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TMS projects, volunteer recognized at WEDC's Main Street Awards North for the 4th T-shirt fundraiser, Bradley mural revitalization, Joan Laabs honored

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Two projects spearheaded by Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS), as well as one TMS volunteer, were recognized during the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)'s 33rd annual Wisconsin Main Street Awards ceremony.

The ceremony, celebrating the best downtown revitalization projects of 2023, was held at Gather on Broadway in Green Bay on Friday, April 19.

TMS' North for the 4th T-shirt fundraiser, the revitalization of a downtown mural of Tomahawk founder William H. Bradley and TMS volunteer Joan Laabs were honored.

TMS Executive Director Jennifer Turkiewicz, TMS board member Andrea Krueger, artist Andy Goretzki and Laabs were on hand to celebrate TMS's accomplishments.

"As Main Street goes, so goes Wisconsin's economy, its well-being, our way of life in the Badger State," said Missy Hughes, WEDC Secretary and CEO. "And these awards prove once again Wisconsin communities are



Pictured is Turkiewicz holding a certificate recognizing the North for the 4th T-shirt fundraiser's Honorable Mention in the Best Promotional Marketing Campaign category.



Andy Goretzki of Custom Murals was honored for his work in restoring a mural of Tomahawk founder William H. Bradley.



TMS volunteer Joan Laabs was among the recipients of the Community Champion award.

thriving. Congratulations to the winners. We salute and celebrate you, our partners in creating an economy and improving the quality of life for the betterment and benefit of all."

On behalf of Secretary Hughes, WEDC Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer Sam Ridders recognized the winners at the ceremony.

"With many of these Main Street projects, we are preserving history and making history, leading by example in maintaining what sets Wisconsin apart," Ridders stated during the ceremony.

"While these projects in the heart of your communities are vital to local commerce and cultural activities today, they are part of our Badger State legacy we must preserve for future generations to enjoy."

Other WEDC leaders also joined in the celebration of successful projects and initiatives executed by Main Street and Connect Communities programs around the state.

A release from WEDC said recognized projects included business and community development initia-

tives, building renovations, community celebrations and revitalization success stories from across Wisconsin.

Projects in Marshfield, Three Lakes, Wausau and numerous other communities were honored.

"Showcasing the variety of success stories from communities large and small is always inspirational," said Mike Ward, WEDC Vice President of Business and Community Development. "The Main Street Awards ceremony celebrates the hard work, vision and dedication of those who are

working tirelessly behind the scenes each day to preserve and promote their downtowns."

Wisconsin Main Street is a community development program administered by WEDC that targets Wisconsin's historic commercial districts. WEDC said it provides technical support and training to the 34 Main Street communities to help them revitalize their business districts based on guidelines developed by the National Main Street Center.

Since the program's inception in 1987, Wisconsin

Main Street community efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 3,300 new businesses and nearly 17,000 net new jobs, and over \$2.6 billion in public and private investment has occurred in these districts, according to the release.

"During fiscal year 2023 alone, Wisconsin Main Street communities added 112 new businesses and 287 net new jobs," WEDC said. "None of this activity would be possible without the nearly 30,000 volunteer hours that were dedicated to the Main Street effort by passionate individuals from each community."

Also represented at the event were members of WEDC's Connect Communities Program, a companion program to Wisconsin Main Street created in 2013 to provide access to resources and training to help communities pursue revitalization and redevelopment efforts. According to the release, over the past decade, 138 participating communities have added more than 870 net new businesses and attracted nearly \$4.6 billion in public and private investment.

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Daigle Brothers, Foley's receive USDA grants to install solar electric arrays

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Federal grant funding will help a pair of Tomahawk businesses improve their energy efficiency.



On Wednesday, April 24, Rural Development Wisconsin State Director Julie Lassa announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is funding 19 clean energy projects to lower energy bills, expand access to domestic biofuels and create jobs and new market opportunities for Wisconsin farmers, small business owners and agricultural producers.

The funding comes from USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

A release from USDA said REAP "helps agricultural producers and rural small business owners expand their use of wind, solar, geothermal and small hydropower energy and make energy efficiency improvements."

"These innovations help them increase their income, grow their businesses, address climate change and lower energy costs for American families," the release

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School board reapportionment committee endorses '3-3-3' model Petition signatures to be gathered; district residents would vote during September annual meeting

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A special committee looking into rebalancing representation on the School District of Tomahawk Board of Education has endorsed a proposed model.

Since August of last year, 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.

During the board's meeting on Tuesday, April 9, the committee said it backs a "3-3-3" representation model.

Current representation model; why reapportionment is being considered

The board currently utilizes a "4-3-1-1" representation model. Under this model, the board is composed of a total of nine members representing four designated areas within the district for three-year terms.

Four members represent the City of Tomahawk; three represent the apportioned area covering the Towns of Birch, Bradley, Rock Falls, Skanawan and Tomahawk; one represents the apportioned area that includes the Towns

of Little Rice, Nokomis and Wilson; and one represents the apportioned area encompassing the Towns of Harrison and King.

These areas of representation have been in place since April 1972.

In February, the committee provided the board with a presentation explaining why reapportionment is being considered. Due to population shifts over the last several decades, some apportioned areas are overrepresented on the board, while others are underrepresented, the committee explained.

For example, according to U.S. Census data, the City of Tomahawk went from having 49% of the district's population down to 33.1% between 1960 and 2020, yet the area continues to be represented by four board members.

Meanwhile, two of the district's three rural apportioned areas have seen their populations grow over that time while still having less board representation than the City of Tomahawk has.

Committee endorses '3-3-3' model

The committee provided numerous potential board makeup options in February and ultimately backed the implementation of a "3-3-3" model, offering several ways this model could shape up.

Earlier this month, the committee endorsed a specific 3-3-3 model, under which representation would be divided into three apportioned areas: The City of Tomahawk; the Towns of Birch,

Bradley, Rock Falls, Skanawan and Tomahawk; and the Towns of Harrison, King, Little Rice, Nokomis and Wilson.

Each area would have three representatives on the board, allowing the board to remain at its current nine-person membership.

One seat from each area would be up for election in each election cycle, allowing for residents in each apportioned area to run for a three-year term in each election year.

In endorsing this model, the committee pointed to its balanced populations – each area has between roughly 32% and 34% of the district's population – as well as its state-required contiguous areas.

Next steps

With the committee and the board supporting the proposed 3-3-3 model, the committee will circulate a petition in an effort to gather enough signatures to formally present the reapportionment proposal during the board's annual meeting in September.

The proposal would be voted on by district residents during the meeting.

If annual meeting voters give their stamp of approval to the reapportionment proposal, the new makeup of the board would be put in place over the course of three years. As current terms expire in 2025, 2026 and 2027, one seat in each newly-designated area would be up for election in each of those years.

The new model would be fully implemented after the April 2027 election.

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AWARDS
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**North for the 4th
T-shirt fundraiser**

A Tomahawk summertime staple received Honorable Mention in the Best Promotional Marketing Campaign category.

“How could we not nominate a decades-long tradition that allows those celebrating Independence Day in Tomahawk to do so in style?” a release from TMS said.

The release explained that the North for the 4th T-shirt fundraiser started about 40 years ago, when the shirts were sold to support area environmental groups. After those groups disbanded, the Tomahawk Downtown Business Council headed the campaign.

Today, TMS organizes the shirt sale, which represents one of the organization’s largest annual fundraisers.

“Each year, our team creates a new design – whether representing days gone by with lazy day fishing, family traditions like the fire department’s hose wars or current trends like 2023’s ‘Top Gun,’ these shirts are a yearly must have,” TMS stated. “There is nothing like walking down the street and seeing each year’s design sported on young and old alike.”

TMS noted that many people collect the shirts, making sure each year’s shirt and design have been brought home.

