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## Lincoln County board approves Pine Crest sale

### Supervisors cap nearly two-year saga with 15-6 vote

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MERRILL – During a nearly four-hour Lincoln County Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, Feb. 19, prior to which members of the People for Pine Crest held a press conference to share their objections to the proposed sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill and urge Supervisors to postpone the vote, 15 of the 21 Supervisors who were present voted in favor of a resolution approving the sale.

The resolution instructed Board Chair and District 9 Supervisor Don Friske and County Clerk Chris Marlowe to sign the Asset Purchase Agreement on behalf of the county, and they did so immediately following the meeting.

Pine Crest Nursing Home will be sold to Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc., with the closing set for June 30 and the new ownership to take effect July 1.

Prior to the item being considered on the board's agenda, however, the board heard from 22 individuals who spoke during the public comment period. The vast majority asked the board to stop the sale or

postpone the vote, questioning various aspects of the proposed Asset Purchase Agreement, in addition to their general objections to the nursing home becoming privately owned rather than county-owned.

Two of the speakers, however, spoke in support of the sale and cited the financial necessity of the sale.

Also prior to the vote, District 3 Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank introduced a motion to amend the proposed resolution on the agenda, suggesting the addition of language that would provide that if the purchaser ceased to operate Pine Crest as a skilled nursing home, or declared an intent to cease to operate it as such, within five years, the property and improvements would revert back to the county. District 7 Supervisor Greta Rusch seconded the motion, but after discussion, the motion to amend failed on a voice vote. Some said that type of language would effectively kill any prospects for a sale.

Lincoln County Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson outlined the proposed Asset Purchase Agreement before District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse made a motion to approve the resolution calling for the Approval of the Asset Purchase Agreement be-



tween Lincoln County and purchaser Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc. District 21 Supervisor Gene Simon seconded the motion.

After some discussion, during which numerous Supervisors shared their confidence in the proposed buyers and the process that had vetted this buyer as one who would continue to operate Pine Crest Nursing Home as a skilled nursing facility and ensure its viability going forward, along with maintaining the current staff and level of Medicaid patients, it came time for the vote.

District 19 Supervisor Julie Allen was absent from the meeting due to traveling. The other 21 Supervisors voted, and the resolution passed on a 15-6 roll call vote.

Voting in favor were Friske, DePasse, Simon, District 4 Supervisor Steve Osness Jr., District 5 Supervisor Don Wendorf, District 8 Supervisor Laurie Thiel, District 10 Supervisor and

Board Vice-Chair Jesse Boyd, District 11 Supervisor Randy Detert, District 13 Supervisor George Brixius, District 15 Supervisor Marty Lemke, District 16 Supervisor Dana Miller, District 17 Supervisor James Meunier, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings and District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig.

Voting against were McCrank, Rusch, District 1 Supervisor William Bialecki, District 2 Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm, District 6 Supervisor Norbert Ashbeck and District 14 Supervisor Brian Hafeman.

#### Taking a look back at the Pine Crest saga

The board's approval of the Pine Crest sale marks the end of a nearly two-year saga regarding the facility.

In June 2022, an ad hoc committee was formed and tasked with coming up with actions Lincoln County could take regarding the future of Pine Crest, which

had experienced millions of dollars in financial losses over previous years.

The committee completed its Pine Crest report in March 2023 and provided the board with several ways the county could potentially proceed, including seeking ways to cut costs and create additional revenues at Pine Crest, downsizing or finding alternative uses for the facility, selling the property and/or holding a referendum to allow Lincoln County voters to decide whether or not the county should continue its operation of Pine Crest.

In May 2023, the board voted 15-6 to direct the county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee to begin the process of securing the services of a broker to put Pine Crest up for sale.

A group calling itself "People for Pine Crest," in June 2023, gathered more than 650 signatures on a petition asking the board not to sell the facility. That same month, the A&L Com-

mittee voted to select the firm Marcus & Millichap as the county's broker for a potential Pine Crest sale.

A resolution seeking to place a binding referendum related to Pine Crest funding on 2024 Spring Election ballots was rejected by a 13-9 board vote in Aug. 2023. Under the proposed referendum, if it had made it onto April ballots and had been approved by voters, Lincoln County would have been allowed to exceed levy limits by \$3 million per year for ten years to fund operations and maintenance at Pine Crest. The referendum would have had a tax impact of \$85.14 per \$100,000.00 of equalized value of private property, according to the resolution.

In Sept. 2023, the Tomahawk Leader and the Merrill Foto News conducted a community survey for Lincoln County residents in an effort to gather public opinion on Pine Crest. The results of the survey were published the following month, and more than 80% of the survey's nearly 800 respondents indicated that they wanted Lincoln County to continue its ownership of the facility, even if it meant an increase in residents' property taxes, and that the county should not explore a Pine Crest sale.

