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Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital offering new Urgent Care services

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TOMAHAWK – Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital is now offering Urgent Care services.

A Monday, March 25 release from Aspirus Health said the Tomahawk hospital's new service will provide "timely treatment for non-life-threatening illness and injuries."

"You can't always plan when you need health care," Aspirus stated. "Injuries and illness occur at the most inconvenient times, when you are not able see your regular provider. With Urgent Care, you still have access to quality care when and where you need it."

Urgent Care services are available without an appointment, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Emergency Department entrance of the hospital, located at 401



Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital is now offering Urgent Care services. Photo courtesy of Aspirus

Mohawk Dr.

"We always want to do what is best for our patients and be here when they need us," said Carmen Viegut, Director of Nursing at As-

pirus Tomahawk Hospital. "When you suddenly need care, it can be very distressing. The Urgent Care option provides people with the assurance they can receive

the health care they need when they just can't wait."

Aspirus noted that it may be confusing whether to choose Urgent Care or an Emergency Department.

"Urgent Care is for problems that need to be treated right away, but are non-life threatening," Aspirus explained. "This includes conditions such as allergies, pink eye, rashes, upper respiratory infections, strains and sprains, ear infections, insect bites, cuts or other minor illnesses. Urgent Care can also perform minor procedures, provide basic lab tests and imaging to help provide an accurate diagnosis and determine proper treatment."

Injuries that require rapid or advanced treatment should be treated at an Emergency Department in a hospital setting, where a higher level of care is available.

"When in doubt, do not hesitate to call 911, especially for suspected cases of stroke, heart attack or head trauma," Aspirus stated.

Aspirus said the benefits

of Urgent Care extend beyond expanded access, noting that visitors to Urgent Care will typically have a shorter wait time than at an Emergency Department and will usually have a less expensive cost of visit with lower insurance co-pays.

"The addition of Urgent Care at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital shows a commitment by Aspirus to increase services and provide reliable care to our local community and the thousands of people who visit our area every year," Viegut stated. "It is a valuable extension of the emergency care Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital has been proudly providing in the Northwoods for over a century."

For more information about Urgent Care at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, visit www.aspirus.org/urgentcare.

Two THS students to participate in SkillsUSA Wisconsin conference in Madison

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – Two Tomahawk High School (THS) students will participate in the 51st annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference next week.

The conference will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 10.

Reese M. will compete in

architectural drafting at the state conference after taking home the bronze medal at the district-level competition in Antigo earlier this year.

Rachael R. will compete in cosmetology. Rachael recently took part in the cosmetology competition at Nicolet College's High School Competition Day, where she was the overall winner.

THS's SkillsUSA Presi-

dent, Alli P., will also attend the conference as an observer and voting delegate to take in the competition and see what happens at the state level.

THS has participated in SkillsUSA for several years, with this year marking THS's first trip to the state conference.

The THS attendees will join more than 1,500 middle school, high school and college/post-secondary

students, 200-plus teachers and more than 300 industry volunteers working in more than 80 competitions.

Often comprising a few team members, a release from SkillsUSA said, students will work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in competitions in a wide array of skill sets.

"Helping each student excel and be a solution to

shrinking the skills gap, SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations," the release stated. "SkillsUSA Wisconsin, with more than 2,300 members in over 140 chapters, is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representa-

tives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. The diverse talent pipeline covers 120 trades, technical and skilled service occupations, the majority science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)-related."

To learn more about the SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference, visit www.tinyurl.com/ccwpuusp.



New TPD officer John White sworn in

The Tomahawk Police Department last week announced that its newest officer, John White, had been sworn in. White will be working the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift, according to the department.

Photo courtesy of TPD

Tomahawk Ambassadors welcome Holistic Life Chiropractic to new location

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Ambassadors welcomed Dr. Janel Voelker of Holistic Life Chiropractic to her new office, following the recent relocation of the business.

Holistic Life Chiropractic is now located at N11758 County Rd. L in Tomahawk.

A release from the Ambassadors said the space has been completely transformed by Dr. Voelker's husband, Mike, converting an old laundromat into a "beautiful space of healing."

"Holistic Life Chiropractic (has been) dedicated to helping families achieve optimal health and wellness since 2018, and in addition, Dr. Janel Voelker has been involved in successful wellness practices since 2007 in various other parts of the country," the Ambassadors stated.

The office offers chiropractic care and nutritional therapy to help families in every stage of life. Dr. Voelker has earned additional certification in pediatrics and is also Webster-certified, which is a technique used to help pregnant women have safe, healthy and natural deliveries.

"Dr. Zoie Mohr was an amazing addition to Holistic Life Chiropractic in



Tomahawk Ambassadors Jennifer Turkiewicz, Kathy Rankin, Bunny Kluka and Deb Tomaszewski were on hand to meet with Doctors Janel and Zoie, as well as Mike and Otto Voelker, to tour Holistic Life Chiropractic and learn more about their practice.

Photo courtesy of the Tomahawk Ambassadors

2022," the Ambassadors noted. "A Tomahawk native, Dr. Zoie also has additional training in pediatrics and has a passion of working with pregnant women, children and families. Dr. Zoie and her husband, Derek, love raising their children, Wyatt and Wren, in Tomahawk and spend the majority of their time outside

playing sports, watching sports, and you will often find her on a ballfield or cheering on her favorite sports teams with family and friends."

The Ambassadors said the doctors "believe in caring for the entire person during each visit, looking at the physical, emotional and chemical stresses that can contribute towards spinal mis-

alignments."

"During each visit, patients are evaluated from head to toe, not only adjusting spines, but also adjusting feet, hips, knees, shoulders, elbows, wrists, and even checking cranial alignment and digestive function," the Ambassadors stated. "They believe that each patient is different, so each person's adjustments are different.

Some patients prefer the more traditional, manual adjustments, while others prefer a more gentle adjustment with a drop table or adjusting tool."

The doctors added that they also have a vast understanding of supplements, noting that supplements can be confusing and that there are a lot of poor-quality supplements

on the market.

"They help their patients make sure that they are taking not only quality supplements, but also the right supplements needed for their body and stage of life," the Ambassadors said.

The new space offers Holistic Life Chiropractic the ability to collaborate on patient care, and they were able to add an additional therapy – PEMF (Pulsated Electromagnetic Field) technology.

The Ambassadors said PEMF is "soothing and restorative and provides your cells with the energy they need to perform at their highest capacity," noting that it "provides electromagnetic energy crucial to the body's ability to heal and regulate itself."

"I believe that God has blessed me with a great ability to help people heal and be healthier," Dr. Voelker stated. "God works everyday through my hands and words to help others, and for that I am very grateful to Him."

In 2021, Dr. Voelker and her husband Mike opened The Rock Church in Tomahawk, where they are also pastors.

"The Tomahawk Ambassadors were honored to welcome them to their new location and wish them all the best," the release stated.

THS's Caleb Dickens awarded Herb Kohl Educational Foundation scholarship

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk High School (THS) student is among the recipients of a scholarship offered by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

Caleb Dickens was awarded the Foundation's

Student Initiative Scholarship.

The Foundation annually awards \$10,000.00 Initiative Scholarships to 100 graduating high school students in public and private schools throughout Wisconsin.

"Each year, 100 dif-

ferent high schools are designated to award an Initiative Scholarship," the Foundation's website says. "The selection of schools is based on a multi-year rotation cycle, which allows every high school in Wisconsin to receive an Initiative Schol-

arship in rotation."

Each designated school chooses its recipient through an internal selection and application process, and the \$10,000.00 scholarships are awarded in the spring.

The Foundation said the intent of the Initia-

tive Scholarship is to "recognize students who put forth extraordinary effort to do their best in the classroom and have overcome significant obstacles or adversity, but whose class rank or other extenuating circumstances likely make them ineligible for

academic scholarships."