“It is fun to start receiving phone calls after the first of the year with suggestions, ideas and hopes for



The 2017 North for the 4th T-shirt design depicted the Tomahawk Fire Department’s annual water fight.

what this year’s design will bring,” TMS added, noting that the sale now includes sweatshirts and racerback tank tops.

TMS said it continues to sell out of the shirts year after year. In fact, TMS noted, over the last two years, the organization has ordered almost four times as much product as in previous years, and the shirts still fly off the shelves.

“Our North for the 4th shirts are the latest in a long line of traditions folks love to come home to in Tomahawk,” TMS stated.

Bradley mural revitalization project

A local artist’s work to

revitalize a piece of Tomahawk history received a tip of the cap from the WEDC.

The Best Historic Restoration Award honors the best interior and/or exterior rehabilitation project, based on proper historic restoration principles.

“When the opportunity to nominate a project in this category (arose), there was no doubt what that would be,” TMS stated.

The revitalization of a large mural depicting Tomahawk founder William H. Bradley, painted on the west side of the Standard Mercantile building downtown and facing N. Tomahawk Ave., received Honorable Mention in the category.

“Twenty years ago, a group of artists shared their love of the arts by creating murals in our historic downtown,” TMS explained. “One was the mural dedicated to our founding Father, William H. Bradley. Through the years, the elements had been unkind. Our mission: breathe life back into what many describe as a must-stop picture opportunity for our area.”

TMS tapped artist Andy Goretzki from Custom Murals for the restoration project.

“Not only is Andy ex-



Last year’s North for the 4th T-shirt design featured a “Top Gun” theme.



Contributed photos



Pictured, from left: Andrea Krueger, Joan Laabs, Jennifer Turkiewicz, Andy Goretzki and Laurie Goretzki.

tremely talented, but he was one of the original artists involved in the project,” TMS said. “Andy brought his gift, paintbrushes and a big heart to the store side, and he delivered.”

Bradley once again stands out, and even the smallest details pop – including the polka dots on his bowtie, TMS noted.

“From cleaning up de-

tails, such as the correct death date that was mistaken years before, to the more detailed tree bough running inside the mural, there is no doubt how proud we are of our heritage and the gratitude felt for the man behind the town,” TMS stated, acknowledging that there is “never an easy breath when history is toyed with.”

“Taking the time he needed, Andy alone restored a masterpiece,” TMS stated.

Joan Laabs receives Community Champion award

The Community Champion award, previously referred to as the Volunteer of the Year award, recognizes individuals who contributed the most to the Main Street program throughout the past year.

TMS noted that a local Community Champion “is no stranger to Tomahawk, especially to our Tomahawk Main Street program.”

Joan Laabs has been “an asset to our Main Street program for years,” TMS said.

“She may have begun by simply helping around the office – making copies, handing out flyers and organizing – but every year, she jumps in a little more and more,” TMS stated. “Joan and her family have been wonderful donors to the program, but when she comes to an event, Joan’s smile pulls in folks from all around.”

Laabs helped implement the “We Give Thanks” pro-

gram, helping TMS raise over \$6,500.00 for 20 area organizations.

“She is our official greeter at the Main Street Memories Car Show, and participants love to see her waiting on the boulevard each year to welcome and thank them for coming,” TMS said. “Joan is a great raffle ticket saleswoman, and her bag stuffing skills are almost unmatched. Joan loves our community, and not only does she volunteer, but she keeps it local – she is always willing to donate, volunteer her time, and also serves on our Promotions Committee, as well as for additional organizations around town. When she needs a gift, Joan always comes down to Main Street to find that unique gift for that special someone.”

TMS noted that Laabs’ late husband, John, also liked to help out with the organization, and since his passing, she continues their mission to do all they can for the town they love.

“Tomahawk Main Street is blessed to have so many incredible friends committed to our mission and goals, and we are pleased to announce these awards,” TMS said. “Our beautiful downtown is near and dear to all of us who live and visit here, and now receiving recognition statewide, competing against so many other amazing communities, is a true testament to this community’s hard work and dedication.”

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stated. Daigle Brothers Inc., located at 727 Southgate Dr., Tomahawk, will use a \$341,850.00 grant to install a small solar electric array.

USDA said the project is expected to save the business \$24,463.00 per year, replacing 437,991 kilowatt hours – 100% of the business's energy use – per year, which is enough energy to power 40 homes.

Foley's Forest Products LLC, N11541 Roberts Rd., Tomahawk, will use a \$29,880.00 grant to install a small solar electric array, which is expected to save the business \$3,637.00 per year.

"It will replace 30,060 kilowatt hours (31% of the business's energy use) per year, which is enough energy to power two homes," USDA said.

REAP dollars were also allocated to projects in Merrill, Wausau, Hayward, Rice Lake and other Wisconsin communities.

"Today's announcement showcases the variety of rural people and businesses using programs like REAP to save money on their energy costs that can then be reinvested in their operations," Lassa stated. "This not only strengthens their business, but helps sustain and build the local economy."

In Wisconsin, since 2021, USDA has announced more than \$14.5 million through REAP in 140 renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements that will help rural business own-

ers' lower energy costs, generate new income and strengthen their resiliency of operations.

Daigle Brothers and Foley's are not the first Tomahawk businesses to receive REAP funding. Last month, USDA announced that \$11,300.00 had been allocated to Northwoods Community Realty LLC to install a solar electric array.

Last year, Tomahawk Terminal Company LLC and Sunset Acres LLC each received REAP grant dollars.

USDA said it is continuing to accept REAP applications and will hold funding competitions quarterly through Monday, Sept. 30. The funding includes a dedicated portion for underutilized renewable energy technologies.

For additional information, contact a local energy coordinator (www.tinyurl.com/yw6busj4).

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Democrat Andi Rich enters 12th Senate District race
Incumbent Republican Mary Felzkowski seeking reelection

BY JALEN MAKI
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Rich

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – A new candidate has entered the race for Wisconsin's 12th Senate District.

Andi Rich, a Marinette native, on Monday, April 22 announced that she will run as a Democrat in November's General Election.

Incumbent State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) last month said she will seek her second four-year State Senate term.

Felzkowski and Rich are currently the only candidates running to represent the 12th Senate District, which covers all of Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Oneida and Vilas Counties, as well as parts of Oconto, Marathon and Shawano Counties.

A release from Rich's campaign said she was born and raised in Marinette County. Rich graduated from Marinette High School in 2001 and graduated with honors from Lakeland College, majoring in business administration and marketing.

Rich obtained a Wisconsin General Contractor's License so she could open her own construction company

and has since shifted to insurance adjusting, according to the release.

"She is running to bring commonsense back to Madison – fighting to remove the forever chemicals contaminating our drinking water, working to support and fund our rural public schools and advocating for our local economy by supporting our roads, bridges and Main Street economies across the 12th District," the release stated.

The release said Rich is "committed to getting results," citing "Madison's inability to act to provide basic governmental services, at the expense of thousands of Wisconsinites."

"There are hundreds of families in the 12th District that cannot turn on their tap and safely drink their water," Rich stated. "This

isn't a new problem – it's one that's existed for years, and Madison has done nothing to fix it."

Felzkowski is the Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Small Business and serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage. She is also a member of the Committees on Finance and Health, and serves on the Joint Committee on Finance and the Joint Legislative Council.

"If we cannot rely on our state government to provide something as basic as clean water, what can we expect them to do?" Rich stated. "I'm running because these issues aren't Democratic or Republican. The Northwoods deserve more and better representation than what we're getting."

