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TMS designated as Accredited Main Street America program

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) has been designated as an Accredited Main Street America program.

A release from TMS said it received the designation “for meeting rigorous performance standards.”

TMS explained that each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of designated programs to “recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach™.”

“In 2023, the Main Street America programs generated \$5.68 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 6,630 net new businesses, facilitated the creation of 35,162 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 10,556 historic buildings and leveraged 1,664,763 volunteer hours,” TMS stated. “On average, for every dollar that a Main Street program spent to support their operations, it generated \$18.03 of new investment back into their downtown and commercial corridor communities.”

“We are incredibly excited to celebrate this year’s 800 Accredited Main Street

America programs and their remarkable efforts to reenergize their local economies and public spaces,” said Main Street America President and CEO Erin Barnes. “Main Street leaders are visionaries that see things that no one else can see and create the future world we all want to live in. The size and impact of our network demonstrates that great things happen when visions are realized through strategic, grassroots collaboration.”

TMS’s performance was evaluated through assessments conducted by the organization’s personnel and board of directors, as well as Wisconsin Main Street, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify local programs that meet national community evaluation standards.

“These standards provide the Main Street America network with a strong foundational framework to review progress, recognize strengths, understand trends and identify strategies that move Main Street programs forward,” TMS said. “To qualify for Accredited status – Main Street America’s top designation tier – communities must demonstrate a proven track record of achieving



outcomes in alignment with the Main Street Approach and exceptional performance in six areas: broad-based community commitment to revitalization; inclusive leadership and organizational capacity; diversified funding and sustainable program operations; strategy-driven programming; preservation-based economic development; and demonstrated impact and results.”

Jennifer Turkiewicz, TMS Executive Director, said she is excited to share the news of TMS’s accreditation.

“As a designated Main Street community, we are able to open doors and provide services to our downtown businesses that they may not otherwise be able to access,” Turkiewicz stated. “We, as an organization, can also utilize new tools to improve our downtown for our property and business owners, as well as the many visitors we are blessed to see each year.”

Turkiewicz said past examples include Kiva Loans

and Main Street Bounce-back grants that several Tomahawk businesses received. She also highlighted working with professionals in the marketing realm to update and re-imagine TMS’s vision, mission and overall look, as well as taking advantage of training opportunities throughout the state on new and innovative topics.

“From flowers and landscaping to garbage cans and benches, restored murals to Honor Banners, Farmers Markets to North for the 4th sales, Tomahawk Main Street continues to expand and improve events and downtown beautification, as well as strengthening relationships with the community,” TMS stated.

About Tomahawk Main Street Inc.

The release said Tomahawk Main Street Inc., in partnership with the business community, civic organizations, local government and residents, fosters the economic and social vitality of Tomahawk, utilizing

innovative strategies that cultivate the downtown’s unique heritage.

“By implementing the National Main Street program, we create a place that enables life as it is meant to be,” TMS stated. “Our downtown’s unique and welcoming atmosphere is the backdrop for a diverse mix of businesses, meeting the needs of today’s customer, with the personal service of yesteryear. Restored historic buildings and well-maintained storefronts showcase an interesting collection of retail shops, boutiques, eating and drinking establishments, residential units and professional service providers that are part of a prosperous downtown economy. An attractive downtown creates a friendly environment and strengthens connections with other Tomahawk business districts, surrounding attractions and neighborhoods.”

As a continued accredited Main Street member at both the state and national levels, TMS said its goals “align themselves in the four major areas for economic vitality of our businesses and enticing more entrepreneurs to open businesses in downtown.”

“We fundraise to keep a diverse income stream for organizational budget stability,” TMS stated. “We help with historic preservation in the design and maintenance of buildings and grounds. Our promotions foster community involvement and strive to unite the businesses in a common goal, so no one feels as if they are alone. A natural caring and friendly welcome awaits area residents,

newcomers, visitors and returnees who have come to know downtown Tomahawk as the place to be – a tradition to enjoy and come home to.”

For additional information about TMS, visit www.tomahawkmainstreet.org.

About Main Street America

The release said Main Street America “leads a movement committed to strengthening communities through preservation-based economic development in older and historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts.”

“For more than 40 years, Main Street America has provided a practical, adaptable and impactful framework for community-driven, comprehensive revitalization through the Main Street Approach™,” the release stated. “Our network of more than 1,600 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development.”

Since 1980, communities participating in the program have generated more than \$107.62 billion in new public and private investment, generated 175,323 net new businesses and 782,059 net new jobs, rehabilitated more than 335,675 buildings and levered over 35.3 million volunteer hours, according to the release.