Dickens joins students from Merrill, Stratford, Sun Prairie and Weston in receiving the Student Initiative Scholarship.

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Her daughter said Dottie has been to every casino in Wisconsin and Michigan, and she has scrap books to prove it.

Dottie uses a wheelchair daily, but once we arrived at the casino, she stood up and was ready to walk (we joked to her that it was a miracle when she took a few steps). We encouraged her to remain sitting as we rolled out the red carpet for her.

Upon entering the casino, Dottie’s eyes lit up with all the flashing lights and bright colors. She didn’t miss a beat, as she was an old hand at playing the machines. Dottie won some and lost some with satisfaction.

On our way home, Dottie was explaining where certain buildings used to be, while sightseeing with a big smile, as she grew up in Arbor Vitae.

We stopped to eat at El Tarasco, which Dottie enjoyed.

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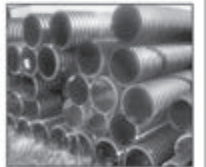
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Richard Jokela, 88, of Appleton passed away peacefully on March 8, 2024, with loved ones by his side. Richard was born on April 28, 1935, in Tripoli, Wisconsin to Eino and Florence Jokela. Richard served his country in the US Army from 1953-1955. On August 30, 1958, he married his best friend, Mary Ann Peterson. They made their home in Appleton, working and raising three children. Richard graduated from UW Stevens Point with a degree in music education. He taught high school band before returning to UW Superior on the GI bill, where he earned his master's degree in psychology. Over the years, he served several Fox Valley area school districts as a school psychologist. After retirement, he and Mary Ann spent time traveling and staying close to attend their grandchildren's events. Mary Ann preceded him in death on November 24, 2006. He married Carol Peterson on March 10, 2011. He and Carol lived in Tomahawk and enjoyed their time together until her passing on September 3, 2022.

He was a racing fan, attending the Indy 500 and Daytona 500 multiple times. He enjoyed vacationing in Gulf Shores during the winters. Alaska was a favorite destination as he enjoyed the long days. He attended Pulaski Polka Days 33 consecutive years, the last being 2023. He was proud to be one of the owners of the Green Bay Packers.

Richard was an avid walker during his later years. He spent many hours walking the trails in Tomahawk and Appleton. He rarely missed his goal of 20,000 steps per day. He enjoyed playing Sheephead, an occasional trip to the casino and visiting with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his three children, Jill (Dan Lickel) Jokela of Madison, Jane (Steve) Garrow of Appleton and Roger Jokela of Big Pine Key, Florida. Other survivors include his five grandchildren: Katie (Jack) Kasten, Laura (Jim) Johnson, Liz (Joey) Mullaney, Kirsten (Travis Vander Hoop) Lickel, and Aaron Lickel; eight great-grandchildren: Jovie, Crosby, Jett, and Nova Johnson, Kip and Beau Kasten and Owen and Greta Mullaney.

Richard was preceded in death by Mary Ann and Carol, his parents and brother, Roger Jokela. A celebration of Richard's life will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 2:00-4:00pm at Brantwood Community Center. He will be laid to rest next to Mary Ann at Somo Cemetery in Tripoli, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Richard's memory to The Tomahawk Open Arms Soup Kitchen or a charity of your choice.

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Clarence W. Towle, 93, Tomahawk, passed away on March 27. Clarence was born Sept. 21, 1930 in Wausau, Wis. He was son of Clarence G. and Irma (Volkman) Towle. He was married to Marie Kasten on July 11, 1953. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 2017. Surviving are his five children: Ann (Wayne) Koskey, North Aurora, Ill.; Dan (Chris) Towle, Tomahawk; Dona (Greg-deceased) Gerwig, Westerville, Ohio; Mike Towle, North Aurora, Ill.; Bill (Kelly) Towle, West Bend, Wis. He also has 16 grandchildren, one of whom is deceased (Amelia), 25 great-grandchildren (soon to be 26), and one great-great-grandchild.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Korean War. He was a firefighter for eight years in Wausau. He later retired from Wausau Supply Company where he started as a truck driver and later became a salesman. He truly enjoyed his work there because of his friendly and outgoing personality. He loved telling stories of his life experiences. Clarence loved gardening, bee keeping, was an avid reader, loved camping with his family, and was a lover of cookies and ice cream. He was an excellent woodworker. His children, grandchildren and friends were the recipients of many of his labors of love. Clarence and Marie traveled to many parts of the world, many times traveling with their English friends Bill and Beryl. In later years they bought a home in a 55+ retirement community in Weslaco, Tex., where they wintered every year. While wintering in South Texas he coordinated and helped build houses and feed the homeless in Mexico. He also did a lot of work at the birthing center in Weslaco. He has spent his last five years with his friend and companion, Eileen Bushar. They very much enjoyed coming to Texas for the winter. The family wants to give a special thanks to the staff at the Rhinelander Aspirus Hospital who cared for Clarence. They were kind, compassionate and loving.

His life will be celebrated on June 7 at Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home in Tomahawk. There will be a visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a vigil service to follow. On June 8 there will be visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Harrison, with a funeral Mass to follow, officiated by Fr. Louis Maram Reddy, at 11 a.m. This will be followed by the burial at the cemetery, and a luncheon in the church basement.

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

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Melissa Jean Rau, 54, of Harshaw, passed away Monday, March 25, 2024 at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Melissa was born Nov. 12, 1969 in Michigan City, Ind., the daughter of James and Judith (Welnetz) Rau. Surviving are her brother, Timothy Rau; nephews, Jimmy and Ryan; aunt and uncle Art (Lillian) Rau. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Judith Rau; and sister-in-law, Nancy. A Celebration of Life will be

held at a later date. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family.



James Edward Rau, 83, Harshaw passed away Monday, March 25, 2024 at his home. James was born June 12, 1940 in Winamac, Ind., the son of Arthur and Thelma Rau. He was united in marriage on Sept. 8, 1962 to Judith Welnetz and she preceded him in death April 29, 2022. Surviving are son, Timothy Rau, Tomahawk; two grandsons, Jimmy and Ryan; and a brother Art (Lillian) Rau, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith; daughter, Melissa Rau. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith; daughter, Melissa Rau. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family.



Loretta A. Brzezinski, age 95, of Sun Prairie, Wis., passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2024. She was born on March 4, 1929, in Wausau, Wis., daughter to the late Anton and Agnes (Halminiak) Nowak. On Sept. 17, 1949, she married Steve Brzezinski, her partner in life. They shared almost 70 years together. Loretta and Steve raised four children in the Schofield/Rothschild area. She worked as a crossing guard for St. Therese Catholic School after moving to Schofield from Rib Mountain in the early 1960s. She later went to work for the D.C. Everest School District as a Teacher's Aide and continued that work until her retirement. Between 1955 and 1975, she and Steve built five homes in Rib Mountain, Schofield, and Rothschild. Much hard work was put into those homes. After retiring, she and Steve moved to Tomahawk to their retirement home. Loretta continued to be active at the Senior Center serving meals and at St. Mary's Catholic Church where she helped teach religious education. Loretta's faith was always important to her. She was never far from her prayer book or rosary. Her bread making was well known and a treat for many, especially Steve. Loretta was always ready for a game of Sheephead and usually came out a winner. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed their visits so much. Loretta's last year was spent in Sun Prairie at Talamore Senior Living. She appreciated the visits, the calls, and the messages, and wished she had been better able to respond to the many family members and friends who kept her in their thoughts and prayers during the last year of her life. She endured a lot but never complained. Survivors include her sons, Francis (Anne) Brzezinski, of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Scott (Judy) Brzezinski, of Tomahawk, Wis.; and her daughter, Stacie (Marc) Swiggum, of Sun Prairie, Wis. Loretta is further survived by her grandchildren, Clifford Brzezinski, Sarah Stonbely, April Brzezinski, Caroline (Todd) Moering, Erin (Ryan) Kutz, Adam (Briana) Augustine, Abby (Michael) Marx, Katie (Jason Raisbeck) Howe, and Rachel (Nick) Neefe. She had 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was also blessed to have two step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren. Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, Steve; her daughter, Janean (Chris) Howe; her parents, Anton and Agnes; her in-laws, Anton and Anna (Feltzkowski) Brzezinski; her brother, Joe Nowak; her sisters, Leona Champine and Lottie Soper; and her step-granddaughter, Lauren Swiggum. She was also preceded by many in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