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Bonnie Harper passed away peacefully on Feb. 24 after a long battle with both dementia and breast cancer. Bonnie was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 22, 1942. She was the second of three daughters born to Norbert and Mildred (Baker) Brucsewitz. She grew up on a mink ranch in Tomahawk, where she graduated from Tomahawk High School. She then enlisted in the Air Force where she would proudly serve her country and would also meet her future husband, Dale Harper. They were married at Scott Air Force Base on St. Patrick's Day 1962. They enjoyed nearly 62 years of marriage and had one daughter, Laura Harper and one son, Dean Harper. Bonnie worked various bookkeeping jobs after the military until Dale's military retirement in 1976, at which time they moved to Eugene, Ore. Bonnie would spend the next 27 years working for the City of Eugene in Accounts Payable, Purchasing and Payroll. Bonnie was active in the Springfield Elks Emblem Club and Eu-Lane International Toastmasters. She earned an Associate's Degree in Accounting taking night classes at Lane Community College and became a Certified Payroll Professional. In their retirement Bonnie and Dale spent several years traveling around the country in their RV, golfing, camping, antiquing and visiting friends and relatives. Bonnie also devoted much of her spare time to volunteering at Greenhill Humane Society. She cleaned the cattery and started a monthly newsletter that followed up on all the dog adoptions. She was also an avid dog walker. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and her older sister Shirley Hull. She is survived by her husband Dale Harper, daughter Laura Harper, son Dean Harper, younger sister Darlene Ashe, granddaughters Emily Harper and Lilliana Nava and multiple nieces and nephews and cousins. The family would like to thank Quail Crest Memory Care and Bristol Hospice for taking care of Bonnie in her final days. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 at the American Legion Post 83, 3650 River Rd. in Eugene. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Alzheimer's Association, The American Cancer Society or your local Humane Society.



Mary Lou Orcutt, age 91, of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family. Mary Lou was born in Stoughton, Wis., on Nov. 3, 1932, to the late Edward and Lorraine (Bolsted) Severson. Mary Lou was a 1951 graduate of Stoughton High School. She was married to her high school sweetheart, Dean Orcutt, on Jan. 19, 1952. Mary Lou was a devoted wife and mother who lovingly raised her family. As the children grew older, she began employment as a bookkeeper with Gunnelson Implement for several years. In 1974, Dean and Mary Lou moved to the Tomahawk area where she was a longtime bookkeeper at Golden Age Nursing Home. Mary Lou was a talented painter and quilter. As a faithful member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, she dedicated much of her time to the Ladies Guild, making quilts for donation to local hospitals. She had a love for gardening, baking, traveling, fishing, playing cards, cooking and spent many hours on the golf course, walking the greens until the age of 85. Above all, Mary Lou cherished being a mom and grandma to her loving family. Mary Lou, known as "Grandma Lou" by many, touched many lives and was loved by all who knew her. She loved giving back and helping others. A thoughtful person to the very end, when her time came, Mary Lou was sure to comfort her family, letting them know that she was ready to go home to Jesus and be with Dean again. Survivors include her sons, Michael (Robin) Orcutt, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Byron Orcutt, of Tomahawk; her daughters, Jackie Carr, of Brooklyn, Wis., Jean Orcutt-Schulz, of Tomahawk, and Janie (Michael) Jaacks, of Tomahawk. She is further survived by 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Lorraine; her husband, Dean; her great-grandson, Hugo Stevenson; two sisters, Shirley Williams and Beverly Bolender; and two brothers, Eugene Severson and Michael Severson. Her family wishes to thank Pastor Mark Gass and the members of Redeemer for all the visits, phone calls, cards, and prayers. She was truly blessed to have you in her life. They would also like to thank the angels at Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services for being there in her time of need. Memorial services for Mary Lou Orcutt were held at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. You may view Mary Lou's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Journey Over The Destination

Dear Reader,

Recently I reread a poem entitled "Ithaca" by the Greek writer P.J. Cavafy. He writes about traveling to the island of Ithaca which was made famous by Homer's Odyssey. He describes the journey as something magical, something that conjures up adventures beyond the body... perhaps to the soul.



"...Hope your road is a long one, full of adventure, full of discovery.

"...Hope your road is a long one, May there be many summer mornings when, with what pleasure, what joy, you are entering harbors you are seeing for the first time;

... But don't hurry the journey at all. Better that it lasts for years, so you're old by the time you reach the island, wealthy with all you gained on the way, not expecting Ithaca to make you rich.

Ithaca gave you the marvelous journey. Without her you wouldn't have set out. She has nothing left to give you now.

...Wise as you will have become, so full of experience, you'll have understood by then what these Ithacas mean."

The message is the importance of the journey over the destination. We don't normally see it that way because we are always striving apart from the day at hand, looking beyond the corners to where we are headed. Perhaps we need to pause and ponder the here, here, not the there, over there.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

Pastor's Corner

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

National Day of Prayer

Yes, it's that time of year again...and it's tomorrow!

The Associated Clergy of Tomahawk invites you to attend the National Day of Prayer in Tomahawk tomorrow, May 2, 2024, at 10:30 am at Veterans Memorial Park. This is a change of venue from last year due to Washington Park under construction.

The theme this year comes from 2 Samuel 22: 29-31: **"Lift up the Word – Light up the World"**.

"For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God – his way is perfect; the Word of God proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him." (ESV)

In this passage, David extols God as his shelter and shield as he fights to stay safe from his own son, Absalom, who wants to kill him and over take the throne. Both his kingdom and his own family has fallen into chaos.

Today, as I write, Iran has targeted Israel in another attack, and protesters have closed down the Golden Gate Bridge. Not quite as close a King David, but we are never that far from violence and danger.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual event that occurs the first Thursday in May all across this nation. This is my tenth year in attendance – for you it maybe more. This is a simple ceremony. The people gather together for prayer for our country (national, state and local governments), businesses, schools, churches and families. The people lead the prayers.

We are not unlike David who cries out to God to save us. We are always in need of God's protection. Of course, we all need to live in safety, but each family struggles with its own problems – insecure housing, lack of childcare, illness, financial burdens, joblessness, depression, addictions or lack of transportation to name a few.

Like David, we are imperfect people. We need God's Word. We need his lamp to light our path and keep us on the straight and narrow. Each day is a challenge. We need to gather and join each other in prayer, help our neighbors, and let them help us. God only asks that we love one another.

God hears our prayers collectively and individually. More than ever we need to pray for a strong nation. We need to lift up our leaders in prayer as they lead us. We need to pray for the teachers who guide our children. And we need to pray for our pastors and church leaders. And truthfully we need each other. We must be open to the one God will send to help us in our time of need.

Please join us tomorrow at Veterans Memorial Park at 10:30 am. We will all be blessed!



Pastor Carolyn
Associated Clergy of Tomahawk

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Ask the PASTOR

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

In my last article, we looked at Hosea 4:1-3 and God's complaint that the nation of Israel, which once knew God, no longer did what is right nor did they love showing mercy, because they no longer knew God. The result was their culture was now riddled with crime. We also looked at two parallel passages (1 Timothy 3:1-5, Romans 1:21-32) where the same principle is mentioned. Today we shall look at Hosea 4:4,5 and what God said about their situation.

Whenever trouble arises, it is common for people to look for reasons for the problem, and eventually start pointing fingers at what or whom they believe to be the cause of the problem. The people of Israel were doing this in response to the rise in crime. And what did God say about this?

In verse 4 God tells the people, *Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for your people are as they that strive with the priest.* God had two things to say about the situation.

First, God says, *let no man strive, nor reprove another.* He says, quit pointing fingers and laying the blame on each other. Why? The reason is the second thing God tells the people; *for your people are as they that strive with the priest.* In pointing fingers at each other they were missing the cause of the problem. God said, *You all have a part in the rise in crime because you are a people who want to argue with the priest.* How, you may ask, did arguing with the priests contribute to the rise in crime?

In the Law of Moses, which God gave to Israel at Mount Sinai, God spelled out what the responsibilities of the priests were to be. They were responsible to officiate in the temple ceremonies and in the offering of sacrifices, to act as judges in matters concerning the law (Deuteronomy 17:8-11), and to teach the people who God is and the law He had given to them (Leviticus 10:8-11). A summary of the responsibilities of the priests under the Law of Moses is expressed in Malachi 2:7 where we read, *For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and the people should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.* If you argue with God's messenger, will you still know God?