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Pine Crest sale closing date pushed back three months Lincoln County board approves extension to end of September

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The closing date on the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill has been pushed back three months.

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved the sale of Pine Crest to Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc. in February. At that time, as part of the Asset Purchase Agreement, a Sunday, June 30 closing date for the sale was established.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, June 18, the board approved a resolution moving the Pine Crest sale closing date to Monday, Sept. 30.

The vote followed a recommendation from the county’s Administrative



Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

MMC photo

and Legislative (A&L) Committee to extend the date, citing logistical challenges.

The committee met in closed session, per Wisconsin statutes, on Wednesday, June 5, to discuss the agreement and returned to open session with motions directing Lincoln County Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson to modify the agreement to move the closing date to Saturday, Aug.

31 and instructing Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger to work with North Central Health Care (NCHC), which manages Pine Crest, to ensure the dissemination of communication.

During last week’s meeting, the resolution was amended to change the extension date from the end of August to the end of September.

Krueger said during the meeting that the proposed August extension date ultimately presented problems due to the Labor Day holiday, and the September closing date was put forth because it falls at the end of a fiscal quarter, adding additional benefits from an accounting perspective.

Krueger told the board that among the difficulties encountered involved “relying on third parties,” specifically relating to the county’s Information Technology (IT) systems.

As the June closing date approached, Krueger explained, it became apparent that it was unlikely that the county would be able to fulfill its IT part of the sale contract. Meanwhile, the buyers informed the county that “due to circumstances beyond their control,” they

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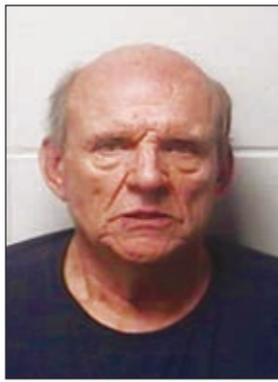
Tomahawk man facing three felonies related to child sex crimes

BY JALEN MAKI
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LINCOLN COUNTY – A Tomahawk man has been charged with three felonies related to child sex crimes.

Thomas L. Welke, 70, faces felony counts of using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, attempted second degree sexual assault of a child and child enticement-sexual contact, according to court records.

According to a criminal complaint filed in Lincoln County court on Monday, June 17, which cites reports from the Tomahawk Police Department (TPD), TPD received information regard-



Welke
Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Jail

ing the attempted solicitation of a minor on Wednesday, June 12.

Welke was identified as the alleged perpetrator

by two individuals whose names were not provided in the complaint.

The complaint said the individuals are “the proprietors of multiple social media accounts with the primary purpose of exposing online sexual predators and illegal sexual activity.”

The individuals allegedly provided TPD with numerous voice recordings, screenshots and text messages that showed Welke believed he was communicating with a 13-year-old female. Welke attempted to meet the child in the parking lot of Dollar General in Tomahawk on Tuesday, June 11, where he was confronted by the individuals,

according to the complaint.

The complaint said the roughly five-and-a-half-minute encounter was video recorded by the individuals, who informed Welke that over the course of a year, they had been documenting the conversations between Welke and who Welke believed was a 13-year-old female.

While speaking with the individuals, Welke allegedly admitted to having the conversations before saying he was going to TPD. Welke could be observed traveling east on E. Somo Ave. in the opposite direction of the TPD, and the recording ended shortly thereafter, according to the complaint.

The complaint included more than a dozen text messages allegedly sent by Welke, with several messages containing sexually explicit language and referring to the child’s age. Welke allegedly asked the child if she had “written and signed authorization” to see Welke and asked if the child’s mother would be interested in joining Welke and the child “for her own added please (sic) and show you a few things,” according to the complaint.

Welke was taken into custody on Friday, June 14.

Welke appeared in Lincoln County court on Monday, June 17, where a \$15,000.00 cash bond was

set. Under terms of the bond, Welke was instructed to have no contact with anyone under the age of 18, not to use the internet to contact any minors or people unknown to him and not to leave the state of Wisconsin without prior court approval. Welke was also directed to surrender all passports and not to obtain any new passports, according to court records.

Welke is scheduled to participate in a telephone scheduling conference on Thursday, June 27 at 10 a.m.

If convicted on all three charges, Welke faces up to 105 years in prison and up to \$300,000.00 in fines.

One dead, two injured following motorcycle vs. car crash in Town of Scott

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF SCOTT – One person died and two others were injured following a motorcycle vs. car crash in Lincoln County last week.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, on Tuesday, June 18, at about 12:12

p.m., the Lincoln County 911 Center received a call reporting a car vs. motorcycle crash with injuries at the intersection of County Rd. K and County Rd. Q in the Town of Scott. Initial reports said one person was not breathing, while two others were involved in the incident.