A special thanks to the Agrace staff for the support they provided during her last months of life, particularly Hospice RN Melissa Lendborg, for the care she provided and the stories she listened to, and Hospice Nurse Practitioner Aaron Hoekstra, whose face immediately brought comfort to Loretta. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tomahawk, or Agrace, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, Wis., 53711. Funeral services for Loretta Brzezinski will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, located at 320 E. Washington Ave. in Tomahawk. Rev. Louis Maram Reddy will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Generations Funeral Home of Tomahawk is assisting the family. You may view Loretta's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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Rebecca "Becky" L. Kratzer, age 78, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at her home. Becky was born on May 11, 1945, and raised in Kokomo, IN, by her late parents, Morris and Maxine (Nelson) Gray. She met the love of her life, Ben Kratzer; they were married on January 29, 1961, and together have two daughters. In 1961, they moved to Menomonee Falls, WI, where Becky worked at Briggs & Stratton. In 1976, they moved to Tomahawk where she worked at Golden Age Nursing Home, Georgia-Pacific, and retired from Harley-Davidson in 2002. Becky helped to create "Happy Grounds" with her husband at their Lake Alice home recently celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary. She enjoyed visits from her parents, family, and friends and was known for her good cooking. Becky loved riding her Harley motorcycle, entertaining friends, time spent on the pontoon boat, and time spent with her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Becky is survived by her husband, Ben; her daughters, Krist Kratzer and Pam (Mike) Crass; her grandchildren, Keith Crass, Kayla (Ben) Heldt, Zeb Jones, and Boe Dremler; her great-grandchildren, Hugh and Hailey Heldt, all of Tomahawk; and her sister, Julian (Larry) Schwindt. She is further survived by her nieces and nephews in Indiana. Becky was preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Maxine; and her brother, Buck (Sharon) Gray. In accordance with Becky's wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Becky's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.

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Eugene Ned Schreiber Lake City, Fla. Nov. 12, 1935 – March 22, 2024 Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Mr. Eugene "Gene" Schreiber, age 88, passed away peacefully on March 22 at his home. The middle son born to the late Ned J. Schreiber and Lydia Schraufnagel Schreiber of Tomahawk graduated from Tomahawk High School where he was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and baseball. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Gunnery's mate from 1953-1956. He married his wife, Georgia M. Henderson, his high school sweetheart and friend since third grade, on Dec. 1, 1956 and they shared their married lives together for 67 years. Gene completed his B.S. at the University of Michigan with a degree in Forestry. Upon his graduation he received a job offer from Owens Illinois Paper Company and moved his family to Florida. During his career he worked with the UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation along with the Cooperative Forest Genetics Research Program. He enjoyed being a mentor to the young foresters and many long-term friendships developed. After several promotions, relocations, and company name changes, he retired in 2000 with 36 years of dedicated service. Gene was an avid outdoorsman all his life. He loved hunting and fishing, passing down this love of the outdoors to his children and grandchildren. He had many hunting adventures outside the state but his favorites hunting spots were at his son's homes in Oklahoma and White Springs, hunting with his family. When hunting season was over he would say, "I'm going to Suwanee," where he would fish for reds, trout, yellow tail or "anything that was biting." He entertained many friends and family members down at his cabin sharing his secret fishing holes along with all the fishing stories. Gene was a first generation college graduate and felt that one of his greatest accomplishments was instilling in his children and grandchildren that education was a must and he helped (with the "Big Gene" push) to encourage his four children and nine grandchildren to all graduate from college; there's a total of 13 Bachelor degrees, six Masters Degrees, one Doctorate of Medicine, one appointment to the National Mensa Society, and many Deans lists, professional licensures and honorable accolades. These were some of his proudest moments. Throughout his life Gene could be found watching his children's sporting events and later his grandkids at the tennis courts, golf course, baseball and football fields, basketball courts and wrestling and weightlifting tournaments. He would go on family vacations to New Orleans, the National Parks, Alaska, Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas, Oklahoma and New York. On the weekends, if he wasn't outdoors, he would watch college football and basketball games. Gene was a dedicated husband to his wife Georgia, and for two and a half years of the final three years of his life, he was a constant caregiver to her; not ever leaving her side during a debilitating and medically complicated illness that finally took her to heaven exactly eight months to the day prior to Gene going to heaven. He has been a member of Epiphany Catholic Parrish for over 50 years. He is survived by his children, Gene Schreiber (Joy), Rene Carnes, Lisa Adel (Doug), Brian Schreiber (Kathy), nine grandchildren, Kim Moon (Todd), James Schreiber (Emily), Paul Dumstorf, Zachary Dumstorf, Josh Adel, Jeremy Adel (Isabel), Joseph Adel, Cole Schreiber (Jordyn), Wyatt Schreiber and five great-grandchildren, Owen, Ava, Andrew, Easton and Maddox and his brother, Denny Schreiber (Eileen). He is predeceased by his parents, Ned and Lydia Schreiber, his brother Jack Schreiber, and his wife Georgia Mae Schreiber. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at Epiphany Catholic Church, 1905 SW Epiphany Court, Lake City, Fla., 32025. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in support of Epiphany Catholic School, 1937 SW Epiphany Court, Lake City, Fla., 32025.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Bygone

Dear Reader,

As I stroll down memory lane, I am enveloped in a wistful nostalgia for the bygone days. Those were the days when our hearts brimmed with youthful exuberance, and our friendships were pure, untouched by the transactional nature of today's world. We were united not by wealth or status, but by the simple joy of being together.



In those days, we were all just scraping by, but our spirits were rich with hope and optimism. We didn't need material possessions to define our worth; our worth was measured by the depth of our connections and the richness of our relationships.

Looking back now, with the wisdom of hindsight, there are few regrets. We realize that those fleeting moments of laughter and camaraderie were the true treasures of our youth. We yearn for the days when time seemed to stand still, when the future stretched out before us like an endless road, full of promise and possibility.

But alas, nothing lasts forever. Life moves on, carrying us along with it, and the innocence of youth slips away, leaving behind only memories and echoes of the past. Yet, amidst the bittersweet longing for what once was, there remains a glimmer – a hope that we can still find gladness and possibly elation in the moments that lie ahead.

So let us savor each day as it comes, holding onto the memories of the past while embracing the beauties of the future. For in the end, it is not the wealth we amass or the possessions we acquire that truly matter, but the love we share and the memories we create along the way.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Expansion of VA Health Care Eligibility for Toxic-Exposed Veterans

On Aug. 10, 2022, the PACT Act was signed into law. Under the PACT Act, all toxic-exposed veterans were supposed to become eligible for VA health care on a phased-in schedule between now and 2032, but it allowed the VA to accelerate this schedule.

The VA chose to do so, and beginning March 5, 2024, veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving are now eligible to receive hospital care (including mental health services and counseling), medical services and nursing home care through the VA.