After months of negotiations, the A&L Committee gave the thumbs up to the purchase agreement on Monday, Feb. 12, and the county board approved it one week later.

## Evers, Baldwin encouraging businesses impacted by mild winter to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans

BY JALEN MAKI  
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WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin), on Tuesday, Feb. 20, announced that Wisconsin businesses that have suffered losses due to this year's unusually mild winter may be eligible for a federal disaster loan program.

The announcement came one day after 14 northern Wisconsin legislators, including State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk), in an open letter encouraged Evers to work with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to declare parts of the state experiencing economic losses due to the lack of snow as "economic injury disaster areas," allowing businesses in those areas to apply for loans through

the U.S. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.

A release from Evers' office said this winter has lacked Wisconsin's typical snowfall in many areas of the state, which has affected travel and recreation businesses that depend on it for activities such as downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.

"The National Weather Service reports that snowfall statewide has been 20 to 30 inches below normal this winter," the release stated. "In the Lake Superior snowbelt, generally across Ashland, Iron and Vilas counties, snowfall was 40 to 70 inches below normal."

According to the release, Evers and Baldwin have been advocating for the SBA to confirm disaster coverage extends to businesses impacted by Wisconsin's extraordinary winter conditions, and following those conversa-

tions, SBA confirmed that it will consider business losses from recent low snowfalls over the winter months to be related to drought and therefore eligible for assistance.

Many Wisconsin counties are already covered by a pre-existing disaster designation for drought from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which allows businesses in those counties to seek emergency loans through the EIDL program to offset business losses related to the drought.

"The loans are designed to help businesses get through emergency situations that have impacted their economic well-being," the release said.

Under the EIDL program, businesses can borrow up to \$2 million to cover their actual losses. Businesses pay no interest on the loan for the first year and a maximum rate of 4% for the rest of the loan period, according to

the release.

In order to take advantage of the program, businesses must apply by their county's application deadline.

Businesses in Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon and Taylor Counties must apply by Monday, May 13.

The application deadline for Forest, Oneida, Price and Vilas County businesses is Wednesday, May 29.

Other counties throughout the state have a variety of application deadlines, ranging from Monday, April 8 to Wednesday, July 31.

Businesses may submit applications and find additional disaster assistance information at <http://lending.sba.gov>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or

have a speech-related disability can dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Completed applications may also be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Tex., 76155.

Applicants may also contact the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation with their EIDL-related questions at [EIDLInquiries@wedc.org](mailto:EIDLInquiries@wedc.org).

"The lack of snow we've experienced so far this winter has had serious economic impacts on folks and businesses, especially in our northern counties, who rely on snow and winter weather to attract customers and be successful," Evers said. "In partnership with Senator Baldwin, my administration has been working with the federal Small Business Administration to ensure businesses in impacted counties are eligible for

relief, and I'm glad to announce that our efforts have been successful. I encourage all eligible businesses to apply for these loans as soon as possible, and in the meantime, I encourage Wisconsinites to plan a trip, visit local businesses and find other exciting ways to enjoy winter in Wisconsin in our beautiful northern and central communities."

"In Wisconsin, our snowy winters are not just another season, but also a huge economic driver, particularly in the northern part of the state," Baldwin stated. "This year's low snowfall has hit many Wisconsin businesses hard, and we need to do more to ensure they get some relief. I was happy to partner with Governor Evers to successfully push the Biden administration to ensure northern Wisconsin businesses impacted by this year's low snowfall can get the support and help they need."

# Reapportionment Subcommittee to hold public informational meetings

BY JALEN MAKI  
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TOMAHAWK – A special School District of Tomahawk Board of Education committee examining rebalancing representation on the board will hold informational public meetings next month.

Since Aug. 2023, the Reapportionment Subcommittee, made up of board members Kay Kissinger Wolf, Shar Kirsch and Dave Long; Lincoln County Clerk Chris Marlowe;

and community members Marguerite Lyskawa, Ken Schulz and Jon Long, has been exploring ways to alter how the board is composed to better reflect the district's population distribution.

Last month, the committee presented its work to the board and said it aimed to provide the public with information on its efforts.

"Community members are invited and encouraged to come to these meetings to learn more about the reasons we are looking into this, as well as

the options the committee is currently looking at," the committee said in a release. "Our goal is to both educate and get feedback from the community."

Meetings will be held in the district meeting room (Room 298), located directly across from the district office, on Wednesday, March 13, at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Those who attend the meetings are asked to use the auditorium entrance.