Upon arrival at the

scene, deputies found an orange Harley-Davidson motorcycle laying on its side in the middle of the intersection and a tan Dodge Caravan off the west side of the road, south of the intersection.

The Sheriff’s Office said preliminary investigation revealed that the van, being operated by Marlene Stoelting, 88, of Merrill, was traveling westbound on County Rd. Q and approaching the intersection with County Rd. K. The motorcycle, being operated by Robert Dungan, 55, of McAlester, Okla., was traveling northbound

on County Rd. K and approaching the intersection with County Rd. Q.

The Sheriff’s Office said Stoelting stopped at the intersection and turned southbound on County Rd. K, in the path of the motorcycle.

“Not having enough time to react to the Caravan, the motorcycle struck it on the driver’s side, mid-vehicle,” the Sheriff’s Office stated.

Robert Dungan and the passenger on the motorcycle, identified by the Sheriff’s Office as his wife April Dungan, 47, also of McAlester, Okla., were

thrown from the motorcycle and sustained serious injuries. They were transported by ground ambulance to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Robert Dungan was then flown to UW-Madison Hospital for advanced care, the release said.

On Friday, June 21, the Sheriff’s Office said Robert Dungan died from his injuries at UW-Madison hospital on Thursday, June 20. April Dungan was being treated at UW-Madison Hospital at the time of the release, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

Stoelting was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

Stoelting told investigating deputies that she thought she had enough time to go in front of the motorcycle, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

The Wisconsin State Patrol was called to conduct a reconstruction of the crash.

The Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Merrill Police Department and the Merrill Fire Department.

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would need an extension to proceed with the sale, Krueger said.
Prior to discussion on the resolution, several individuals utilized the meeting’s public comment period to voice concerns regarding the buyers’ reasons for requesting an extension.
“I understand there’s

been a number of requests for additional information,” Krueger stated. “However, this is the information we have available to share at this time. We understand that there is a lot of transition fatigue, a lot of anxiety, and the extension creates additional unrest for employees and residents. The buyer continues to communicate routinely with Pine Crest administration regarding

operations, and all parties continue to make every step necessary to bring the sale to a successful closing.”
During discussion on the resolution, several Supervisors raised questions concerning financial implications related to Lincoln County maintaining ownership of Pine Crest for an additional three months.
Gary Olsen, NCHC Ex-

ecutive Director, told the board that NCHC was “set to close operations” at Pine Crest this month and noted organizational challenges posed by restarting operations that were slated to end.
Olsen said he couldn’t give the board an exact dollar amount related to potential costs associated with the closing date extension, but he said NCHC will “continue to run Pine Crest the way that we’ve ran it.”

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Krueger told the Tomahawk Leader that Lincoln County pays NCHC \$440,815.00 annually for the administration of Pine Crest, and the county’s 2024 budget was crafted to account for a full year of Pine Crest administration.
“When the sale closing occurs, that amount will be prorated,” Krueger said.
Krueger noted that there are “a number of variables that will impact the final reconciliation, such as accounts receivables.”
“These will continue beyond the transition date, regardless of the extension,” Krueger stated. “The final fiscal impact, whether positive or negative, will not be able to be reconciled until well into 2025.”
After discussion, the amended resolution was approved with 16 votes in favor.

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Local youth figure skaters raising funds to compete in national competition

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A pair of Tomahawk youth figure skaters are raising funds for a trip to compete in a national skating competition next month.

Aubrey Graeber, 16, and Nicholas Theis, 15, have each qualified for the U.S. Figure Skating (USFSA) Excel Nationals, slated to be held in Boston, Mass, from Wednesday, July 10 through Sunday, July 14.

To qualify for Nationals, Graeber and Theis had to compete in USFSA Excel competitions and finish among the top skaters in the United States.

Graeber competed in the Women's Excel Intermediate level and finished in 9th place in the Midwest and 17th in the nation.

Theis competed in the Boys Excel Pre-Preliminary Plus level and finished 5th in the Midwest and 7th in the nation.

Aubrey Graeber

Graeber attends Tomahawk High School and has been figure skating for 13 years. She is a member and coach of the Tomahawk Figure Skating Club, as well as the Rhinelander Figure Skating Club, the Lakeland Figure Skating Club and

the Timberline Figure Skating Club.