There are three categories of veterans who are now eligible for VA health care immediately. They are:

Veterans who participated in toxic exposure risk activity (TERA) while serving on active

duty, active duty for training or inactive duty for training. The toxic exposure risk activities are:

1. Air pollutants (burn pits, sand, dust, particulates, oil well fires, sulfur fires); chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, depleted uranium with embedded shrapnel, contaminated water);

2. Occupational hazards (asbestos, industrial solvents, lead, paints including chemical agent resistant coating, firefighting foams);

3. Radiation (nuclear weapons handling, maintenance and detonation, radioactive material, calibration and measurement sources, x-rays, radiation from military occupational exposure);

4. Warfare agents (nerve agents, chemical and biological weapons).

Veterans who were assigned to a duty station in (including airspace above) the following locations:

1. On or after Aug. 2, 1990, in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia or

the United Arab Emirates.

2. On or after Sept. 11, 2001, in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen or Uzbekistan.

Veterans who were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve and Resolute Support Mission.

If you have any questions about this, or if you'd like us to assist you with filing for VA health care, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Tammy Javenkoski, CVSO, and Jason Dailey, Assistant CVSO, can be reached at 715-369-6127 or cvso@co.oneida.wi.us. You can also contact us via Facebook at www.Facebook.com/oneidacvso or our website, www.oneidacountywi.gov/departments/vs/.

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Nicolet College to host Student Art Show

Public invited to opening reception

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College art students are gearing up to display their work at the third annual Student Art Show.

The Art Show exhibit will be on display from Monday, April 15 through Friday, May 24 in the Nicolet College Art Gallery, 5364 College Dr., Rhinelander.

The public is invited to attend the show's opening reception at the Northwoods Center on Thursday, April 18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

A release from Nicolet said student work from various art disciplines created during the fall and spring semesters will be showcased for the final hurrah before commencement.

"Many of these students take art classes to fulfill humanities and other elective requirements as part of their university transfer coursework, and some will

continue their study as art majors with the intention to pursue careers in the visual arts," Nicolet stated. "Students collaborate with art faculty to choose their best work to be displayed."

Nicolet College Art Instructor Nate Wilson said the student showcase is an opportunity for emerging artists to exhibit the culmination of a year's work.

"The art show builds confidence for the students," Wilson said. "Sharing with the audience and receiving positive feedback does a lot for them."

Artwork on display will range from sketches to paintings, ceramics and beyond. Although the show is not juried, prizes and awards will be presented to meritorious works.

Nicolet said the goal is to support local artists and recognize students for their artistic excellence.

Katalina LaDean, a Nicolet College student who is pursuing an associate of



Nicolet College is inviting the public to attend the Student Art Show opening reception on Thursday, April 18. The Art Show exhibit will be open through late May. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

arts degree, said the Student Art Show provides a unique opportunity to build her portfolio and display her art to her community.

LaDean said she hopes to pay tribute to loved ones by displaying a series of black and white sketches of three friends at the show.

"It gives you something to look forward to and be proud of," LaDean stated. "It gives you something to strive for, which is really rewarding."

Adrian Shrigley is another Nicolet College art student who will be featured at the Student Art Show. He

will soon complete his associate of arts degree and intends to transfer to UW-Stevens Point this fall to pursue a career in musical theatre.

Shrigley was featured in last year's show and said the variety of talents and perspectives students bring to the table was his favorite part of the experience.

The Nicolet College Art Gallery is open Mondays through Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northwoods Center.

For more information about the Nicolet College

Art Gallery, visit www.nicoletcollege.edu/nicolet-art-gallery or email artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, March 25: On 03/19/2024 deputies were alerted to a possible domestic situation on STH 17 north of CTH B. in the Town of Harrison. A Tomahawk woman, 25, reported that her boyfriend, 33, also from Tomahawk, was a passenger in her car before he forced her out of the vehicle and he took off N/B on STH 17 and an extremely high rate of speed. The woman also reported that the suspect had been using meth prior to this. A short time later, the Sheriff's Office received a driving complaint on the suspect and that it was reported he was traveling over 100 MPH. The suspect subsequently lost control of the car and drove off the road, striking a tree. The force of the impact was enough that it caused the engine to separate from the car. The suspect was injured as a result of the crash. He was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital, where he was stabilized and then flown by helicopter to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. The suspect will be summonsed in for multiple charges, including OWI and several counts of bail jumping. The suspect by order of the court had been previously ordered not to have contact with the female.

On 03/20/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle for suspended registration and the register owner being a revoked driver. When stopped, the Tomahawk man, 49, was found to be the registered owner, and he was also found to be on probation. The deputy contacted probation and parole, who placed a hold on the man. He was then arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

Deputies conducted 25 traffic stops and 40 security checks. Deputies responded to one domestic and seven car vs. deer crashes. The 911 Center took one hang-up call and two nuisance calls.

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CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER

Price County Department of Health and Human Services

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This is a full-time, regular position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage of \$28.14 (Grade 8). Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.9% employer contribution, 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, by emailing a request to hoffice@co.price.wi.us or by calling 715-339-5131.

Resume and completed application must be received by the Price County Office of Administration to be considered for this position. Recruitment is ongoing until filled. Price County is an equal opportunity employer.

PRICE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY LISTER

Price County is accepting applications for a **Real Property Lister** within the Register of Deeds Department. This position maintains all assessment records for the County on a timely basis as required by Wis. Stats 70.09 and Department of Revenue Guidelines. The Real Property Lister will compile, analyze, and process the land information documents necessary for an accurate property tax assessment roll and Price County's GIS tax parcel map. This position provides related information, records, and assistance to a diverse set of local officials, property professionals and the general public; plans, procures and distributes all forms required for property assessment and taxation by County and local officials; does related work as assigned. Work is performed under the supervision of the Register of Deeds.

This is a full-time, regular, non-exempt position with a starting hourly wage of \$26.01, and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.9% employer contribution, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a zero 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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Baldwin rallies Northwoods supporters in Rhinelander

Senator lays out success, challenges; listens to concerns

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin is making stops throughout Wisconsin while the Senate is in recess.

Baldwin, a Democrat, was in Rhinelander last week to meet with Northwoods supporters during her Dairyland Tour.

“This is about meeting people where they’re at and listening to their concerns, their challenges, their aspirations and taking that knowledge back to Washington and having that inform my work there,” Baldwin said. “Partly a listening tour and partly to make sure we’re addressing the kitchen table issues that people are concerned about right now.”

Those concerns, she said, include the cost of healthcare and medicine, plus the price of groceries and other items such as diapers, despite news headlines that say inflation is down.

“We’re going after those companies that are deceiving consumers,” Baldwin said. “Their input prices may be a lot lower, and yet they’re still charging



Senator Tammy Baldwin greeted supporters in Rhinelander on Tuesday, March 26. The event at Northland Music Center was one stop on Baldwin’s Dairyland Tour. **MMC photo**

what they did at the height of inflation.”

Baldwin served seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before being elected to the Senate in Nov. 2012.

Trying to prevent her from being elected to a third Senate term is Republican businessman Eric Hovde, who entered the race in February. Hovde was born and raised in Madison and

now serves as President and CEO of Sunwest Bank in California.

Wisconsin is predicted to be a battleground state in November.

“It’s not an exaggeration to say that Wisconsin could well decide who occupies the White House next year,” Baldwin told her supporters. “Wisconsin could well be decisive in who controls the United States Senate. This seat, if

we lost it, would hand control of the Senate to the Republicans.”

The Senator touted what she said were some of her successes in Washington, such as championing “Buy America” policies that require American products be used for public projects funded by taxpayer dollars.

“Wisconsin is a state that makes things,” Baldwin said. “I think about our iconic manufacturers – so many of those manufacturing jobs have been lost over the decades because of really poor industrial policy as well as bad trade policies.”

Buy American, Baldwin said, helps to level the playing field for American workers, who she said are at a disadvantage compared to corporations that choose to have production facilities in places with no minimum wage, no worker safety protections or environmental laws.

