need less long-term chronic care.

Wisconsin's lead in innovation, its stellar workers and world-class educational institutions were among the reasons why Microsoft chose to build a multi-billion-dollar data center in Mount Pleasant this year. This is just the start of a long-term relationship with our state, Microsoft's vice president of cloud operations and innovations, Bowen Wallace, told community leaders this fall.

"When we join a community, we bring our commitment to empowering people and organizations with us," Wallace said. "We have a longstanding history of doing that in Wisconsin and as we look to a long and successful future in Mount Pleasant we will be making an investment not only the world-class data center facility, but also the vibrant, thriving community."

Which brings us back to the investments we at WEDC are making in our state and our collective drive to keep moving forward. This year, WEDC launched the Wisconsin Investment Fund, using \$50 million in federal funds to leverage another \$50 million in private funding for the sole purpose of investing in Wisconsin companies. We are putting a \$100 million stake in the ground that Wisconsin is innovating, and we want those companies to stay here, thrive here and grow here. We are not interested in exporting our talent.

Economic development means developing an economy that works for everyone. From our main streets to our interstates, rural and urban communities, and high-tech to handmade products, Wisconsin has had a big year. It's our job to carry that momentum into next year, and the next -- to keep looking forward with our sleeves rolled up.

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## THS seniors DeKiep, Stromberg sign Letters of Intent

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk High School (THS) recently celebrated National Letter of Intent signings for two members of the Class of 2024.

On Thursday, Dec. 21, THS seniors Paige DeKiep and Scout Stromberg were surrounded by family, coaches and teammates as they declared their intentions to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level after high school.

### Paige DeKiep

Paige DeKiep signed to be a member of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay women's swim and dive team for the fall of 2024.

DeKiep will finish her swim career at THS with three individual WIAA State Tournament appearances.

In 2021, during her sophomore year, she qualified for the state tournament in the 200-yard freestyle, ultimately taking 10th place, and the 100-yard butterfly, finishing



Pictured, from left, are Dane, Paige, Kurt and Holly DeKiep.

in 9th.

During her junior year in 2022, DeKiep again qualified for the 200-yard freestyle and took 8th place. She also qualified for the 100-yard butterfly, which resulted in an individual state runner-up finish.

As a senior in 2023, DeKiep capped off her Hatchet career by returning to state in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly, taking 7th and 4th place, respectively.

Along with her Wisconsin



THS seniors Scout Stromberg and Paige DeKiep signed their Letters of Intent on Thursday, Dec. 21.

Photos courtesy of Ryan Flynn



Pictured, from left, are Beau, Jessica, Jason, Scout and Braxton Stromberg.

Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) individual medals, DeKiep was also a frequent podium participant at the Great Northern Conference (GNC) tournament, finishing her career with five conference championships, one runner-up honor and one honorable mention.

### Scout Stromberg

Scout Stromberg, a member of the Hatchet boys' hockey team for the past

three seasons, has committed to continue her hockey career at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon.

Stromberg was a regular starter for THS while also playing for the Team Wisconsin Girls' Program throughout high school.

Last season, Tomahawk had the most wins in school history while enjoying some state recognition.

As of Thursday, Dec. 21, Tomahawk was undefeated in the GNC and had seen Honorable Mention state rankings in the early part of the current season.

Stromberg had a career stat line of three goals and 22 assists for 25 career points as of signing day.

The THS Activities Department congratulated DeKiep and Stromberg and thanked them for "representing our school and community to the highest of standards."

"Everyone wishes you the best of luck on your next journey, and Go Hatchets!" the department said.

## Inland trout early catch and release season opens this weekend

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding anglers that early catch and release season for inland trout starts Saturday, Jan. 6.

On designated inland waters, anglers can target any of Wisconsin's four inland trout species from Jan. 6 through May 3 using artificial tackle only. Any trout caught need to be immediately released. Check the Guide to Wisconsin's Trout Fishing Regulations ([www.tinyurl.com/2ym5c6mk](http://www.tinyurl.com/2ym5c6mk)) for more information.

Once the general hook and line season opens on May 4, anglers can keep the trout they catch, provided length requirements are met and bag limits are observed.

Anyone wishing to participate in the season will need a 2023-2024 fishing license and an inland trout stamp, which are good until March 31, and



Early catch and release season for inland trout opens on Saturday, Jan. 6. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

can be purchased through Go Wild ([www.gowild.wi.gov](http://www.gowild.wi.gov)), the DNR's license portal or an authorized license agent.

As of April 1, anglers will need a 2024-2025 fishing license and inland trout stamp.