In Hosea 4:5, God warns the people of what they could expect in the days to come because they no longer knew God. He says, *Therefore you shall fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother.* To put it another way: You will see your destruction (in the day), you will not understand why God no longer speaks to you (prophet...night), and your culture (mother) will fail you in the time of your destruction.

The commands of God are a definition for what is right. What happens when a culture no longer knows what is right? When a culture that once knew God, forgets God, we should not be surprised in its fall.

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Laboratories at Aspirus' Tomahawk, Rhinelander hospitals earn reaccreditation from CAP

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN—Last week, Aspirus Health announced that the laboratories at two of its Northwoods hospitals were awarded reaccreditation by the Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

A release from Aspirus said the laboratories at its Tomahawk and Rhinelander hospitals earned the two-year renewal of reaccreditation “based on results of recent on-site inspections as part of the CAP’s Accreditation Programs.”

“Recognized for rigorous and robust standards, CAP accreditation elevates quality and mitigates risk, an important way that laboratories can contribute to improved patient outcomes,” Aspirus stated.

Diana Brittenham, Regional Director of Laboratory Service-North Division, was advised of this global recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided, according to the release.

“The CAP’s Laboratory Accreditation Program is the gold standard in accreditation



Brittenham

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

and requires excellence by our laboratory staff,” Brittenham said. “I’m honored that our hospitals are two of the more than 8,000 CAP-accredited laboratories around the world to be recognized for providing the highest standard of care for patients.”

Aspirus said that during the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory’s records and quality control of procedures.

“CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record and overall management,”

Aspirus stated. “These reviews help verify activities reflect the most recent best practices.”

Aspirus explained that CAP Laboratory Accreditation helps laboratories:

- Maintain accuracy of test results and ensure accurate patient diagnosis.
- Meet required standards from CLIA, FDA and OSHA. CAP requirements commonly exceed the standards, bolstering patient care and safety.
- Manage rapidly evolving changes in laboratory medicine and technology.
- Exchange ideas and best practices among pathology and laboratory medicine peers.
- Offer professional development and learning opportunities for laboratory staff.

“With over 23,000 laboratory participants, in addition to accreditation, the CAP offers proficiency testing/external quality assessment (PT/EQA) programs, quality improvement tools and protocols and guidelines to ensure excellence in all areas across the laboratory,” Aspirus said. “Built on a foundation of pathologist expertise, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) partners with laboratories worldwide to elevate the quality of laboratory medicine with best-in-class solutions designed to drive operational excellence, achieve diagnostic confidence and ensure the best patient care.”

The United States Federal Government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, which started in the early 1960s, as being equal-to or more-stringent than the government’s own inspection program. More information on the College of American Pathologists can be obtained by visiting www.cap.org.

For more information on Aspirus Health, please www.aspirus.org.



Morrison and L’Esperance

Photo courtesy of Theresa L’Esperance

Morrison receives YMCA Teen Character Award

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk High School (THS) student Jerome Trey Morrison recently received a 2024 YMCA Teen Character Award.

Morrison was one of 33 winners from Lincoln, Forest, Langlade and Oneida Counties.

Nominees were judged on community service, academics, volunteering, active participation in a variety of activities and a wholesome lifestyle.

Theresa L’Esperance said she nominated Morrison “because of his positive outlook on life.”

“Trey has involved himself not only in sports, but drama, trap shooting, forensics and Boy Scouts,” L’Esperance stated, adding that Morrison will be completing his Eagle Scout Award this summer.

“It has been an honor to coach Trey in swimming, but also to see him grow into a well-rounded young man,” L’Esperance said. “THS has a student to be proud of.”

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Scouting for Food

Tomahawk Boy Scouts Troop 548 and Cub Scouts Pack 548 recently thanked the community for its generosity during the annual Scouting for Food drive. More than 25 scouts participated in collecting and sorting approximately 550 pounds of food for the Tomahawk Food Pantry.

Photo courtesy of Christina Schultz

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Essential to a democracy

It was with great interest that I read the opinion article, "A Sharp Reminder from Wisconsin That All Politics is Local" in the April 17 issue of the online edition of Newsweek.

The article featured the closure, and specifically sales of nursing homes in Wisconsin. Lincoln County was highlighted as one of three counties whose conservative county board members lost their seats as a result of selling county-owned facilities to private, for-profit companies. Former Chair Don Friske was mentioned by name in that he spearheaded the drive to sell Pine Crest Nursing Home. Actions have consequences.

Recent actions by the new Lincoln County Board of Supervisors raised some eyebrows regarding its questionable committee appointments at its organizational meeting on April 16th. Of concern is that fact that Supervisor Christine Vorpapel, who soundly defeated Don Friske for District 9 of the Board, did not get a single committee assignment. Historically, each board member gets at least two to three oversight committee assignments, unless they specifically request otherwise. That intentional exclusion should be challenged, and probably will be by the constituents of the 9th District who consequently lost their representation at committee level.

An important note is the fact that many supervisors, incumbent and newly elected, who did not support the sale of Pine Crest, garnered fewer oversight committee seats than those who voted for the sale of Pine Crest.

Also concerning is the fact that a newly elected, unchallenged but inexperienced supervisor to District 14 was appointed to two of the most consequential committees – The Administrative and Legislative and Highway Committees. Normally, the most experienced supervisors get those positions in order to serve the public most effectively. Not so in this case and one has to wonder why. Supervisor Lyskawa was also assigned to the Board of Health, which makes policy for the County Health Department, and also designated as the County Board representative or liaison to the Tomahawk Library Board.

Full disclosure, my husband and I reside in District 14. We do not support political agendas such as the refusal to wear facial masks during pandemics nor the advocacy for parental choices in the banning of library books. Personal opinion is one thing, but transparency in establishing county board policies is essential to a democracy. We sincerely hope that our fears over enactment or continuation of those policies will be unfounded.

Diana C. Smith
Tomahawk

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
Price County UW Extension Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **Program Assistant**, within the **UW Extension Department**. This is a paraprofessional position assigned to the UW-Extension Office that performs a variety of clerical and administrative duties related to UWEX programs in accordance with established policies, routines, and procedures. This position also has receptionist/front desk duties and has extensive contact with the public. This is a part-time (16 hours per week), regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$19.62 (Grade 4). This position has no benefits except those required by law.

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, emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us, or calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications must be received by the Price County Office of Administration no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 8, 2024.

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Applicants must be willing to work 12-hour shifts and must be available to work days, nights, weekends and holidays. This is a full-time position with a starting hourly wage of \$23.88 for day shift and \$24.88 for night shift, and full benefit package. Benefits include **Wisconsin Retirement System with employer contribution of 6.9%, income continuation insurance, multiple health insurance plans with a zero deductible option, 22 days of paid leave available within the first year, 10 paid holidays, paid maternity/paternity leave, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk.** Dental, vision, Wisconsin Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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THS forensics team wraps up season at State competition

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

DEFOREST – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Forensics team wrapped up its season at the 129th annual State competition in DeForest on Friday, April 19.

Coach Michele Balda said the Hatchets returned to Tomahawk with lots of hardware and noted that she and fellow coaches, Nancy Herbison and Shirley Derleth, are very pleased with the team's results.

"Many had their best scores of the season, and the judging at state is always tougher," Balda said. "Participating in public speaking, something so many people rate as a number one fear but is needed even more in this day when most use technology to communicate, and doing so not only in a competition setting, but also for fun, these students have been



Photos courtesy of Michele Balda



Pictured are gold medalists Cedar H., AJ S. and Alena C.

hard at work since early January, practicing weekly with their coaches, as well as on their own amid school work, jobs and other extracurricular activities. We are so proud of them."

Earning perfect scores and gold medals were AJ S., Farrago; Cedar H., Poetry Reading; and Alena C., Prose Reading.