This marks Graeber's second year in a row qualifying for the Excel Nationals. Last year, she made the cut and competed at the Excel Juvenile level, coming home with a silver medal in her Excel Juvenile Freeskate, a 5th place in juvenile spins and a 7th in juvenile jumps.

Graeber spends a lot of time on- and off-ice training. During the regular season, she trains a minimum of five to six days a week.

Nicholas Theis

Nicholas Theis has been skating for three years while virtual schooling from home, allowing him to have a more flexible schedule to train and compete. He currently skates for the Lakeland Figure Skating Club and is an associate member of the Rhinelander Figure Skating Club and the Tomahawk Figure Skating Club.

Theis is on the ice five to six days a week in-season and three days to as many as possible while finding places to skate in the summer, when most rinks close. He and his fellow skaters even go to Minnesota, Canada and Chicago to train and compete.



Theis and Graeber
Photo courtesy of Katie Graeber

Matthew Pultz appointed as new Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Lincoln County's new Veterans Service Officer began in his role last week.

Matthew Pultz was appointed as Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors and began serving on Monday, June 17.

Pultz replaces previous Veterans Service Officer John Olson, who recently accepted the same position in Portage County.

A release from the Lincoln County Administration Department said that in the United States Marine Corps, Pultz was stationed in Camp Fallujah, Iraq and is a combat veteran. Pultz graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a

bachelor's degree in Information Communication Technologies with Cum Laude honors and served the Eau Claire Veterans Service Office as a Student Assistant.

Most recently, Pultz was employed with Lincoln County Information Technology (IT) Department as a System Administrator.

"Mr. Pultz has demonstrated many exceptional qualities that make him an ideal candidate for this role," the release stated. "He has a passion and desire to continue his service with Lincoln County, supporting his fellow veterans."

To learn more about the Lincoln County Veterans Service Office, visit www.co.lincoln.wi.us/veterans-services or call 715-539-8324.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, June 17: On 06/14/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a two-vehicle crash on STH 64 at USH 51 in the Town of Pine River. The crash was reported to be property damage only, with no injuries. Upon arrival, the deputies made contact with the drivers, a man, 32, from St. Paul, Minn., and a Merrill man, 18, was determined that the vehicle being operated by the Minnesota man was turning onto STH 64 from USH 51 in the path of the vehicle being operated by the Merrill man as it was traveling E/B on STH 64 when the crash occurred. One of the drivers later requested EMS to come to the scene for a check out. No citations have been issued as of this report.

Deputies conducted 40 traffic stops and 37 security checks. Deputies responded to 15 car vs. deer crashes and one car vs. coyote.

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Theis has now qualified for the USFS Excel Nationals for two consecutive years. Last year, he competed at the Excel Beginner and placed first in all three events.

Coaching

Graeber and Theis are both coached by their primary coach Danielle Wolosek, from Wisconsin Rapids.

Both skaters go to camps and clinics to receive additional coaching and choreography from other coaches from around the world. Graeber has traveled to the Mariposa School of Skating in Canada over her Christmas break to receive additional training and coaching.

Fundraisers

The cost of the trip to Nationals is approximately \$3,000.00 for each skater.

Graeber and Theis have done a variety of fundraisers for their trip, including holding bake sales, hosting a food booth at the Tomahawk Farm and Flea Market, mowing lawns and selling T-shirts and candles.

The Tomahawk skaters will hold a garage sale at N9603 Sunset Point Rd., Tomahawk, from Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in an effort to raise funds for their trip to Boston.

For more information on the garage sale or how to donate directly to Graeber and Theis, email Kate at mommagraeber212@gmail.com.

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Due to **Huck's** sensitivity, we do not recommend other pets in the household, as dogs seem to make him upset. Additionally, he displays an excessive level of attention towards cats, so a home without feline companions would be ideal for him. We also suggest a home without young children, as their unpredictable behavior may overwhelm our shy guy.

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Kathryn "Kay" Johnson, born May 15, 1936, passed away at the age of 88 on May 17, 2024 in Mesa, Ariz. She was in the presence of her daughter, Candy Bowie and Stillwater Hospice. She was born to parents James and Edna Fox.

She is survived by her four children, Candy (Roy) Bowie, Bob (Donna) Johnson, Ken (Sheri) Johnson and Larry Johnson, in addition to six grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, one brother, Jim Fox, four nephews and two nieces.