“I believe that when we’re spending taxpayer dollars that we shouldn’t be spending those dollars supporting workers overseas,” Baldwin said. “We should be using our taxpayer dollars to support U.S. jobs and U.S. small

businesses. So over the years, I have become ‘the’ Senate champion of buy America policies.”

Baldwin is a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, where she said she has been involved in some successes.

“We’ve been able to bring down the price of insulin for seniors on Medicare,” Baldwin said. “We’re working right now to bring down the cost of asthma inhalers, and we’ve had some real

breakthroughs just in recent weeks. And with Medicare now negotiating with drug companies – really powerful drug companies – to bring their prices down for seniors and others, we’re going to see some real breakthroughs that make it affordable for people who have life-threatening diseases and illnesses to be able to afford the medicines they need to stay alive.”

The General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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Community Ecumenical Choir concerts

The Community Ecumenical Choir will perform its spring concert, entitled “A Closer Walk with Thee,” at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Rib Lake, on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m.; and at the Ogema Baptist Church, Ogema, on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. The choir is composed of approximately 25 men and women from several churches in Price, Lincoln and Taylor counties. Sheryl Barnet is this spring’s director, and the choir is accompanied by pianist Joan Points. A free will offering will be used to cover minimal expenses and to make donations to His House of Hope and Northwoods Living Hope in Phillips. Fellowship and refreshments will follow each concert.

Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Week

The City of Tomahawk Public Works Department has designated the week of Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19 as Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Week. Only brush and yard waste are allowed. Brush should not be bundled, but neatly piled with the cut ends of limbs facing the curb. Plastic bags are the only acceptable containers for leaves. The bags must only contain leaves. Items should be set out for pickup no later than 7 a.m. each day.

LCVSO closed Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19

The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office (LCVSO) will be closed from Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19 to allow staff to attend the Spring County Veterans Service Officers Conference. LCVSO said the training is “important for our professional development and is necessary to receive continuing education credits towards maintaining accreditation with the Office of General Counsel.” For more information, contact Veterans Service Officer John B. Olson Jr. at 715-539-1085.

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary’s Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

Pastor’s Corner

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

He Found Them Sleeping

After the last supper and heading into Passover weekend, Jesus went with Peter, James, and John to the garden to prepare for His crucifixion. The weight of the world’s sins pressed Jesus down and He wanted His friends to sit and pray with Him. As Jesus poured His heart out to His heavenly Father, He found His friends fast asleep. Three times Jesus woke them, asking them to pray. Jesus knew the crisis that was about to befall them, that His disciples were all going to abandon Him, and that their only hope was deep, earnest prayer for strength. Unfortunately, not one remained awake, and when the crisis broke they all fled.

Earlier, Jesus had told a parable of two groups of virgins representing God’s people at a crossroads between a great celebration and a great spiritual crisis. The difference between them was their connection to and reliance on God. The parable depicts ten sleeping virgins; five of them made preparations, they had oil for their lamps, representing the Holy Spirit who would lead them through the darkness. The remaining five virgins failed to make the needed preparations. They did not have the needed connection to God to guide them in the dark. They were too prideful and self-sufficient to ask for the only thing that would save them. As a result, they were left outside in the dark.

The book of Revelation is Jesus’ last love letter to His people and depicts a world much the same as the disciples before the crucifixion, asleep and unprepared for the crisis they face.

Revelation 6:14-17 depicts one of the final crises to face humanity, the end of the world and the second coming of Jesus:

“14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they *said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;” NASB

This passage ends with a question:

“17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” NASB

The answer is nobody will be able to stand unless they have Jesus. Jesus Christ, the Creator and Savior of the world REALLY IS going to return very soon in the clouds of glory. Are you awake to the spiritual crisis that is befalling this world? Or are you comfortably sleeping the night away?

Revelation 18:4: “I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;” NASB

This world will not last forever. There is a limit to how long God will let sin endure. It is time we wake up out of our slumber. It is time we **run to Jesus**, because: “He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Revelation 22:20. NASB



Pastor Eric Anderson
Tomahawk Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Church DIRECTORY

<p>First Congregational N. Fifth & E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk 715-453-2217 8:30am Bible Study • 9:30am Worship Pastor John Miskimen</p>	<p>Grace Lutheran ELCA 108 W. Somo Ave. 715-453-4066 Worship Times: Sat., 5 pm • Sun., 9 am Pastor Julie Sinkula Streaming Worship on our website: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org</p>
<p>ReviveNow Church 1328 County Rd. A, Tomahawk 715-453-8783 Sunday Service & Facebook Live Stream: 9:30am Prayer Meetings: Wednesday 6pm Pastors Jaco & Leslie Theron</p>	<p>Spirit Baptist Hwy. 86, 1/4 Mile West of Hwy. 102, Spirit 715-657-0304 • 715-657-0764 Duane Harper Pastor Affiliated w/Baptist General Conference</p>
<p>Community Seventh Day Adventist Hwy. 86/D, Tomahawk • 715-453-5809 Pastor Eric Anderson Church: 9am, Sabbath School: 10:15am Radio WLBI-LP 107.1 FM</p>	<p>Berean Baptist Church 19 N. Third St., Tomahawk Pastor Charles Scheele 715-453-3407 Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Morning Service - 10:45 am Sunday Mid-week Bible study - 7:00 pm Wednesday</p>
<p>Northland Bible Church 2810 Olson Road, Tomahawk Join Us Sunday 10 a.m. Pastor Alex Lindsay 715-612-1841 northlandbiblechurch.com</p>	<p>St. Mary's Catholic Seventh and Washington Ave., Tomahawk • 715-453-2878 Fr. Louis Maram Reddy, Pastor Mass times: Saturday 6 p.m. Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Confessions: Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Anytime by Appointment</p>
<p>The Rock Church of Tomahawk 201 West Merrill Ave., Tomahawk 9am Sunday Service & live-streamed on our Facebook page. Pastors- Janel and Mike Voelker</p>	<p>St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Pier-Willow 12 Miles North of Tripoli at 5209 Willow Road Fr. Louis Maram Reddy, Pastor Saturday 4 p.m. Mass</p>
<p>Redeemer Ev. Lutheran WELS • 715-453-4814 16 Theiler Drive, Tomahawk Rev. Mark Gass, Pastor For Service Times Check www.redeemertomahawk.org</p>	<p>St. Augustine Catholic Intersection of D & B, Harrison • 715-453-2561 Fr. Louis Maram Reddy, Pastor Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass</p>
<p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Missouri Synod 715-453-5391 12 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk Pastor Stephen P. Gillet</p>	<p>Northwoods Vineyard 418 Kaphaem Road Tomahawk • 715-453-6700 Pastor Nate & Shelley Nelson Reg. Serv. 9:30 Facebook Live Stream 9:30</p>
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TOWN OF BIRCH Dylan J Ellis N6534 1st St Courtland Plat VLG of Irma Lts 7-8-9 Blk 1 w/EX \$713.78

TOWN OF BRADLEY Anthony J Kulbert W5447 Vacation Ln Lt2 CSM 2377 \$461.14

Joseph Ferazzo N1/2 of S12 of N1/2 of Frac NW1/4NW1/4 \$71.54

Antoinette Lehman Comm at NW Cor NE1/4NW1/4 th E 165' th S792' POB \$27.36

David L Dotter SW1/4 SE1/4 \$1,912.60

NW1/4 SE1/4 \$1,876.81

N7409 Dotter Rd NE1/4SE1/4 \$3,616.06

Wendy Jarrett N11549 County Rd Y Comm at the INT of S LN of Washington St and W of Central Ave \$833.55

Tomahawk Tissue Corp Prt of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 \$16.84

SW 1/4 NE 1/4 \$140.97

Jeffrey M Fisher-Lorna R Fisher W7097 County Rd CC NW1/4NE1/4 Ex Prt for Hwy \$2,303.13