All anglers are encouraged to continue to practice responsible catch and release and reduce their

reel and fish handling time as much as possible. Tips on releasing your catch responsibly can be found on the DNR's responsible catch and release webpage ([www.tinyurl.com/3y6fs9s](http://www.tinyurl.com/3y6fs9s)).

More information on trout fishing can be found on the DNR's trout fishing webpage at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/trout/index](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/trout/index).

## Last NFL Draft in Wisconsin was missed opportunity for City of Green Bay

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GREEN BAY – The 2025 NFL Draft will be held in, and around, Lambeau Field and Tittletown for the 90th running of the event.

The last time the state played host to the event was Dec. 9, 1939, when the Draft was in its infancy.

"After the NFL instituted its waiver system in 1934 to allow teams to pick up available players, Philadelphia Eagles co-owner Bert Bell felt that his team was at a disadvantage in signing top players. Without the monetary advantage that other clubs had, the Eagles and other teams with fewer resources had little chance of attracting impact players," the NFL website states. "At a 1935 league meeting, Bell proposed that the NFL hold an annual player draft to level the playing field and make sure that every franchise remained financially viable. League owners voted unanimously to adopt his proposal, setting up the inaugural NFL Draft in 1936."

At the time, the Draft was held in the same city as the NFL Championship game on consecutive days.

The 1939 Championship would see the Green Bay Packers hosting the New York Giants.

"Curly Lambeau and the Packers' executive committee had decided, at the urging of the league, that more money could be made if the game was played at State Fair Park in West Allis rather than at Green Bay's City Stadium," said Packers Historian Cliff Christl. "Starting with the 1937 draft, the second in history, and until World War II, the Draft was usually held the day before or after the NFL title game.

During the war, the drafts were held in April largely because of the uncertainty over which players would be available come football season. The 1949 Draft, held on Dec. 21, 1948, in Philadelphia, was the last to be conducted within days of the league championship."

The 1940 Draft was held at the Schroeder Hotel — now the Hilton Milwaukee City Center — which opened a little over a decade before.

"Draft, says the league publicity office, is a misnomer and the selection should be referred to as the right of preferred negotiation," a Capital Times article stated the day of the event. "The names of college seniors who played football are listed. Representatives of the 10 pro clubs then designate the ones with whom they desire to discuss post-graduate gridiron careers. The club lowest in the standings has its chance, and so on up to the championship club. The process is repeated until the list of about 200 names is exhausted. Each club has the exclusive right to negotiate with the players it designates."

The Draft started at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9, with Packers Coach Curly Lambeau taking the right to negotiate with 21 players — eight backs, three ends, four guards and two centers.

The Packers' first pick at the tail end of the order was Minnesota halfback Harold Van Every, who was well-known after making several All-American teams.

The championship game was held the following day inside the Milwaukee Mile at Wisconsin State Fair Park, just outside of Milwaukee.

While Lambeau was

correct in the public's response to the event and its increased ticket sales, its relocation sidestepped an opportunity for the Green Bay area to reap the benefits of visitor influx.

Trains brought a sold-out crowd by the hundreds to Milwaukee, including two special trains from Green Bay on the Northwestern line and the Milwaukee Road. Seats costing \$4.40 each were being scalped for \$15.00, and newspaper accounts report that 1,500 counterfeit tickets were printed.

Green Bay handily defeated New York, 27-0, that day, but Green Bay would not see the benefits from those seeing the Packers win on the gridiron.

Over the next few decades, the Draft moved around to hotels in larger cities before finding a semi-permanent home in New York City from 1965 to 2014.

The league then opened the host site up for bid in 2015.

Chicago won the first bid and the Draft was re-invented, with a large free-admission festival to coincide with the event. After a two-year run in Chicago, the Draft traveled to Philadelphia, Dallas and Nashville before the 2020 virtual event due to the COVID-19 environment. In 2021, Cleveland hosted the events, followed by Las Vegas and Kansas City.

The 2024 NFL Draft will be held in Detroit.

The year 2025 will bring back Green Bay's opportunity to showcase its city and its deep football roots as it hosts the Draft on a much larger scale than the December of missed opportunity eight and a half decades ago.

### TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 163

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](mailto: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 162 question: Which member of the 1975 THS baseball team won the conference batting title: Darryl Brunner,

Tom Kahle or Mike Olson?

Week 162 answer: The member of the 1975 THS baseball team that won the conference batting title was Tom Kahle.

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

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

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Open gym

Open gym, for basketball only, will be held in the Tomahawk school complex fieldhouse from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Wednesday through May, excluding days when school is not in session. All participants must sign a waiver form. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.