# District 2 Primary: Incumbent Supervisor Anderson-Malm, Doerr advance

BY JALEN MAKI  
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LINCOLN COUNTY – The lone Spring Primary race for the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors was decided last week.

Three District 2 Supervisor candidates were on Tuesday, Feb. 20 ballots. The top two vote-getters will go head-to-head on Tuesday, April 2.

Incumbent District 2 Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm garnered the

most votes with 43. After tallying 36 votes, Scott Doerr will take on Anderson-Malm this spring. Five votes went to Keras Nimz.

There will be 11 competitive races for county board in April.

## News Briefs

### 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.

### Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, March 19, 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 Red Cross ID or photo ID is required.

### Open Arms Community Meal closed until March 19

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

### Wreaths Across America at Wilderness Rest, Newbold Memorial cemeteries

Wilderness Rest Cemetery of Lake Tomahawk and Newbold Memorial Cemetery have joined Wreaths Across America. Individuals who would like to honor a veteran with a wreath for the Christmas Holiday may contact Adrian Pritchard at 715-358-2452 or visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). Click "Sponsor a Wreath" and type in code Wilderness WIWLDN or Newbold WINBMC.



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Budzynski received the 2024 Partner and Academic Awards.

# Lincoln County Corrections Officers Miglieri, Budzynski graduate from Nicolet College Jail Academy

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Two Corrections Officers with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office recently graduated from the Nicolet College Jail Academy.

Payton Miglieri and Jevin Budzynski completed the Rhinelander college's 200-hour program, the Sheriff's Office announced earlier this month.

Budzynski was honored during graduation, receiving the 2024 Partner Award, given to the individual who displays the character and qualities of an ideal partner and is awarded based on the recommendations of fellow classmates; and the Academic Award, given to the student with the highest overall academic scores throughout the academy.

Miglieri and Budzynski



Miglieri

Photos courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

have been with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, working in the Jail Division, since February and May of 2023, respectively.

"Congratulations Payton and Jevin, and thank you for your hard work and dedication," the Sheriff's Office said.

# Nicolet College Cosmetology students to host annual Hair Show

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College Cosmetology students will host their annual Student Hair Show next month.

The Hair Show will be held in the Nicolet College Theater, 5364 College Dr.,

Rhineland, on Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

A release from Nicolet said the \$15.00 admission serves as a fundraiser to support advanced student education. This year, the Cosmetology program is partnering with the Nicolet College Food Pantry to offer attendees the option to donate one non-perishable food item to receive a \$5.00 discount on the price of admission.

Nicolet said money raised from the hair show will allow cosmetology students

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### Forensics team advances to district competition

All 23 members of the Tomahawk High School (THS) Forensics team recently advanced to the district competition, slated to be held in Tomahawk on Saturday, March 16. Pictured, back row, from left: Murphy Koth, Izzy Lee, Arawen Alberg, Trey Morrison and Xan Sutton, Group Interpretation; Galen Schmidt, Prose; Phoebe Hrdina, Poetry; Maddie Long, Prose; middle: AJ Schertz, Farrago; Sarah Kallerud, Tamara Stenberg, Delilah Sutton and Landon Plantenberg, Group Interpretation; Cedar Hoffman, Poetry; Julia McGovern, Radio News Reporting; front: Mariah Sparbel and Kambyl Matke, Group Interpretation, missing Aubrey Graeber; Alena Cerkas, Prose; Maggie Lashua, Prose; Jayden Dellinger, Sadie Ruder and Payton Loka, Group Interpretation.

Photo courtesy of Michele Balda

## Manitowish Waters woman dies after head-on crash in Oneida County

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ONEIDA COUNTY – A Manitowish Waters woman died after being involved in a head-on crash in Oneida County last week.

According to a release from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, on Thursday, Feb. 22, at approximately 6:08 a.m., the Sheriff's Office responded to a call reporting a two-vehicle head-on crash on U.S. Hwy.

51, near South Blue Lake Rd. in the Town of Hazelhurst.

Upon arrival at the scene, extrication equipment was requested to free the two drivers from their vehicles, and helicopters were dispatched due to apparent injuries.

The release said initial reports from witnesses indicated that the southbound vehicle crossed over the centerline, and the

northbound vehicle was unable to avoid the crash.

The driver of the southbound vehicle, identified by the Sheriff's Office as Marisa A. Hagemann, 45, was transported by helicopter to an area medical facility, but died upon arrival.

The driver of the northbound vehicle was also transported by helicopter to an area medical facility. The other individual was not identified by the Sher-

iff's Office, and their condition was not provided.