Kay resided in Tomahawk with her husband Fred until his death in 2010. She entered the Navy in 1954 as a Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services (WAVES) at Camp Lejeune, N.C. She worked as a nursing assistant in Tomahawk and Rhinelander for over 30 years. She and her husband did foster care for several children and opened up their home for another wonderful woman to live for several years. Kay visited different elderly individuals at their homes and gave personal cares to help families out. Her interests included knitting, crocheting, reading, writing poetry, helping with Kinship, working with the Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers which she helped organize and assisting with many of the needs and functions of the First Congregational Church which she attended. Kay was known for her kind spirit, gracious manner, helping hand, and finally, giving support, love and honor to her family, friends and the sacred fellowship of the Armed Forces of the United States. She will be greatly missed and remembered.

A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in Tomahawk by Pastor John on June 24, 2024.



Janet Marie Hagen (Fredenburg), age 80, longtime Tomahawk resident, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2024, in Merrill, Wis., with her family by her side. Janet was born on Dec. 15, 1943, in Edgeley, N.D., to the late Wesley and Viola (Kipp) Fredenburg. She married the love of her life and best friend, Larry Hagen, on June 23, 1963, in Crosby, N.D.

Janet attended Crosby High School and the University of North Dakota. She worked with Larry managing his Optometry practice until their retirement in 2007. They remained in Tomahawk, active at Grace Lutheran Church and within the community until 2019.

Janet loved her family and friends. She was an exceptional cook and loved to host and attend get-togethers. Together, Janet and Larry complemented each other building a beautiful life. Janet's real passion was her family and she especially loved to spend time with her four grandchildren. Janet also loved to play golf with her friends, creating the Hagen Open. She spent many hours on the golf course with Larry after their retirement. Janet was an avid supporter of Tomahawk athletics and the school system.

Survivors include her son, Paul (JoAnne) Hagen, of Stevens Point, Wis.; her daughter, Angela (Pat) Bailey, of Merrill; her grandchildren, Lauren Hagen, of Oshkosh, Wis., Allison Hagen (Joe Schmit), of Minneapolis, Minn., Ty Bailey, of Madison, Wis., and Jake Bailey, of Eau Claire, Wis. Janet is further survived by her sisters, Leah Benson, of Poplar Creek, Ill., and Lois (Gary) Jordheim, of Fargo, N.D.

Janet followed her true love, Larry, to Heaven who passed away in April. She was also preceded in death by her father, Wesley; her mother, Viola; and her brother-in law, Bennet Benson.

Funeral services for Janet Hagen were held on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Grace Lutheran Church. Rev. Julie Sinkula officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. After the service, a meal was served with interment following at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Bell Tower Residence of Merrill or Grace Lutheran Church of Tomahawk.

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

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, June 16	80	68
Monday, June 17	73	63
Tuesday, June 18	86	69
Wednesday, June 19	74	50
Thursday, June 20	74	58
Friday, June 21	66	58
Saturday, June 22	68	55

Joseph Elmer Erickson, 88, born in Tomahawk on 4/15/1936, passed away in Wausau, WI, 6/21/24, Helke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Mary Kathryn Novak

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Born in Tomahawk to Frank and Jennie Theiler, Mary attended St. Mary's School in Tomahawk and Edgewood High School in Madison. Mary ventured out after attending college, working as a model in Milwaukee until joining Capitol Airlines as a stewardess. While stationed in Pittsburgh, she met and married Air Force pilot Michael Novak.

While stationed in Madison, Wis., they built their cottage on Crystal Lake. They moved from Newfoundland to north Texas to Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. They retired to San Antonio, Tex., and made their permanent home there.

Mary and Mike celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2002, happy together until Mike died in 2009.

Mary and Mike enjoyed every summer at their lake cottage in Tomahawk where they loved to entertain family and friends. Mary was an excellent cook, played golf, loved the water, played cards, enjoyed traveling and a good mystery book. She always had a smile and a nice compliment for those around her.

Mary is survived by daughters Kathy (Larry) Tarkington and Nancy (Timothy) Desmond as well as four grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Services for Mary will be on Monday, July 1 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. with a Mass of the Resurrection at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Calvary cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's School or the Tomahawk Public Library.

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The following is not meant to frighten or discourage you. I pray that you will read my comments with an open mind and gain encouragement from them.

I begin with a question. When your days on this earth are over and you are called before the judgment seat of God, what will the verdict be? Will He say, "Well done my good and faithful servant, great is your reward" or will He do as Jesus related about those in the parable of the wedding banquet who found excuses not to attend. (Matthew 22:1-14 NIV) You will note that the king had the man who had entered not wearing wedding clothes "tied hand and foot and thrown into the darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Perhaps we should ask ourselves "Am I wearing my wedding clothes? Are they white as snow, or are they soiled?" In other words, have I confessed my sins and received God's forgiveness?