TOWN OF CORNING Ara Struck N2127 Prast Rd Prt of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 LYG W of Dump Rd w/EX \$148.31

Anthony Sczygelski-Corine Sczygelski James A Sczygelski N843 Corning Rd NE 1/4 NE 1/4 w/EX \$2,721.24

Gregory K Cegielski SW 1/4 NW 1/4 \$832.69

W8447 State Rd 64 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 \$2,126.78

Jeffrey Novitzke-Gene Novitzke SE1/4 SW1/4 EX \$105.70

TOWN OF HARRISON James Pellier N10772 State Rd 17 Lt 2 CSM 968 \$497.14

TOWN OF KING Tommy G Miller-Lisa A Miller Lt 8 CSM 534-Lt 9 CSM 535 and 2/26th int in road Lt 1-2 CSM 547 \$1,358.63

W4741 Mable Frontage Rd Lt 5 \$4,184.86

Terry Napierala-Donna Napierala W4276 Sandy Ln

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Lt 1 CSM 1865 \$5,131.25 James R Jorgenson-Lisa A Herzberg N10028 Friendship Ln The E 250' of GL 3 of Wisc River EX \$896.24

TOWN OF MERRILL Janice Verhulst W5408 Taylor St S 125' of W 75' of E 1/8th of the SW1/4SE1/4 \$1,346.03

Raymond W Hanson Jr N2532 State Rd 107 NE1/4NE1/4 to be KN as AP Lts 10&11 \$1,023.04

Backwater Sports Partnership W5006 Schulz Spur Dr, Prt of SE 1/4 SE 1/4 to POB \$2,357.52

Allen Handlin-Joyce Handlin N3828 County Rd JJ NW1/4SW1/4 EX \$2,020.11

Barbara D Stevens N3390 Elm Rd, PCL1 CSM 918 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 \$1,765.91

Ross R Monti W5099 Cherry Rd NW1/4 SE1/4 EX S12 \$465.64

Mark C Spoehr-Karla K Spoehr SW1/4SE1/4 Lt 4 CSM 2365 \$306.88

SW1/4SE1/4 Lt 3 CSM 2365 \$295.97

N2524 Airport Rd SW1/4SE1/4 Lt 2 CSM 2365 \$3,016.98

SW1/4SE1/4 Lt 1 CSM 2365 \$380.20

Cris E Johnson W5318 Hillside Dr CM at SE CR SE 1/4SE1/4 to POB \$1,217.25

BU LLC W4661 County Rd C N 800' of NW1/4NE1/4 \$4,525.42

TOWN OF PINE RIVER Michael P Bronsteatter W4008 County Rd G/W4024 County Rd G SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Lt 1 & Outlot 1 of CSM 2295 \$3,439.37

Arden R Vanderkam - Ruth Ann Vanderkam W2912 Maple Rd, Prt of SE 1/4 NE 1/4 \$1,398.47

Brian S Brendemuehl-Krystal M Hoffman W776 State Rd 64, Lt 1 CSM 2135 \$2,799.84

TOWN OF ROCK FALLS Marc E Kloubucnik-Christine M Kloubucnik SW1/4 NE1/4 \$625.70

Leo Delisle-Betty Delisle N5266 North Shore Rd, Prt of GL 9 \$1,907.18

Kenneth Delisle N5270 North Shore Rd, Prt of GL 9 \$1,121.37

TOWN OF RUSSELL Timothy P Myers Prt of SW1/4NE1/4 & NW1/4SE1/4 to POB \$61.83

Shelly A Krueger W803 2nd Ave Prt of NW1/4SW1/4 to POB \$930.16

Robert F Jones-Connie L Jones N5297 Bradley St Sanitary Dist No 1 Prt of NE1/4NW1/4 to POB \$344.09

TOWN OF SCHLEY Todd A Ellenbecker N4895 Prairie Dr NE1/4NE1/4 \$1,733.16

Darryl R Mortenson W706 County Rd C, Lots 1-2-3-E 1/2 Lts 4 & 11 Lts 12-13-14 BLK A Plat of Doering \$1,761.46

TOWN OF SCOTT Lotti M Drake N2342 County Rd E The S 718' of the W 500' of the SW1/4NE1/4 \$2,731.44

Emil H Rosenau W7106 Joe Snow Rd SE1/4SW1/4 Lt 1 CSM 2346 \$2,532.36

Kay M Butt W6203 School Ave Prt of the NW1/4SE1/4 to POB \$295.33

Steven W Radtke W4633 County Rd Q W1/2 of NE1/4 of NW1/4NE1/4 \$3,411.17

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Christopher H Koehn N7469 Peterson Rd CSM 2159 NE1/4SE1/4 \$289.03

TOWN OF SOMO Ronald G Millbradt W11109 US Hwy 8 Prt of NE1/4NW1/4 to POB \$971.26

Julie A Julson-Connie M Julson E1/2NE1/4 of the NW1/4NW1/4 \$290.02

Robert V Nowak Revocable Declaration of Trust The E1/2 of the W1/2 of the SE1/4SW1/4 \$386.71

TOWN OF TOMAHAWK Joseph Beulen W10107 State Rd 86 NE1/4NE1/4 Com at the NE Cor to POB \$120.17

TOWN OF WILSON Roger Shore-Brenda Shore W8169 County Rd CC W 207' of N828' of NE1/4 & E207' of N414' of NW1/4NE1/4 \$2,368.69

Mark R Jahn-Krysta D Jahn W7625 Hillside Rd SE1/4SW1/4 Lt 1 CSM 1284 \$958.70

Carol A Jahn-Mark R Jahn W7531 County Rd CC E1/2 of SE1/4SW1/4 w/EX \$1,523.98

Robin L Schultz-Candace M Wetenkamp Amanda M Wilberding-Benjamin Wilberding W7564 County Rd CC, Prt of NE 1/4 SW 1/4 \$664.14

CITY OF MERRILL Brian L Jablonski 706 Chippewa St Lts 9&10 Blk 3 H Kleber Bros Adn \$685.15

Kevin M Delp 106 N State St Lt 3 & S10' Lt 4 Blk 5 McCord & Wright Adn \$2,046.05

507 E 7th St Lt 9 BLK 1 H A Kyes Adn \$2,234.80

James G Ziegel-Dawn M Ziegel 609 N Prospect St JM Smith & Co 2nd Adn Lt 1 Blk 4 \$1,393.03

Christine A Peck 308 East St S47' Lt 8 & N1/2 Lt 9 Blk 8 J M Smith & CO Adn \$1,060.02

Josephine R Knorr-Dawn Ziegel NE 1/4 NW 1/4 PCL 2 of CSM 137 w/EX \$476.64

Devine Reliance Security LLC 303 Blaine St N59' of S118' Lots 13&14 BLK 11 VR Willards Adn \$3,138.40

Rhonda J Kleinschmidt-Dale G Kleinschmidt 109 Pier St Gov Lt 2 N5' of Lt 13 & S40' Lt 14 BLK 4 Scott & Blade Adn \$1,924.13

Jerry J Lynn 309 N Nast St Lt 5 BLK 4 C F Dunbar Adn & S33' of AP 172 \$1,479.50

Lamae A Weber and Kristine F Hull Living Trust 106 N Van Rensselaer St Lts 11&12 BLK 11 GL Parks Adn EX \$823.38

J W Perry Inc 807 S Center Ave SE1/4NW1/4 Lt 1 CSM 2720 \$5,280.75

710 Martin St SE1/4NW1/4 Lt 3 CSM 2720 \$3,907.44

714 Martin St SE1/4NW1/4 Lt 4 CSM 2720 \$15,554.65

Stacie Bartelt 114 S Genesee St AP 511 Being prt of GL 2 to POB \$3,754.04

CMC Heartland Partners NW1/4NE1/4 Mathews & Cotters Adn Lts 1-6 Blk 10 \$910.81

CITY OF TOMAHAWK Marie V Flechner Haring 659 Southgate Dr Prt of AP 151 in NW 1/4 SW 1/4 to POB \$1,717.90