U.S. Hwy. 51 was closed while a crash reconstruction was conducted by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office, the Menomonie Fire Department, the Hazelhurst Fire Department, Oneida County Ambulances, Lifelink and Aspirus MedEvac.

### HAIR SHOW FROM PAGE 2

to attend America's Beauty Show in Rosemont, Illinois, where students can test out the latest products and tools while also networking with seasoned stylists.

"Our primary goal with the student hair show is a fundraising event for the students' continuing education," said Nicolet College Cosmetology Instructor Marie Stott. "In addition to that, it's nice for students to showcase their talents."

Stott said the show is different every year because each group brings in new ideas and aesthetics.

This year's theme is "Night at the Movies," and will include a pre-party hosted by the students prior to the start of the show in addition to a silent auction afterwards. Nicolet College Culinary students will also prepare hors d'oeuvres for attendees to enjoy prior to the event.

"Each cosmetology student will glam up three models in full hair, makeup and wardrobe, and models will be judged by local industry professionals," Nicolet stated. "The top scores are awarded prizes like tools, products and gift cards, as well as the coveted Golden Brush Awards."

Stott said that in years past, members of local salons are in attendance to recruit students for job opportunities based on their work displayed at the show, noting the event is a "great



Nicolet College Cosmetology students will style models with the theme "Night at the Movies" for the annual Student Hair Show. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

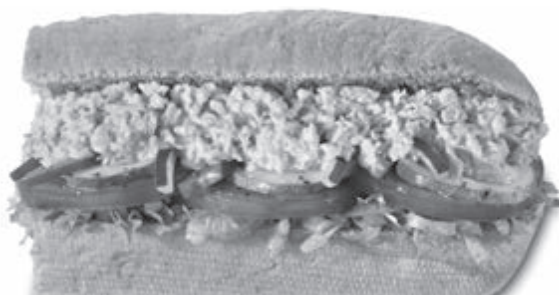
way for students to establish themselves in the local industry."

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## THS Drama Department to perform Broadway musical 'Little Women'

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Drama Department will perform the Broadway musical "Little Women."

The performances will be held in the high school auditorium on Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and seniors.

The cast is as follows:

Murphy Koth, Jo March; Arawen Alberg, Marmee March; Cedar Hoffman, Meg March; Greta Kurth, Beth March; Ella Hilgendorf, Amy March; Bella Marino, Laurie Laurence; Sadie Ruder, Aunt March; Xan Sutton, Professor Bhaer; Landon Plantenberg, Mr. John Brooke; Galen Schmidt, Mr. Laurence; Dorian Stefan, Mrs. Kirk; Ella Hilgendorf, Clarissa; Shyann Boos, Braxton; Trey Morrison, Rodrigo; Galen Schmidt; Knight Madeline Long, Hag; Julia McGovern, Troll Shyann Boos, Finn Colburn, Novalyne Jashinsky, Caroline Klesmith, Madeline Long, Julia McGovern, Scarlet McKenzie, Trey Morrison, Galen Schmidt, Ball Guests; Finn Colburn, Novalyne Jashinsky, Caroline Klesmith, Scarlet McKenzie, Landon Plantenberg, Akira Sawada, Trees.

The crew is as follows:

Cedar Hoffman, Stage Manager; Caroline Klesmith, Assistant Stage Manager; Autumn Baker, Shyann Boos, Finn Colburn, Ella Hilgendorf, Novalyne Jashinsky, Katelyn Kretzschmar, Madeline Long, Julia McGovern, Scarlet McKenzie, Landon Plantenberg, AJ Schertz, Exxie Walbeck, crew; AJ Schertz, Audrey Sneed, lights; Exxie Walbeck, sound; Michele Balda, Costume Design; Makayla Zipp, Corey Colburn, Lighting Design; Makayla Zipp, Scenic Design; Makayla Zipp, Ella Hilgendorf, Choreography; Makayla Zipp, Corey Colburn, Co-Directors; Michele Balda, Assistant Director.

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**David G. Long**, age 83, of Tomahawk, passed away on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at his home. Dave was born on Oct. 30, 1940, in Hilliard, Fla., to the late Clarence and Florida Long. He grew up in Florida and later lived in Michigan and Milwaukee, Wis., and Boulder Junction, Wis. Dave attended high school in Minocqua, Wis. After graduation, he served his country in the United States Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Dave moved back to Florida for several years. He was married to Carol Streeter on July 1, 1978; she survives. They moved back to Wisconsin where they lived in Merrill and Irma before moving to Tomahawk in 1991. Dave held various jobs throughout his life working in construction, was a dispatcher, and volunteered as a DJ at WXPB in Rhinelander. He was employed as a web designer for many years before starting his own company, Northgoods. Dave also started a computer-user company in Tomahawk. He enjoyed books, old movies, history, the Bible, and anything biblical. Most of all, he cherished time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Carol Long; his sons, Kelly Sean Long and David Michael Long; his daughters, Kim Long and Sarah Kromrie; his brother, Jeff Long; and his sisters, Donna Long, Barb Morgan, and Cheryl Long. Dave is further survived by his four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and step-mother.