Silver medalists were Aubrey G., Mariah S. and

Kambyl M., Group Interpretive Reading; Sadie R., Payton L. and Jayden D., Group Interpretive Reading; Sarah K., Delilah S., Landon P. and Tamara S., Group Interpretive Read-

ing; Galen S., Prose Reading; and Madeline L., Prose Reading;

Capturing bronze were Arawen A., Izzy L., Trey M., Murphy K. and Xan S., Group Interpretive Read-

ing; Phoebe H., Poetry Reading; Magdalene L., Prose Reading; and Julia M., Radio News Reporting.

"Great performances by all," the coaches said. "Thank you for a great season."

DNR highlighting new regulations ahead of inland fishing season opener

Bag, length limit changes in Lincoln, Price, Vilas, other counties

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding anglers that the 2024-2025 general inland fishing season will open on Saturday, May 4.

Fisheries biologists expect anglers to find success on opening day.

No matter where anglers decide to fish, all Wisconsin residents and nonresidents over the age of 16 are required to purchase a fishing license. Anglers can buy licenses through Go Wild (www.gowild.wi.gov/), the DNR's license portal, or from a license agent.

This year, new fishing regulations (www.tinyurl.com/bde2snyu) are in effect, including a new small tournament registration requirement and a statewide daily

bag limit of three walleye/sauger per day on all inland waters.

There are also bag and length limit changes for fish species in the following counties: Lincoln, Brown, Chippewa, Dane, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iowa, Iron, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Oconto, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, Walworth, Waukesha and Waushara.

The full 2024-2025 hook and line fishing and trout fishing regulations are available online at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations and in print in English, Spanish, Hmong and large print versions.

As anglers head out to their favorite fishing locations, the DNR is reminding them to:

- Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by

removing plants and animals from their boat before and after launching, draining all water from compartments and never moving live fish away from any waterbody.

• To prevent the spread of fish diseases, remove all water, aquatic vegetation and/or mud from fishing equipment before leaving their fishing location. All fishing equipment, including boats, trailers, boots, waders, nets and float tubes, should be thoroughly cleaned and dried completely before being used again.

• Practice responsible catch and release if they are letting their catch go.

• Follow safe boating procedures and always wear a life jacket.

Those looking to fish one of Wisconsin's 13,000 miles of trout streams can use the recently updated Trout Regulations and Opportu-

nities User Tool (TROUT) (www.dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=TROUT) to learn regulations and find locations of DNR fishing easements, public lands and classified trout waters.

For anglers looking for spots with easy access, try one of the several ponds

stocked with catchable trout (www.tinyurl.com/zjxkdpsh) in the area.

With more than 15,000 inland lakes, 42,000 miles of perennial streams and rivers, 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and 260 miles of the Mississippi River, Wisconsin offers anglers of all skill lev-

els a variety of places to cast a line.

Discover new places to fish, launches, fishing locations and other fishing information on the DNR's fishing webpage at (www.tinyurl.com/yc5pnks9) or by contacting your local fisheries biologist.



The 2024-2025 fishing season will open on Saturday, May 4. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, April 22: On 04/16/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of STH 17 and CTH D in the Township of Harrison for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. The R/P indicated that the driver of the vehicle, a Gleason woman, 49, appeared to be intoxicated. It was also reported that she had shallow breathing and a weak pulse. Investigation revealed that the subject was operating on STH 17 when, for unknown reasons, she crossed the center line and entered the ditch on the west side of the highway.

Once in the ditch, she struck a group of trees before hitting a pole. The woman was transported to Aspirus Rhinelander hospital by ambulance. Charges of OWI 1st offense and bail jumping will be submitted to the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office. The extent of her injuries is unknown. On 04/17/2024 deputies were dispatched to an address on Doering Rd. in the Town of Merrill for a domestic dispute. It was reported that a Merrill man, 23, got into a heated argument with his sister, 18, and his mother, 54. According to officers, the dispute

did involve some pushing and shoving, as well as the 23-year-old man punching a hole in his bedroom door. The suspect was arrested for two counts of domestic disorderly conduct. He was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was turned over to corrections staff. No injuries were reported. Deputies conducted 33 traffic stops and 38 security checks. Deputies responded to one domestic and three car vs. deer crashes. The 911 Center took four hang-up calls and 11 nuisance calls.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSES
In the Town of Skanawan
Notice is hereby given that the following applications have been filed in the Clerk office of the Town of Skanawan, Wisconsin for the sale of intoxication beverages in said Town for such classes of licenses and at the location the premises to be licensed in the Town of Skanawan, for the license year ending June 30th, 2025 all according to Section 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

CLASS "B" COMBINATION
NAME Clover Club LLC
ADDRESS N8894 County Rd H, Irma WI
PREMISE LOCATION SAME
NAME Maple Bear Campground LLC
ADDRESS N9350 County Rd H, Tomahawk, WI
PREMISE LOCATION SAME
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION
MARATHON COUNTY
ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC AS SERVICER FOR ("ASF") WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., AS ISSUER LOAN TRUSTEE FOR ONEMAIN FINANCIAL

Legals 7700

ISSUANCE TRUST 2018-2
601 NW Second Street
Evansville IN 47708
Plaintiff
vs.
KRISTOPHER H BECKER
N1710 SUNSET DRIVE
MERRILL WI 54452
Defendant.
Case No.: 2024CV000158
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 (forty) days after 04/17/2024, 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 500 FOREST STREET WAUSAU, WI 54403 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the

Legals 7700

plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 4th day of April, 2024.

DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC
Attorneys for the plaintiff
Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano
Jillian E Caggiano
State Bar No. 1101032
MAILING ADDRESS:
225 S. Executive Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 641-3715
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
KRIETE TRUCK CENTER MADISON, INC.
333 E. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202,
Plaintiff,
- vs -
WILLIAM G. WICKMAN
N10299 Echo Valley Road
Tomahawk, WI 54487,
Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 24CV42
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to Defendant William G. Wickman: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after April 24, 2024, you must respond with a written demand for the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Lincoln County Clerk of Court, 1110 E. Main Street, Suite 205, Merrill, WI 54452, and to Roger Sage, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 30 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 1001, Madison, WI 53703. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services because of a disability, call (715) 536-0319 and ask for the court ADA coordinator.

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If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within 40 days, the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A Judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated: April 16, 2024.

Electronically signed by Roger Sage
Roger Sage, attorney for plaintiff
Attorney Roger Sage
30 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 1001
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 258-8855
State Bar # 1009033
Published April 24, May 1, 8, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN:
CIRCUIT COURT:
LINCOLN COUNTY
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
Estate of Fred E Plegge,
Defendant.
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Legals 7700

Case Number: 2023CV000070

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on August 22, 2023, in the amount of \$135,169.65, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
ORIGINAL TIME: May 9, 2024 at 10:00AM
TERMS:
1. 10% of the successful bid is due at the time of sale. Payment must be in cash, certified check, or cashier's check, payable to the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts. The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds not later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeiture of deposit to Plaintiff.
2. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3. Upon confirmation of the court, buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

PLACE: At the Main Entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Property description:
Situated in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:
The SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 all in Section 36, Township 34 North, Range 6 East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all rights of way, all zoning, building and other laws ordinances and regulations, all rights of tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable. Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Document No. 499749, of the Lincoln County, Wisconsin records. Tax Key No.: 004-3406-361-9995, 004-3406-364-9999
Property Address: 7521 N US Hwy 51, Irma, WI 54442
Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
342 N. Water Street, Suite 613
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 937-5992
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), we are required to state that we may be attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information we obtain may be used for that purpose.
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TOWN OF LYNNE OPEN HEARING AND BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given of the Open Hearing and Board of Review to be held at the Lynne Town Hall, 5102 Willow Road, Tripoli.