I've been reading a book by Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Pastor Emeritus at Moody Church in Chicago titled, "How Can You Be Sure that You Will Spend Eternity with God?" He immediately gets your attention by writing, "Five minutes after you die, you will either have had your first glimpse of heaven with its euphoria and bliss or your first genuine experience of unremitting horror and regret. Either way, your future will be irrevocably fixed and eternally unchangeable. In those first moments, you will be more alive than you ever have been. Vivid memories of your friends and your life on planet earth will be mingled with a daunting anticipation of eternity. You will have had your first direct glimpse of Christ or your first encounter with evil as you have never known it. And it will be too late to change your address."

He goes on to say "There is no second chance. No opportunity to return the next day with the right documents in your hands. You can't reroute your travel plans. You turn away, never to see heaven again. You stare into the darkness ahead of you conscious that you are entering the realm of moral chaos, loneliness and darkness. One's exclusion from His presence is final, personal, and eternal." Scary? It should be! That certainly commands my attention.

Does that mean that since we are all sinners, there is no hope for any of us? Praise God, it doesn't!

Since the Holy Bible tells us that we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God are we to just give up and say, "What's the use?" No!

In Chapter 6 verses 25-34 Jesus tells us to not worry. There is a way. And that "way" is to believe in Jesus Christ for who He is, claiming Him as your own personal savior, trusting Him for all your needs, and growing stronger in your faith through studying His word and serving Him to the very best of your ability.

Again, the question, "What must we do to gain eternal life?"

I have just mentioned that we must know Jesus Christ for who He is and know Him as our personal Lord and Savior. And we must surrender ourselves, our very being, to Him. We must go to Him, just as we are, imperfect sinners. He loves every one of us, regardless of whom or what we are or have been. He does not turn His back on us. Unfortunately, too often we turn our backs on Him. Even so, no matter how bleak things may seem, He is always there to welcome us back. When we do turn away, and we will, it's up to us to turn back. He's not going to do it for us. Let's pray that our earth-life clock doesn't run down while we are turned away from Him. Keep in mind the earlier warnings from Erwin Lutzer.

I started this conversation with some scary thoughts. Thoughts that shouldn't be forgotten. But scary as they are, God does not want us to walk around with our eyes to the ground, for how can we be effective witnesses to the unsaved that way? We cannot. We must take encouragement from God's Word. After all, do we not refer to the Bible as the Good News? Jesus tells us that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Will you be a willing worker? Will you dare to be one of the few?

I have one last thing I'd like to share with you. It's a covenant prayer that I believe applies to one and all, regardless of their denominational or non-denominational affiliation.

"I am no longer my own, but Thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine, and the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen." (Anonymous)

Associated Clergy of Tomahawk
Pastor John Miskimen
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Tomahawk

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.

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at Hosea 4 and God's complaint that the nation of Israel no longer knew God because the priests had quit teaching the truth of God and now their culture was riddled with crime. The knowledge of God is the only answer to the problems of violence in the culture. Romans 1:21-32 teaches that if we do not accept God for who He said He is, then we will never know God, nor come to a true understanding of the problems in society.

Last week I talked about the changes I watched happen in American culture when I was in middle school and high school, the late 60's and early 70's. Big changes were made in the culture, and even *Christianity*, as expressed in *American* churches, began to change during that time.

A sociologist writing in the late 80's commented about the changes in American churches. As he put it, in the early 60's, American churches were generally about God. But by the end of the 70's, American churches had become more about the worshipers. Churches are never perfect, they all have their problems and struggles because they are all made up of people, which are sinners whom God is working to change. The Bible is clear that if we are a believer, we will change – God guarantees that (Hebrews 12:5-11). Some change fast and some change slowly, but all will change (Titus 2:11-15). All churches have their struggles. But I am not talking about those kinds of struggles, churches have changed.

As the sociologist put it, churches have gone from a focus on God to a focus on the worshipers. There has grown this idea of *creating a worship experience* for the worshipers – sending them home with the feeling they have worshipped.

The Bible teaches that worship is a condition of the heart and will, not an experience that can be created. In Jesus' day, all the ceremony and rituals at the temple in Jerusalem, and all the structure and organization in the weekly synagogue services were designed to give the impression of reverence and worship; yet, Jesus said in Matthew 15:8-9, *This people draw near to me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me. Jesus said in John 4:24, God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

To worship God in spirit and in truth is to embrace the fact that He is God and we are His creation (Psalm 100:3). This means we approach God on the basis of what He has told us about Himself, and our desire to obey Him. Worship involves our whole person, intellect, and will. If we are not worshipping God by how we live during the week, then we are not worshipping God when we meet with others on the weekend – no matter how enthusiastically we pray or sing. Worship is a way of life or we are not worshipping (Colossians 3).