Funeral services for David Long were held on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the Northland Bible Church in the Town of Nokomis. Pastor Alex Lindsay officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at the Oak Hill Cemetery in the Town of Skanawan in the spring. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. You may view David's obituary and leave online condolences at [www.generationsfuneral.com](http://www.generationsfuneral.com).

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### The Subtle Touch

Dear Reader,

In the course of daily living, we all experience subtle touches from those around us. Somebody says something, and somebody else says another thing, and then the conversation continues on and on.

I feel this strongly when I am with my grandchildren spending time with them; they are young and don't have the disruptions and distractions of the world yet. They are just being who they are innocently loving everyone that graces their presence on one day, followed by another, followed by yet another. We can wonder where this blend of soul comes from — is it a part of this world or some other place?

These subtle touches are needed in this world, to bring greater civility and love to us all.



**PATRICK J. WOOD**

Publisher

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

**Terese "Teri" L. Bellows**, age 62, of Tomahawk, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. Teri was born in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 15, 1961, to William and Theresa (Ziak) Kahren.

Teri attended school in Illinois where she was a 1981 graduate. Shortly after, she moved to Wisconsin. Teri lived in several group homes and nursing homes throughout her life but recently, truly flourished socially and was always making friends and greeting the staff as they came in at Tomahawk Health Services. Teri was an avid Bears fan, but if they were losing, she would quickly switch channels to see how the Packers were playing. She expressed her own sense of style with her polished nails, purple hair, and the numerous bracelets she wore. She proudly wore these bracelets as they were the prizes she won playing bingo.

Teri is survived by her brother, William Kahren. In accordance with wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

## Associated Clergy of Tomahawk "Pastor's Corner"

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the day we Christians are marked with ashes and remember that we came from dust — and one day, known only to God, we will return to dust.

Perhaps you know someone who has spoken about their life. They were a success in business, experienced disappointments in their marriage, they complained about growing older. Life is just not what they thought it would be. They ask "I'm just not sure where my place is anymore."

Have you ever asked yourself that same question? Am I where I should be in my life? Or how will I know when I am at that place. God reminds us through His prophet Jeremiah "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer 29:11 NIV)

Our "place" is between the "coming from dust" to "returning to dust." All of us!

I am reminded of a poem written by Linda Ellis titled "The Dash" No doubt many of you have heard or read this poem. It speaks to our entire life between our birth date and the date of our death.

On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the church reminds us of our place, not as a judgment or an insult, but that our life must begin and end with God.

God tells us that we should live our life from the inside out. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 tells us, "Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you they have received their reward. But when you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you and whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you they have received their reward. But when you fast put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be."

Ash Wednesday invites us into the observance of Holy Lent by examining our conscience, by prayer, fasting and self-denial and by reading and studying God's Holy Word. These are the practices that point us to that secret place where God lives.

"To dust you shall return" is not God's threat or punishment. And it is not simply a statement about bodily decay after death. It is a statement of God's faithfulness to us. It is a statement of God's love and desire for us. It is the promise of resurrected life.

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

(This article contains quotes and paraphrases by Michael K Marsh)



Submitted by  
Pastor John Miskimen  
First Congregational Church

## 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.

Last week we looked at love and the idea that love finds its source and definition in God. I closed with the comment that *God has always loved us. The issue is, will we love God? We sin because we do not love God as we should (1 John 4:20).* With this thought, I would like to look at faith in God, which is a love for God (John 14:21).

*What is faith in God? Faith in God is humble obedience to what we know God has said.* In Hebrews 11 we are given a number of examples where men and women, who through *faith in God*, made hard choices in obedience to what they knew God had said. The Bible teaches that if we do not obey God, then we really do not believe God (James 2:17-26). But there is something we need to be careful of, something that can be mistaken for *faith in God* when it really is not *faith in God*. That thing is *faith in religion*.

Faith is about humbly obeying what we have accepted as being true. Faith in religion is about us trying to reach and appease God through following a ritual, saying a certain prayer, observing certain days, or working at being good — because that is what our religion says is true. But *faith in God* understands that God has given us an authoritative revelation of Himself — the Bible. Where *faith in God* is about following a written record of what God has said (Bible), *faith in religion* is about following traditions that have changed over time but are taught by people who profess to be the authoritative representatives of God. Where the written record (Bible) does not change, traditions and rituals do because they are defined by people who change.