Open Hearing, Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Board of Review, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Town of Lynne - Clerk
Molly Lehman

Notice of Posting: 5:00 p.m. 04/24/2024
Lynne Town Hall, Tripoli Post Office, Bucksnot Resort, J&D's Reel'Em In Resort, Hillside Bar & Grill, and Town Website

News Media Notified: 5:00 p.m. 04/24/2024
Tomahawk Leader
Lakeland Times

Notice Posted by Town of Lynne Clerk - Molly Lehman 715-564-2650

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please contact the Municipal Clerk with specific information on your request allowing adequate time to respond to your request. See compliance checklist with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law on the reverse.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Lynne
Oneida County

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Lynne, Oneida County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

- No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
- After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
- The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
- Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
- When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
- No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s.73.03(2a), Wis. Stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Lynne has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s.19.35(1), Wis. Stats.
- The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other person may testify by telephone unless the board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
- No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47(3)(a), Wis. Stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 24th day of April 2024.
Lynne Town Clerk - Molly Lehman

Published May 1, 2024

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APPLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for Tobacco products has been filed with the Town of Somo Clerk, Lincoln County. License period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025:

Mark R. Listle, Tri-Mart BP, W11069 Hwy 8, Tripoli, WI 54564.
OTC tobacco license

Notice is hereby given that the following application has been filed with the Town of Somo Clerk, Lincoln County. License period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025:

CLASS "A" BEER & "CLASS A" LIQUOR
Mark R. Listle, Tri-Mart BP, W11069 Hwy 8 Tripoli, WI 54564

Town of Somo, Clerk
Heather Marheine
P.O. BOX 87
TRIPOLI, WI 54564

Published: May 1, 2024

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NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

FOR THE TOWN OF SKANAWAN,
LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **OPEN BOOK** for the Town of Skanawan will be held at the Town Hall Monday, May 6, 2024 from 10:30am to 12:30pm and the **BOARD OF REVIEW** shall meet from Monday, May 13, 2024 from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the Town Hall by appointment only.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

- No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
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Notice is hereby given this 6th day of April, 2024
Loyetta Dennis, Town Clerk

Published May 1 & 8, 2024

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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
402 South Park Drive-PO Box 213
Tomahawk WI 54487
715-453-4233
NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th, 2024, 10:00
A.M.
HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE, 402
SOUTH PARK DRIVE, TOMAHAWK,
WISCONSIN
Published May 1, 2024 WNAXLP

Notice To Creditors 7735

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Tommy G. Miller
dod: 4/4/2024

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)**
Case No. 2024 IN 18

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/2/1961 and date of death 4/4/2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W4741 Mable Frontage Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 08-16-2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
DATE SIGNED: April 22, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Sally M. Lundet
W240N1221 Pewaukee Rd. #4
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262)544-8500
Bar Number 1019527
Published May 1, 8, 15, 2024 WNAXLP

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 Board of Review will be held on May 20, 2024 from 2pm to 4pm at the Tomahawk Town Hall, W8904 Hwy 86.
 Notice given this 20th day of April, 2024
 Jesse Hoffman-Clerk
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CITY OF TOMAHAWK PUBLIC NOTICE AND BID NOTIFICATION FOR TOMAHAWK PUBLIC LIBRARY FURNACE AND AC UNITS
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 Bids will be received by the Tomahawk Public Library at 300 West Lincoln Ave, Tomahawk, WI 54487 until **2:00 p.m. on May 15, 2024.**
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Any contractor who wishes to phone in and attend by teleconference when bids are opened should contact the Lincoln County Forestry Dept. at 715-539-1034 for call in instructions.
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Hatchet golfers host GNC meet, compete in Barron, Medford

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet golf team hosted a meet and traveled to Barron and Medford last week.

Inshalla

The Hatchets kicked off last week by hosting a Great Northern Conference (GNC) meet at Inshalla Country Club in Tomahawk on Tuesday, April 23.

Tomahawk placed fifth out of seven teams with a score of 366. Lakeland (315) took first place, followed by Mosinee (338), Northland Pines (347) and Rhinelander (350). Antigo (368) and Medford (372) placed sixth and seventh, respectively.

Austin Lamer was Tomahawk's top shooter, ending his three-birdie day with a score of 80. His sixth-place finish earned him some All-Conference points, coach Garth Gerstenberger said.

Sawyer Hanna and Caiden Reichelt each shot a 93, while Owen Dickrell and Carson Childers each finished with a score of 100.

Gerstenberger said Reichelt was "solid off the tee" and played his best round as a varsity golfer.

"The course played difficult today, due to the cold and wind," Gerstenberger added.

Barron

The Tomahawk golfers traveled to Rolling Oaks

Golf Course in Barron on Wednesday, April 24, where they placed sixth out of 14 teams with a score of 342.

Bloomer (299) finished in first place, followed by Chetek-Weyerhaeuser (311), Northwestern (322), Saint Croix Falls (330) and Ladysmith (336).

Dickrell shot a team-best 77, while Hanna ended the day with a score of 82. Brayden Lamer (91), Caiden Reichelt (92) and Carson Childers (93) rounded out the Hatchet scorers.

"We had some really nice nine-hole scores today," Gerstenberger stated, noting that Dickrell was even on the back nine, and Hanna was two over on the front.

Lamer's 91 was a "great score for his first-ever varsity match," Gerstenberger added.

Medford

On Friday, April 26, the Hatchets headed to Medford's Black River Golf Course for a GNC meet.

Tomahawk took sixth place with a team score of 375. Lakeland Union was the top team (309), with Mosinee (327), Rhinelander (339), Medford (345) and Northland Pines (357) following. Antigo (407) took seventh place.

Hanna had three birdies on his way to being the Hatchets' top golfer, ending the day with a score of 85. Other Tomahawk scorers included Dickrell

(89), Noah Pearson (99), Reichelt (102) and Childers (104).

Gerstenberger noted that Pearson played well in Medford.

JV

On Thursday, April 25, the JV Hatchets traveled to Mosinee, where they finished in sixth place. Lakeland (195) was the top team, followed by Rhinelander (207), Mosinee (209), Medford (215) and Northland Pines (217).

Pearson (55) was the top Hatchet scorer, followed by Lamer (58), Ryan Montag (60), Sophia Kiser (61), Dane Dekiep (62) and Lydia Ziert (71).

The JV squad competed at Inshalla on Friday and placed sixth with a score of 223. Lakeland (188), Rhinelander (190), Northland Pines (192), Mosinee (206) and Medford (206) rounded out the day's scoring.

Schoone and Montag each ended the day with scores of 55. Other Hatchet scorers included Lamer (56), Dekiep (57), Kiser (65) and Ziert (68).

This week's action

The Hatchets were scheduled to travel to Pine Valley Golf Course in Marathon on Monday, April 29.

On Thursday, May 2, the Tomahawk golfers are slated to take part in a GNC meet at Rhinelander's Northwood Golf Course.

Gainers of the Month



The Hatchet Weightlifting Club last week announced that Ella Peissig and Zach Germano were voted Gainers of the Month. Coach Andy Peissig said Peissig and Germano were recognized for their "commitment to the weight room and the effort that they put in when they are in there."

Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig

Claybusters take part in 2024 Northwoods Shootout in Wabeno, earn wins over Medford

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WABENO – The Tomahawk Claybusters' season is underway, and the athletes competed in Wabeno and against Medford last month.

Wabeno

A total of 17 Tomahawk athletes took part in the 2024 Northwoods Shootout at the Padus Nicolet Gun Club in Wabeno on Saturday, April 20. The results are as follows:

Intermediate Entry, men's: Issac Derleth, 32.
Intermediate Advanced, men's: Dean Greil, 39.
Intermediate Advanced, ladies: Lillian Taves, 42, 11th

overall.

The Hatchet intermediate divisions placed 4th as a team.

JV men's: Tyler Strassman, 45, placed 3rd overall; Mason Jaecks, 41.

Varsity men's: Hayden Greil, 47, placed 1st overall; Ashton Greil, 42, placed 20th overall.