Nathan Pierce-Alicia Pierce 637 S Tomahawk Ave LTS 16&17 BLK 1 Tomahawk Land Co's Sec Adn \$2,007.02

LTS 18&19 BLK 1 Tomahawk Land Co's Sec Adn \$317.13

Ian A Noeske 842 S Tomahawk Ave R C Thielmans Second addn Lot 10 Blk 3 \$904.76

Janet L Glenzer 1202 Bowen Rd/1204 Bowen Rd PCL 2 CSM 266 \$482.28

Cheri Krueger 900 County Rd A NE1/4NE1/4 \$2,755.23

Tomahawk Property LLC 990 N 4th St LTS 1&2 and OTLT A CSM 606 to POB \$2.76

Catherine Sparbel 1406 Bridge St Prt of AP 194 in NW 1/4 SE 1/4 \$623.72

Green Tree Developers LLC NE1/4SE1/4 EX \$595.82

CMC Heartland Partners Gov Lt 8 N of Somo Ave & Prt GL 8 LYG N of North Ave with EX \$1,406.26

David L Illingworth-Patti J Illingworth 22 N Railway St Lt 1 of CSM 1314 \$3,473.01

William W King-Lisa M King 26 S 2nd St Original Plat of Tomahawk E 100' of Lot 15 Blk 7 \$3,621.10

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James K Cecil 117 N 6th St S 42' of Lots 5&6 BLK 29 \$385.53

Krystal M Kundo 204 E Wisconsin Ave Tomahawk Land & Boom Co's First Adn Lt 2 Blk 34 \$2,154.01

Matthew W Geiger 212 E Prospect Ave Lot 3 BLK 43 Tomahawk Land & Boom Co's First Adn \$2,324.54

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Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on 04-25-2024 at 10:00 A.M.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 06-28-2024.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

[If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.]

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 7, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Published March 20, 27, April 3, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY LVNV FUNDING LLC Plaintiff,

vs. LORI DEEDE AKA KLUCKMAN, LORI Defendant.

Case No. 24CV000017 AMENDED SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: LORI DEEDE AKA KLUCKMAN, LORI N11903 STATE ROAD 17 S RHINELANDER WI 54501-9016

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within Forty (40) days after March 20, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY, 1110 EAST MAIN ST, MERRILL WI 54452-1633 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiffs attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin March 8, 2024.

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C. ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/JASON D. HERMERSMANN JASON D. HERMERSMANN State Bar No. 1049948 Attorney for Plaintiff Published March 20, 27, April 3, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. The Estate of Jeffrey Gehring, Deceased Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 23-CV-000133 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 29, 2024 in the amount of \$117,875.72 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: May 2, 2024 at 10:00 am TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

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Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you

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personally liable for the debt. Published March 27, April 3, 10, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MARATHON COUNTY CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

vs. ANGELICA LACOURS ADRIANNA RAINVILLE Defendants.

Case No. 24SC000084 SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS TO: ANGELICA LACOURS 2801 THIELMAN ST LOT 107 MERRILL WI 54452

You are being sued by: CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION in the Small Claims Court of MARATHON County, located at 500 FOREST ST WAUSAU WI 54403-5568.

A hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2024. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this March 27, 2024.

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C. ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/DANIEL E. KELLUM DANIEL E. KELLUM Plaintiff's Attorney State Bar No. 1094987 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 276-0435 Published April 3, 2024 WNAXLP

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Deputy Espeseth completes field training program

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office last week announced that Deputy Jon Espeseth had completed the department's field training program. Espeseth, originally from the Mosinee area, joined the Sheriff's Office in Oct. 2023 after 17 years of military service, including eight years of active duty in the Army. The Sheriff's Office said Espeseth brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his role. "We're thrilled to have Jon's enthusiasm and humor enriching our agency," the Sheriff's Office said in a Facebook post. "Keep up the outstanding work, Deputy Espeseth, and remember to stay safe out there."

Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office



TMS Concepts of Design students recently painted their CO2 dragsters.



After painting their dragsters, the seventh graders competed against one another in a battle of aerodynamics, efficiency and speed.



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Keep Wildlife Wild: What to do if you encounter baby wild animals this spring

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN - As warmer spring weather approaches, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding the public that wild animals and their young will be on the move across Wisconsin.

Knowing what to do before finding a baby wild animal can make all the difference to protect its health and keep wildlife wild.

"During the springtime, we receive many inquiries from concerned residents about baby wild animals," said Jenna Fastner, DNR Captive Wildlife Health Spe-

cialist "Never try to care for a wild animal yourself. If you find a wild animal that appears sick or injured, leave it alone. Do not provide food or water, as improper care and handling may put the health of both animals and people at risk. Additionally, people should remember that it is against the law in Wisconsin to possess a wild animal without the proper license."

With most species, it is perfectly natural for mothers to leave their young alone for long periods of time. While alone, young animals will often lie quietly and still to avoid attracting predators. Drawing at-



DNR is reminding the public to never try to care for a wild animal yourself. If you find a wild animal that appears sick or injured, leave it alone and keep children and pets away to reduce stress on the animal. Photo courtesy of iStock/lavin photography

tention to a baby animal's location can tip-off predators or keep its mother

from the area. If you have interested children, they can learn to keep wildlife wild by observing from a safe distance.

Young wild animals will often wander on their own as they grow. If you find a seemingly healthy young animal wandering away from its nest/den or mother, watch from a distance to see if it returns to the den or if its mother retrieves it. It is important to note that this process could take several hours. Always contact the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for advice before intervening.

Visit the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild webpage

(www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/orphan) for species-specific tips on how to decide if a young wild animal is truly orphaned or in need of help.

Helping sick or injured wild animals

If you find a wild animal that appears sick or injured, leave it alone. Take pictures and make notes about what you're observing. Then, call the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for guidance.

Visit www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/directory for a directory of rehabilitators in your area.

THE FREE PLAY

Four things to know about the Brewers' season-opening sweep of the Mets

BY JALEN MAKI

Break out the brooms! The Milwaukee Brewers opened the 2024 season with a three-game road series against the New York Mets and left the Big Apple with a sweep for the first time since 2011.

The Crew kicked off their season on Friday, after inclement weather bumped the game from Thursday. In the trio of wins (3-1 on Friday, 7-6 on Saturday, and 4-1 on Sunday), the Brewers were cooking in all aspects of the game.

In the series, Milwaukeee logged 33 hits and scored 14 runs while giving up 20 hits and eight runs to New York. Notably, 12 hits and six runs for the Mets came in Saturday's matchup.

Here are four things to know about the Brewers' opening series:

Jackson Chourio: Future Rookie of the Year, MVP, and Hall of Famer

Ok, so that might be a bit of an overreaction, but folks...it looks like Jackson Chourio might be pretty dang good!

This, of course, should come as a surprise to no one. The Brewers' top prospect and the MLB's number two overall prospect quickly climbed through the Minor Leagues and put up remarkable numbers along the way: over three Minor League seasons, Chourio batted .286, had an OPS of .837, and hit 47 home runs, while being incredibly impactful on defense.

Chourio, 20, made his Big League debut in New York on Friday, the fourth-youngest Opening Day starter in

MLB history. Brewers legend Robin Yount is on that list twice: In his first MLB start in 1974, Yount was 18 years and 201 days old, and he was 19 years and 204 days old when he started on Opening Day a season later. Other than Yount, only Ken Griffey Jr. and Adrián Beltré were younger than Chourio when they first broke into the Bigs. Pretty good company!