Change over time is the big difference between *faith in religion* and *faith in God*. God does not change, and therefore He does not have to change His written revelation of Himself (Bible). People will always be people with the same basic needs and God will always be God with the same truth. But religion will adjust and change according to ideas and opinions of religious officials.

Religion, based on the changing ideas of people, can separate us from God even as we think we are pleasing God through our religion. Religion has the danger of placing obstacles between us and God that separate us through rituals and human intermediaries; things that God's revelation (Bible) does not mention.

One thing the Bible teaches over and over is that God is personal and desires a personal relationship with us (Isaiah 57:15), something religion does not offer. Religion offers us rituals and activities that do not make a relationship with God. In Matthew 15:8,9, Jesus commented on the religion of the Jews, saying: *This people draw near to me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (traditions).* God desires us, not religious activities and traditions.

**Pastor Charles Scheele**  
**Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk**  
[bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com](mailto:bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com)

# College News

Kyle Norman, Tomahawk, was named to the fall semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Trey Baalke, Tyler Beck, Braden Tjugum and Haley Voermans-Dean, all of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Minnesota Duluth Dean's List for Fall Semester 2023.

Carl Theiler and Ciana Rose, both of Tomahawk, were University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Dean's List for fall 2023. Kendyl Hetzel and Emily Ihn, both of Tomahawk, were named to the Honor Roll.

Allison Schmidt, Tomahawk, was named to the Fall Semester Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Nataya Calhoun, Tiana Gerstenberger, Molly Mott and Ruth Uelmen, all of Tomahawk, were named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year.

Amanda Hoff, Matthew Pultz and Courtney Vitale, all of Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Dec. 2023.

Sydney Michalski, Tomahawk, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the fall 2023 semester.

Megan Guoin, Tomahawk, graduated from University of Wisconsin-Platteville in fall 2023. Gavyn Palmer, of Tomahawk, and Guoin were named to the Dean's List and Chancellor's List for the fall 2023 semester.

Jennifer DuPlayee and Tiffany DuPlayee, both of Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in Dec. 2023.

Jamie Kolarik, of Tomahawk, was awarded a diploma from Northcentral Technical College during the fall 2023 term.

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**THS FBLA team competes in state LifeSmarts competition**

The Tomahawk High School (THS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) team competed at the 30th annual state LifeSmarts competition at Edgewood College in Madison on Friday, Feb. 16. Team Advisor Connor Ahrens explained that LifeSmarts provides real-world education and competition for students who learn about core consumer topics and develop critical thinking skills. Participants focus on five key topic areas: consumer rights and responsibilities, the environment, health and safety, personal finance and technology. The THS squad ultimately took fifth place in the competition. Pictured, from left, are Ahrens and team members Emerson Lange, Sadie Liebelt, Elizabeth Lee, Scarlet McKenzie and Galen Schmdit.