Tomahawk's JV/Varsity division placed 1st as a team.

Medford

All Tomahawk teams won in week 4 of the conference season against Medford.

The first 25's of the season were by Blake Younker and Tyler Strassman.

Results are as follows:

Intermediate Entry, 75-64 win. Eli Scott, 17; Landyn Michael, 16; Isaac Derleth, 15; Keagan Jones, 15; George Van Asten, 12.

Intermediate Advanced, 102-35 win. Connor Johnson, 21; Ryan Kretzschmar, 21; Cole Peterson, 20; Connor Germano, 20; Dean Greil, 20; Lillian Taves, 20.

JV, 101-45 win. Tyler Strassman, 25; Nathaniel Litzau, 21; Mason Jaecks, 19; Fletcher Baumann, 18; Nathan Fisher, 18.

Varsity, 110-90 win. Blake Younker, 25; Zach Germano, 22; Caden Derleth, 21; Hayden Greil, 21; Levi Hilgendorf, 21; Marcus Patterson, 21; Trey Morrison, 21.

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THE FREE PLAY

Draft recap, part one: The Bears (maybe) turn a corner, offense takes the spotlight, and the Falcons win the Weird Pick Award

BY JALEN MAKI

The 2024 NFL Draft has come and gone, and on the whole, it went about as expected. The guy who was expected to go first overall indeed did; per draft tradition, a team made a head-scratching pick; and an already good team once again added multiple blue-chip players.

In the first round, at 25th overall, the Packers selected Arizona offensive tackle Jordan Morgan. Green Bay then took Texas A&M linebacker Edgerrin Cooper and Georgia safety Javon Bullard in round two; USC running back MarShawn Lloyd and Missouri linebacker Ty’Ron Hopper in round three; Oregon safety Evan Williams in round four; Duke center Jacob Monk and Oregon State safety Kitan Oladapo in round five; Georgia State offensive tackle Travis Glover in round six; and Tulane quarterback Michael Pratt and Penn State cornerback Kalen King in the seventh and final round.

We’ll take a closer look at the Packers’ selections next week, but first, here’s a quick rundown of some notable storylines from this year’s draft.

The Bears hit a home run (and it’s upsetting)

It pains me to say that it appears the Chicago Bears

knocked it out of the park last week.

The Bears surprised no one with their first pick, taking USC quarterback Caleb Williams at first overall. Williams had been the consensus top pick for a long time, and Chicago landed one of the most promising and exciting QB prospects this side of Andrew Luck. Over the following few picks, the board fell in the Bears’ favor, and they were able to select Washington wide receiver Rome Odunze at pick nine. Chicago drafted a punter in the fourth round, which is a bit mystifying to me, but they now have one of the top quarterback prospects in recent memory and are teaming him with one of the most electric receivers in the draft, so I think general manager Ryan Poles has earned a little slack.

Somewhat ironically, Williams and Odunze have drawn comparisons to former Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and wide receiver Davante Adams, respectively. The thought of being on the other end of such a dynamic duo is chilling, but even if the pair doesn’t live up to that (quite unfair) level of hype, Chicago undeniably took a massive step forward as a franchise last week. Four or five years down the road, we

could be looking back at this Draft as the turning point for the long-beleaguered Bears.

Quarterback frenzy

Williams was the first of six quarterbacks taken within the first 12 picks, ahead of LSU’s Jayden Daniels to the Washington Commanders at second overall, Drake Maye (North Carolina) to the New England Patriots at pick three, Michael Penix Jr. (Washington) to the Atlanta Falcons at eight, JJ McCarthy (Michigan) to the Minnesota Vikings at 10, and Bo Nix (Oregon) to the Denver Broncos at 12. That’s a pretty wild volume of quarterbacks to be taken in the first round, and it’s something we might not see again anytime soon, even as the league becomes increasingly quarterback-focused. The last time six QBs went in round one was in 1983 – a class that produced Hall of Famers John Elway, Jim Kelly, and Dan Marino.

I’m not sure if I would’ve made some of these picks if I were a GM – from a value perspective, I don’t think I could talk myself into taking Nix with the 12th pick. Later in the first round, or sometime after that? Maybe. But in today’s NFL, if you don’t have the quarterback position figured out, you’re going to struggle to win games, and teams were willing to roll the dice in hopes they’ve found their QBs of the future.

Offensive players shine early

The 2024 NFL Draft set a new league record: Twenty-three offensive players were taken in the first round, including the first 14 picks in a row.

This might be indicative of a few things: Teams val-

ued offense over defense; this draft class was loaded with offensive talent; or the defensive players weren’t as appealing in comparison to their counterparts on the other side of the ball. It also might’ve been a combination of these factors. Regardless, the early run on offensive players shows that teams didn’t hesitate to bring in dudes who they believe can help them put points on the board.

The Falcons win the 2024 Weird Pick Award

Pretty much every year, at least one team makes a pick that leaves analysts and viewers confused to varying degrees. That’s not to say that these picks can’t or don’t work out; it’s just that from a value perspective, there are usually more easily justifiable picks that could’ve been made at that given time.

The Falcons’ selection of Penix is the most perplexing of this year’s draft, and for this reason they are the winners of the 2024 Weird Pick Award, which I just made up. Congrats, Atlanta!

Penix was likely not evaluated by most teams as being a top-ten-caliber player or considered among the top three quarterbacks in this year’s class; however, the lefty QB was the 2023 Heisman runner-up and can spin a great deep ball. In a vacuum, I can see why a team would be happy to take a player like Penix early, but there’s an important element to consider – the Falcons signed former Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins to a four-year, \$180 million deal this offseason.

Cousins, who will be 36 when Week One rolls around, is coming off a season-ending Achilles tear, but

the length and value of his contract – which includes a \$50 million signing bonus and \$100 million guaranteed – indicates that Atlanta’s brass want him on the field for the foreseeable future. The Falcons might’ve looked at the Packers’ quarterback strategy – draft a guy with potential upside, sit him, and let him get comfortable in the offense over the course of a few years before giving him a shot – and liked what it’s produced. Understandable, but Penix, who turns 24 next week, is presumably further along in his growth as a quarterback than, say, the 21-year-old McCarthy, so from a development perspective, having him hang out on the bench for several seasons probably isn’t a necessity. Spending that kind of draft capital on a guy who might not see significant playing time with your team until he’s in his late 20s is odd, especially considering that at pick eight, there were plenty of talented players on the board who could have had an immediate positive impact on a team that should reasonably be ascending.

If Cousins isn’t ready to go at the start of the season, Penix provides an intriguing backup option, and it appears that the Falcons want Penix to eventually succeed Cousins. Also worth noting is that from 2018 to 2021, while at Indiana, Penix suffered four season-ending injuries, including two tears of his right ACL. I’m a believer in drafting a quarterback before you need one, but Atlanta may have reached in

taking Penix at eight overall.

The Eagles are annoyingly good at acquiring talent

The Philadelphia Eagles deserve a tip of the cap.

For two drafts in a row, they’ve capitalized on a board falling in their favor and brought in top defensive prospects. And folks, I’m not above admitting that I’m jealous.

Last week, the Eagles managed to land both Toledo cornerback Quinyon Mitchell and Iowa defensive back Cooper DeJean, doubling up on very skilled defenders. They did the same thing in 2023: The Birds selected Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter, who was regarded as being among the best players in that draft and was a steal at ninth overall. Carter’s Bulldog teammate, outside linebacker Nolan Smith, slipped down the board, and the Eagles nabbed him at pick 31. Although Smith hasn’t been as much of a contributor as the Philly front office has hoped, their ability to keep adding high-quality players to their already talented roster is impressive – and infuriating. They can’t keep getting away with this!

Next week

Keep an eye out for next week’s column, where we’ll dive into the Packers’ draft.