Batting leadoff and playing right field in his first Major League game, it didn't take Chourio long to make his presence known. In his first at-bat, he drew a four-pitch walk off Mets starter Jose Quintana before swiping second base. He made a tremendous catch near the wall in right field in the fourth inning and logged his first Big League hit, a single, in the

fifth. In the seventh, the speedster hit into a double play but beat out the throw to first, scoring a run and notching his first RBI, contributing to the Crew's Opening Day dub.

On Saturday, Chourio had a pair of hits in five at-bats in the ninth spot in the lineup as the Brewers made it two wins in a row, but the biggest day of his young MLB career came on Sunday. In the second inning, Chourio drove a ball deep into right field over the head of Sterling Marte and off the bottom of the wall, scoring Bryce Turang on the rookie's first extra-base hit in the Majors. In the third, a sliding catch by Chourio robbed Mets slugger Pete Alonso of a base knock. Chourio went on to add one more hit as Milwaukee clinched the open-

ing series sweep in New York, and he went back to Milwaukee batting .417 and touting an OPS of .962.

Not a bad debut series!

Freddy Peralta was dealing

Simply put, Freddy Peralta put on a clinic on Opening Day.

In his six superb innings, the Brewers' ace struck out eight batters and walked one on his way to his first win of the season. Sterling Marte's second inning home run was the only hit Peralta allowed, and the Mets' only hit of the game.

Trevor Megill, Joel Payamps and the hard-throwing Abner Uribe handled the seventh, eighth, and ninth innings, respectively. Payamps had two strikeouts in his three-up, three-down inning.

The Hoskins Slide Debacle

I'm not sure if this is truly a scandal deserving of its own nickname, but regardless, things got a little tense in the eighth inning on Friday.

Rhys Hoskins, the Brewers' new first baseman by way of the Philadelphia Phillies, slid feet-first past second base on a potential double play, hitting the lower leg of Mets second baseman Jeff McNeil before he could attempt to make a throw to first. McNeil, who said in a post-game clubhouse interview that he and Hoskins have "a little bit of a past," proceeded to yell at Hoskins as he lay on the ground after the slide. Tensions

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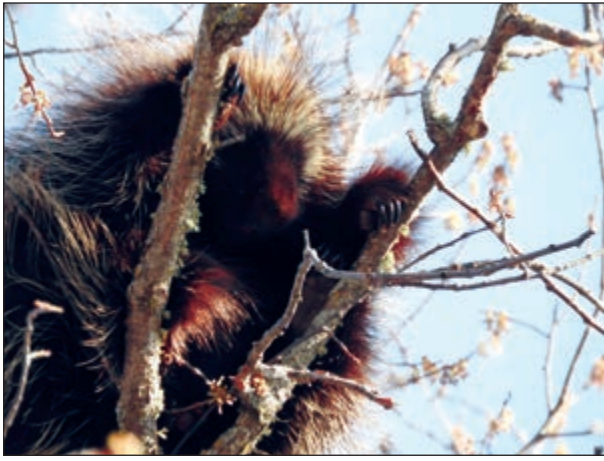
Natural Connections: Bark Eaters

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“Who’s eating my trees?” asked a participant on a hike last week. I’d been wondering the same thing! A few weeks ago I noticed creamy colored exposed wood on several small maple trees along my driveway.

“Why do animals even eat bark?” someone else asked. Good question. Most bark is composed of tough, dead, dry cells that are not very appetizing. Those cells are made of lignin, which makes wood rigid and is very hard for digestive systems to break down. White-rot fungi and a few bacteria are the only organisms who can consume lignin using specialized enzymes. Bark also contains tannins, which are bitter tasting chemicals that can inhibit digestion.

Unappetizing outer bark is how trees protect their slightly more appealing inner bark. In a tree trunk there are several layers of different cells, including xylem and phloem. Xylem, which is dead at maturity, carries water and minerals up from the soil. Old xylem becomes what we think of as wood. The living phloem carries sugars down from the leaves. They have a layer between them called the vascular cambium, which creates new xylem and phloem cells. Cambium is made of undifferentiated cells who can become anything - like stem cells. These three layers are considered



With long claws and several other adaptations, porcupines are able to eat seemingly unappetizing tree bark.

the inner bark.

The living cells of the inner bark contain complex carbohydrates, sugars, and minerals. Right now, when the maple sap is running through the xylem, the inner bark is extra sweet! Even in the dead of winter, inner bark was a source of food for the animals who can access it...and digest it.

Porcupines are one likely culprit in the decortication (bark removal) of my trees. The bottoms of their feet are hairless and covered in a pebbly texture that improves their grip. Long, curved front claws also aid in tree climbing, along with bristles on the underside of their tail. To get at the most nutritious parts of a twig, porcupines will balance out toward the terminus of a branch and nip off its end using their self-sharpening incisors. Turning the stick around, they nibble off all the most tender twig tips and buds and then discard the rest. Sometimes you’ll see porcupine tooth

marks on bigger branches, too, or even the trunk.

Hemlocks are their favorite winter food. As spring progresses, porcupines nibble on a buffet of different trees and plants, making sure to eat each one at their point of peak nutrition. Even this careful food selection wouldn’t be enough without one more adaptation: porcupines have an extremely long large intestine filled with microorganisms who produce lots of enzymes. This extended digestion allows porcupines to extract more nutrients from their food.

Reading about porcupine digestion made me curious about their cousins, the beavers. Now, there’s no way that a beaver could have nibbled the bark on the twigs of trees still standing along my driveway, but these two big herbivorous rodents have quite a bit in common, and some important differences. An article in the Canadian Journal of Zoology suggests that beavers don’t chew their food quite as



The tiny tooth marks high up on a sugar maple sapling are likely the work of a hungry gray squirrel. **Photo by Emily Stone**

well as porcupines, but make up for it by having a small intestine that’s 70% longer! The porcupine has a longer colon, though, which allows them to absorb more water from their food. That makes sense, given their different habitats.

There’s one other big difference: beavers engage in coprophagy. Beavers will re-ingest their first round of poop so that they can have another go at extracting all possible nutrients.

Beavers share the trait of coprophagy with another bark eater: bunnies. Rabbits and hares have short digestive tracks, so they combine a good microbiome with coprophagy to enhance digestion. Both rabbits and hares eat their first round of soft, greenish cecal pellets, and then leave behind fecal pellets that look like M&Ms made of sawdust. This allows them to eat twigs and inner bark in the winter. Of course, they focus on the bark of small stems at the height of the snowdrifts...not in the

tops of trees.

Voles also eat bark low to the ground. These little rodents like to hide in the subnivean zone under the snow and nibble on bark in relative warmth and safety. They can damage trees, even girdling and killing them. Voles have a specialized pouch called a cecum at the beginning of the large intestine that provides a place for food to be fermented. They may also use coprophagy to help absorb certain nutrients.

In comparison, deer have the most complicated gut for digesting bark and twigs. They are ruminants with four stomachs, like cows. Microorganisms in deer’s rumen break down tough materials, aided by them regurgitating and chewing their cud until it’s broken down enough to move on to the rest of the stomachs. Deer might strip bark off a young tree higher than a hare, but not high in the treetops like I’d observed.

So, who was the bark-eating culprit in the trees along

my driveway? Judging by the tiny tooth marks, and my most commonly seen neighbors, they were gray squirrels. Squirrels have sharp teeth and excellent climbing skills just like porcupines, and can venture out onto smaller branches to nibble on the most tender bark. Squirrel tooth marks are less than 2 mm wide, while porcupines’ teeth are two to three times that big.

Recent research suggests that special gut bacteria help gray squirrels extract calcium from tree bark. This adaptation might be what’s allowing gray squirrels to outcompete the native red squirrels in Great Britain, where gray squirrels were introduced. Our native red squirrels have been observed eating bark less frequently than grays, but they are smart enough to know that making a small incision in sugar maple bark this time of year releases another one of bark’s sweet secrets.

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

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