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Sealed quotations will be accepted until Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Quotations will be opened and read at 3:15 p.m. on that day and prepared for consideration by the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee at the April 8, 2024 Committee meeting.
For information and specifications, contact the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department, 801 North Sales Street, Suite 106, Merrill, Wisconsin. Phone (715) 539-1034. Proposals must conform to the requirements of the specifications and instructions.
The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all quotations and accept any quotations or portion thereof they deem most advantageous to Lincoln County.
Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
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The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department is seeking quotations from a contractor for the purchase of, hauling, and spreading of gravel on Lincoln County Forestry Department's section of Swamp Road in the Townships of Tomahawk (E) and Harding (N).
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The TOWN OF SCHLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY, will be accepting sealed bids for the demolition of the existing Town Hall building and site prep for a new Town Hall at W1696 Cty Rd C, Merrill, WI 54452. Interested parties may obtain bid information by contacting Tim Klimek, Town chairman, at 715-921-2543.
Bids will be opened Monday, April 8, 2024 at the Schley Town Hall during the Town Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sealed bids to be submitted to: Town of Schley Clerk, W1981 Heineman Road, Merrill, WI 54452 or delivered to the Schley Town Hall prior to bid opening. Bids received after 6:00 p.m. on April 8, 2024 will not be accepted or considered.
The Town of Schley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof which may be deemed most advantageous to the Town. Contractor to provide certificate of insurance showing liability and workers compensation coverage.
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TOWN OF MERRILL
W4594 PROGRESS AVE., MERRILL, WI 54452
REQUEST FOR BID
Town of Merrill is requesting a bid for "Reconstruction of Airport Road" to include gravel, Pulverizing, Hot Mix Asphalt Paving (HMA) and shouldering. The project is approximately 1.23 miles long. Bidding documents and special provisions are available from Town of Merrill.
This is a WisDOT LRIP TRID project
Project will be completed by October 1, 2024
Completed bids should be submitted to:
Town of Merrill
W4594 Progress Ave.
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452
Any questions should be directed to Mike Hass, Chairman at 715-218-7821 or email: Clerk-treasurer@townofmerrillwi.gov
Bids will be open at Town of Merrill Town Board Meeting: March 11, 2024. Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Miscellaneous Merchandise 7266
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TYPE A NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
April 2, 2024
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:
QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"
QUESTION 2: "Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"
This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 78, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at https://elections.wi.gov/memo/certification-referendum-question-and-type-notice-referendum-april-2-2024-spring-election and also on the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint\_resolution.
A copy also can be obtained from the office of the county clerk, or the Legislative Documents Room at 1 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin.
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Christopher J. Marlowe (Lincoln County Clerk)
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Lincoln County Highway Department
Request Purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) FOB Plant Site
These Materials will be used for WisDOT LRIP Projects
BID DATE: March 12, 2024 2:00 P.M.
Lincoln County Highway Department is seeking to purchase of approximately 35,000 tons of HMA materials for WisDOT, County Roads and Town Roads projects.
Detailed specification and RFP may be obtained from Lincoln County Highway Department at 100 Cooper Street, Merrill, WI 54452 or email: john.hanz@co.lincoln.wi.us. Proposal must conform to the requirements of specifications and instructions.
Proposals must be received by the Lincoln County Highway Department on or before 2:00 P.M. Tuesday March 12, 2024 and will be publicly opened at the Highway Department 100 Cooper Street, Merrill, WI 54452 at 2:10 PM.
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# Leader Sports & Nature



## Hatchet hockey team headed to State

The Tomahawk Hatchet hockey team qualified for the 2024 WIAA Division 2 State Tournament after defeating Mosinee in a Sectional matchup by a score of 8-2 on Thursday, Feb. 29. This marks Hatchet hockey's second State tournament appearance and their first trip since the "Dandy Dozen" in 1991. The Hatchets are slated to play at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena in Middleton, Wis., on Thursday, Feb. 29.

Photo courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

## Gibeault wrestles in Madison

Freshman Elise Gibeault represented Tomahawk High School at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament, held Thursday, Feb. 22 through Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Kohl Center in Madison. She competed in the girls' 120-pound weight class and dropped both of her matches to Ozaukee's Mya Delleree in the opening round and River Falls' Jenna Lawrence in the consolation round. Gibeault finished her season with a 29-7 record.

Photos by Greg Seubert



Gibeault faces River Falls' Jenna Lawrence in a 120-pound consolation round match at the state tournament in Madison.

## Middle school grapplers wrap up season in Marshfield

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MARSHFIELD – The Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) wrestling team wrapped up its season at a six-team scramble in Marshfield on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Joining Tomahawk were Marshfield, Auburndale, John Muir, Stevens Point and Tri-County. No team scores were kept.

The following TMS wrestlers came away with at least one victory on the night: Victoria Towle, Dawson Jones, Hudson Evans, Brantley Budzynski, Aiden Cruz, Robert Guzman, Charlee Lund, Colton McMeekin, Brayden Nowak, Lillian Taves, Tyler Waller and Noah Williamson.

The team said it would host an awards ceremony this week at a date and time to be determined.

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 171

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@mmlocal.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 170 question: At the 1976 State girls' cross country meet, THS defeated the defending State champions by 25 points for the Division 2 title. Who did THS defeat: West Allis Central, Prairie Du Chien or D.C. Everest?

Week 170 answer: At the 1976 State girls' cross country meet, THS defeated the defending State champions from Prairie Du Chien.

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

Week 171 question: Who was the head coach of the 1976 girls' volleyball team: Marilyn Grygo, Laurie Stensvold or Linda Mochalski?