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Flag Day ceremony held at The Loop Hole

BY JOAN LAABS

TOMAHAWK – On Friday, June 14, Flag Day was celebrated across America.

A special event was held in Tomahawk to not only honor our flag, but also to retire those flags that were no longer serviceable.

In cooperation with local veteran groups, The Loop Hole Bar and Grill hosted the event, which was somber and inspirational.

There was a huge, 1950s era, 48-star flag hoisted high in the air by a crane. Many other flags were retired with a traditional and honorary burning ceremony, with the assistance of the Nokomis Fire Department.

Members of the Tomahawk VFW and American Legion wore their new uniforms of strikingly crisp white shirts and black pants. They led the service, speaking words of honor and patriotism. The traditional Honor Guard presented the colors, fired military rifles and played patriotic music.

An audience of seemingly ordinary men, women and children became an important group by coming together to watch, reflect and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. The respectful audience included members of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and members of various other veteran groups.

“For the American soldier who has fought for or still is fighting for this great nation, noth-



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ing besides God and family is more important and respected than the American flag,” said Bob Soward, Commander of VFW Post 2687. “We need to teach future generations the meaning and reasons behind the flag. It is actually representative of the men and women who have died for its ideals. And this shall never be forgotten.”

“I was born in the shadow of my country’s flag,” said Tom Garrigan, Commander of American Legion Post 93. “In my life, I have saluted it as a scout,

as an Army nurse and as an American Legionnaire. I have saluted fallen veterans and returning heroes. In time, I will receive one as well. Saluting my flag is more than a duty. It is an honor and a privilege.”

This was the first time that the event was held at Loop Hole. Owners Brian and Jackie Luttrupp were asked about why they decided to serve as hosts.

Brian responded simply, “It is the right thing to do.”

And Jackie added, “We will make this an annual event.”



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Tomahawk Pharmacy receives USDA grant to install solar electric array

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk business will receive federal grant funding to help improve its energy efficiency.

On Thursday, June 13, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced more than \$27 million in USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program



(REAP) investments bolstering 15 rural Wisconsin businesses' efforts to adapt or expand clean energy use.

Among the recipients

of funding is Tomahawk Pharmacy LLC, located at 315 W. Wisconsin Ave. in Tomahawk.

A release from USDA said \$33,932.00 will be allocated to the downtown business. The funds will be used to install a small solar electric array, which is expected to save \$3,954.00 per year.

The array will replace 33,466 kilowatt hours –

100% of the company's energy use, according to USDA.

Tomahawk Pharmacy is the latest local business to receive REAP dollars. Funding has also been distributed to Daigle Brothers Inc., Foley's Forest Products LLC and Northwoods Community Realty LLC this year. In 2023, Tomahawk Terminal Company LLC and Sunset

Acres LLC each received funding through the program.

In Wisconsin, since 2021, USDA has announced more than \$20.7 million through REAP in 196 renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements that will help rural business owners' lower energy costs, generate new income and strengthen their resiliency of operations.

USDA said it will accept REAP applications through Monday, Sept. 30. Funding includes a dedicated set-aside for underutilized renewable energy technologies.

For additional information on application submissions and deadlines, visit www.tinyurl.com/5ax6fkwf.

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LCHD announces list of summer cooling centers

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) on Monday, June 17, announced a list of cooling centers in Tomahawk, Merrill and Gleason.

"While many people look forward to the warmer temperatures, it's important to remember that hot conditions can turn dangerous quickly and pose a risk to health and safety, especially for infants and children, older adults and individuals with certain medical and chronic conditions," LCHD said.

Lincoln County has numerous designated cooling centers, which are air-conditioned facilities where county residents are invited to get relief from extreme heat during business hours.

LCHD thanked the following businesses and organizations for participating as cooling centers this summer.

Tomahawk

Tomahawk cooling centers, hours and contact information:

- Tomahawk Senior Center, 113 S. Tomahawk Ave. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 715-453-5757.
- Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St. Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 715-453-4040.
- Tomahawk Public Library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave. Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 715-453-2455.

Merrill

Merrill cooling centers, hours and contact information:

- Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St. Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Merrill Enrichment Center, 303 N Sales St. Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 715-536-4226.
- Riverside Athletic Club,

500 S. Center Ave. Monday – Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; 715-536-2481.

- Smith Multi-Purpose Center (MARC), 1100 Marc Dr. Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 715-536-6187.
- T.B. Scott Free Library, 106 W. 1st St. Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 715-536-7191.
- Walmart, 505 S. Pine Ridge Ln. Monday – Sunday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. 715-536-2414.
- Les and Jim's Lincoln Lanes, 1208 N. Center Ave. Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. 715-536-9405.