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Sports and Nature Briefs

Lincoln County summer trails open

Lincoln County’s summer ATV/UTV, horseback riding and mountain bike trails are open as of 8 a.m. today (Wednesday, May 1). The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department is asking the public to stay on designated trails, observe and follow all signs and respect private property trails may pass through. For more information and updates, visit www.co.lincoln.wi.us or call 715-539-1033.

Spring Wildflower Hike

The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will host its annual guided Spring Wildflower Hike through Lincoln County’s Harrison Hills on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Ice Age Trail head on Turtle Lake Rd. Terrain will be moderately difficult. For more information, contact Ruby Jaecks at 715-551-1118 or brjaecks@outlook.com.

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.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 180

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 179 question: The THS girls’ basketball team won their first of two conference championships in the 1977-78 season. Who was the head coach: Bill Sullivan, Linda Mochalski or Joanne Foster?

Week 179 answer: The head coach of the 1977-78 THS girls’ basketball team was Bill Sullivan. Linda Mochalski and Joanne Foster were his assistants.

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

Week 180 question: What member of the 1977-78 THS girls’ basketball team won the Lumberjack Conference Southern Division scoring title: Paula Pintens, Jean Cordova or Charlotte Smith?

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May 3	3:00AM	7:52AM	1:58PM	8:17PM
May 4	3:20AM	8:42AM	3:18PM	9:06PM
May 5	3:39AM	9:31AM	4:40PM	9:56PM
May 6	4:00AM	10:22AM	6:02PM	---
May 7	4:23AM	10:48PM	7:25PM	11:15AM

Solunar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is May 8th.

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FROM NAZI-OCCUPIED POLAND TO THE U.S.

Rhineland man celebrates a century of adventure

BY MATT PERSIKE

RHINELANDER – A longtime resident of Rhineland is now in league with rare company.

Paul Haftarski, born in Poland in 1924, celebrated his 100th birthday on Saturday, April 27 – an age only about one-fortieth of a percent of the United States population reaches. However, Paul defied the odds by even making it to age 21.

Haftarski was born in Warsaw in the aftermath of the First World War. For over a century prior to the war, Poland was partitioned and its parts were shared, won and lost by various states under many names. By 1924, Poland's territory had been won in a series of border wars, and its independence was confirmed by the Treaty of Versailles. For the first 15 years of his life, Paul enjoyed a life typical of any Western nation of his era.

Haftarski excelled in school, but said after secondary school his father sent him to a technical school.

"I was there for three days. Because the war start," he explained; a definite Polish accent detected.

After the occupation of Poland began at the start of WWII, people who were employed were allowed to return to work. As a 17-year old student, Paul had no such employment. He was sent, along with legions of Poland's unemployed, to Germany to work where



Paul Haftarski, center, sits with his son, John and daughter-in-law, Donna, in Paul's home. Haftarski celebrated his 100th birthday on Saturday, April 27. Photo by Matt Persike

hands were needed. As may be expected, these workers were subjected to the most dangerous tasks afforded to wartime laborers in Germany. He ended up at a shipyard where he was working with a crew of divers who worked underwater repairing shores and performing subaquatic maintenance.

"We were welding under the water, with flames like this," he said, spreading his arms. "At least."

When winter came and the water froze, Haftarski and a group of some 15 men were told that they were going home.

"They take us on the

train, they even give us sandwiches, you know," Paul said. Although he didn't know what would be waiting for him at home, falling asleep on the train must have been a relief.

"Then I wake up in Berlin," he said, before clarifying, "Not home."

Because of wartime blackouts, Paul and company could hardly see as they were led through a factory in the early morning. He remembers the noise of the men at work with their hammers and the fire that was their only light source. "We looked around and said, 'where we are, in Hell?'"

In fact, they had been sent to an iron factory, where Paul was tasked with making horseshoes – about a thousand a day, he said. This is how he spent the next three years until the end of the war.

Though combat had ceased, Poland post-WWII was vastly different from the country where Paul grew up. His family was gone – he didn't know where – and besides, they'd have no home to return to. After the Warsaw Uprising in 1944, Poland's capital city was evacuated and burned to the ground.

Paul would be put on a ship back to this strange,

new Poland than the one he remembered from his childhood. Now under Soviet control, life was permeated by an omnipresent air of paranoia. He spoke of a friend who disappeared during this time, showing up seven years later.

"He made a joke about Stalin in a tavern. He didn't even make it home," Paul said. "KGB was everywhere. People were scared to talk to each other. Same thing in Germany. Germans talked with us (Poles) but not to each other. They couldn't trust each other."

It was striking how much detail Paul recalls from the years during the war and the daily tasks to which he was assigned – not for the fact of his recollection, but because once he returned to Poland, the story seems to skip a few chapters. He simply said, "I was in Poland about 20 years under this Russian occupation."

During those two decades, his sister married an American soldier and brought her mother along to the United States.

In the mid-60s Paul finally tracked them down in Milwaukee, applied for a Visa to live in the U.S. and two years later made it to Milwaukee. It was another six months to send for his wife and children.

Paul would spend his career in technology and engineering. He can recall schematics and intricacies of radios he built while working in Poland and will

go on at length about circuits. He so excelled with electrical work that his U.S. employer helped him receive his green card earlier than is typical so that he could work on government projects. To this day he tinkers constantly, repairing chairs for friends, building contraptions out of wood, carving and finishing decorative seahorses and birds and spinning tops, even taking apart and rebuilding desktop computers.

He is also active in his church in Rhineland, which is where he met Lottie, who was his companion until her passing in 2021.

When asked for a secret to longevity, Paul's son, John, jumped in: "three women," a joke about Paul's three life partners, all of whom he outlived. But Paul was reticent to respond to the question.

"Oh, I don't know. I didn't think I would be here." He began to tell a story of the three separate times he was declared or believed to be dead, but this was shut down by his daughter-in-law. After more deliberation, he said, "purpose."

Matt Persike is a library services assistant at Rhineland District Library. In conjunction with RDL and WXPB public radio, he produces the podcast, "If These Woods Could Talk: An Oral History of the Northwoods," available at www.tinyurl.com/mry5bdyy. Watch for Paul's full interview coming soon to the podcast.

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National Day of Prayer event

The Associated Clergy of Tomahawk will hold a National Day of Prayer event at Veterans Memorial Park in Tomahawk on Thursday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The Color Guard will be present, the St. Mary's Children's Choir will sing, Pastor Carolyn Rauschert will lead prayers and attendees may choose to walk the neighborhoods near their church after the ceremony.

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, May 14 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.redcross-](http://www.redcross-blood.org)

blood.org. A photo ID or Red Cross ID is required.

Lincoln County road construction

Lincoln County Interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that road construction will take place on the following roads through Monday, July 15: County Rd. K from Larson Lake to U.S. Hwy. 51; Tug Lake Rd. in the Town of Rock Falls from Woodenware Rd. to Resort Ln.; and County Rd. A from the City of Tomahawk to U.S. Hwy. 8. Roads will be closed to through traffic. Local traffic only. Expect lengthy delays.

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.

Tomahawk Public Library seeking community participation in Great Wisconsin Birdathon

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Public Library (TPL) is asking the community to take part in the Great Wisconsin Birdathon.

This year's Birdathon kicked off on Monday, April 15 and will run through Saturday, June 15.

The Natural Resources of Wisconsin Foundation said the Birdathon is the state's largest fundraiser

for bird conservation.

"It's like a walk-a-thon style fundraiser, but instead of logging miles, our participants are logging bird sightings," the Foundation's website says. "Each year, bird enthusiasts from across the state raise support and awareness for bird conservation by forming a team or donating to a team."

Funds raised will go toward adding material to

TPL's collection that focuses on caring for and/or learning about birds and will benefit the Foundation's bird conservation projects.

Birdathon participants can birdwatch anywhere in Wisconsin and log their sightings at www.wisconsinconservation.org/great-wisconsin-birdathon/.

To learn more about or to contribute to TPL's efforts, visit www.tinyurl.com/4h83bmvf.