## 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.

### Insurance 7308

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**NEW LISTING: 224 S 2ND ST:** Affordable living in the City of Tomahawk. This duplex has a newer roof, windows and siding. Live in one half and rent out the other half to help with your mortgage payment. Or maybe it is time for you to be an investor, and landlord. **\$119,900**

**NEW LISTING: 1513 Cotter Ave Merrill:** Built in 2006, this ranch style home, is comfortable, and spacious. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on the main level, along with laundry and open concept dining living and kitchen. Patio doors off dining lead to big fenced in backyard. The basement is mostly finished with large family room, bar area, toy room, and a room used as a spare bedroom. 2 car garage makes this complete. **\$239,900**

**NEW LISTING: 2447 Lund Rd:** 5.28 acres on the corner of Lund & Kjar roads in the Town of Nokomis. Gated driveway and fire number are there. A nice clearing with a yard shed and fire ring with lots of firewood are included. Great location to set up your camper or build a pole shed. These lots have been selling fast so don't hesitate to look. **\$42,000**



Aubrey Boisvert's and Kristina Walters' first grade classes at Tomahawk Elementary School. Photos courtesy of Tom Boisvert



Pictured, from left, are Hattie Stevenson, Bethany Anderson and Adley Wiedemeier, who took second, first and third places, respectively, in the Grades K-1 category of the 2024 Lincoln County Conservation Poster Contest.

# Tomahawk, Merrill students participate in annual countywide Conservation Poster Contest

**BY TOM BOISVERT**  
LINCOLN COUNTY  
CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM MANAGER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Students and educators from Lincoln County Schools participated in the Annual Conservation Poster Contest hosted by the Lincoln County Conservation Program.

The Conservation Contest encourages students to submit posters that illustrate the conservation theme of the year. For 2024, the Conservation Contest theme was “May the Forest Be With You, Always.”

Being that our area

schools are nestled in the heart of the Northwoods of Wisconsin, this year’s theme resonated with the contest participants. Maintaining healthy forests is crucial not just for environmental reasons, but for economical ones as well. Thriving forest ecosystems provide clean air and water to local communities, maintain ecological balance, ensure a robust timber industry, provide tourism opportunities and mitigate climate change impacts.

Because of this, a student’s creativity could be expressed in count-

less ways to display the 2024 theme. And without a doubt, all students that participated provided unique posters that helped promote the importance of conservation.

The Conservation Contest is an excellent opportunity for students to expand their appreciation for the environment and conservation and become involved with numerous Wisconsin Academic Standards. Educators that have been involved with the contest found this connection to the standards helpful, and have enjoyed the opportunity to promote conserva-

tion within the classroom.

“My students gained valuable knowledge about forest health and had a blast applying their newfound knowledge by creating posters,” said Kristina Walters, First Grade Teacher at Tomahawk Elementary School.

The Conservation Contest has several stages of competitions, and winners from each stage advance to the next. The contest begins at the local level (Lincoln County), which then proceeds to an Area Contest that includes nine counties, a State contest and even a national contest.

Grades K-1 category winners are Bethany Anderson, Hattie Stevenson and Adley Wiedemeier. These students won first, second and third places, respectively. All students are in Mrs. Boisvert’s and Mrs. Walters’ classes at Tomahawk Elementary.

Grades 4-6 category winners are Alesia Hockett, Emma Krombolz, and Carter Jewell, taking first, second, and third places, respectively. All students are in Mr. Johnson’s class at Trinity Merrill Lutheran School.

Grades 7-9 category winners are Jordyn Moser and

Mariah Lonsdorf, winning first and second places, respectively. All students are in Ms. Wagenaar’s Art class at Merrill High School.

Grades 10-12 category winners are Jayda Nowak, Danica Lipke and Stephanie Bonke. These students won first, second and third places, respectively. All students are in Ms. Wagenaar’s Art class at Merrill High School.

For more information about the Annual Conservation Contest, please contact Tom Boisvert, Conservation Program Manager, at 715-539-1054.

### FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

| Date (CDT) | Morning |        | Evening |        |
|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|            | Minor   | Major  | Minor   | Major  |
| Feb 28     | 7:27AM  | 1:30AM | 9:26PM  | 1:50PM |
| Feb 29     | 7:45AM  | 2:11AM | 10:34PM | 2:32PM |
| Mar 1      | 8:06AM  | 2:54AM | ---     | 3:18PM |
| Mar 2      | 11:44PM | 3:42AM | 8:33AM  | 4:08PM |
| Mar 3      | 12:55AM | 4:34AM | 9:09AM  | 5:02PM |
| Mar 4      | 2:04AM  | 5:31AM | 9:56AM  | 6:01PM |
| Mar 5      | 3:06AM  | 6:31AM | 10:59AM | 7:02PM |
| Mar 6      | 3:57AM  | 7:33AM | 12:14PM | 8:03PM |

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|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| Sunday, Feb. 18    | 34        | 2        |
| Monday, Feb. 19    | 41        | 22       |
| Tuesday, Feb. 20   | 49        | 22       |
| Wednesday, Feb. 21 | 55        | 22       |
| Thursday, Feb. 22  | 55        | 27       |
| Friday, Feb. 23    | 30        | 0        |
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