Gleason

Gleason cooling centers, hours and contact information:

- Gleason Bowling Center, N4878 Hwy. 17. Monday, Wednesday – Saturday, 11 a.m. to close; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 715-873-4588.

LCHD said the public can beat the heat this summer by following these safety tips:

- Stay hydrated. Drink a lot of water. Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, tea and sodas.
- Avoid going outside in extreme heat. Limit outside activity to early morning or late evening.
- Wear sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated.
- If you don't have air conditioning, keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but windows slightly open.
- Keep lights off or turned down.
- Limit the use of the stove.
- Wear lightweight, loose, light-colored clothing.
- Take cool baths and showers.

- Don't leave anyone, including pets, in a parked car – even for a few minutes.
- Check up on family, friends, and neighbors during extreme heat. If you are unable to reach them, call 911 and request a well-being check.

Businesses or organizations interested in being a designated cooling center may contact Kristin Bath, Public Health Educator, at kristin.bath@co.lincoln.wi.us or 715-539-1373.

A current list of local cooling centers is available at www.lincolncounty-healthdepartment.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION The following liquor license applications have been filed with the Clerk of the Town of Lynne, Oneida County, Wisconsin. Licenses will be issued for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. CLASS B - BEER & LIQUOR LICENSE Bucksnot Resort, 5129 Boyle Road, Tripoli Reel'em In Resort, 4925 Talbot Road, Tripoli Hillside Bar & Grill, 5217 Willow Road, Tripoli Town of Lynne Clerk - Molly Lehman Published June 26, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, CIVIL DIVISION LINCOLN COUNTY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SASCO MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-WF2 Plaintiff

vs. ESTATE OF GEORGENE L. OESTREICH Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Case No. 2023 CV000144

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 25, 2024, in the amount of \$44,257.87, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: July 8, 2024 at 10:00 am TERMS:

- 1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff. 2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances. 3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price. 4. Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.

PLACE: MAIN LOBBY OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 E. MAIN STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452

Property description: LOT TEN (10) IN BLOCK TWO (2) OF WOLF RIVER LUMBER COMPANY'S ADDITION TO MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN. Tax Key No.: 25131061510113

Property Address: 1202 MATHEWS STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452

Shannon K Cummings State Bar No. 1033710 Attorney for Plaintiff 633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 408 Milwaukee, WI, 53203 Phone: 312-541-9710

Mailing Address: 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, IL 60602 Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published June 12, 19, 26, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Case No: 23 CV 142 Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff

vs Estate of Grace M. Ecklund Leopold, et al.

Defendants PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 21, 2024 in the amount of \$37,738.95 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: July 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff sale, prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms:

- 1.) 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff. 2.) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances. 3.) Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax from the proceeds of the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

PLACE: Main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452 DESCRIPTION: LOTS SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) AND THE NORTHWESTERLY 20 FEET OF LOT NINE (9), BLOCK TWO (2), CHAMPAGNE AND WOODLOCK'S ADDITION TO MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 20 FEET OF SAID LOT SEVEN (7), TOWN OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 607 Wisconsin Street, Merrill, WI 54452

TAX KEY NO.: 251-3106-113-0470 Phillip A. Norman, P.C. Kelly M. Smith State Bar No. 1067970

17035 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 150 Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 314-6564 Dated this 13th day of May, 2024. Sheriff Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Published June 12, 19, 26, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Plaintiff(s): Audrey Ellen Meyers 2600 Ryan Rapids Bluff Rhinelander, WI 54501

-vs- Defendant(s): Jeremy Manka 118 S. 2nd St.

Legals 7700

Tomahawk, WI 54487 Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims) Case No. 24SC102

[If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-369-6120 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.]

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANTS:

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Oneida County Courthouse Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-369-6120

Courtroom/Room Number: Branch 1 Address: 1 S. Oneida Ave., Courthouse; PO Box 400 City: Rhinelander State: WI Zip: 54501

on the following date and time: Date: July 17, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county. Plaintiff/Attorney: /s/ Audrey E. Meyers 715-401-2892 Dated: 6/12/24 Published June 26, 2024 WNAXLP

TOWN OF BIRCH APPLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for a retail license to deal in fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors has been filed with the town clerk:

COMBINATION CLASS A Susan Holly McMullen, N6528 Cty. H, Irma, WI 54442 d/b/a Gwynedd Saddlery at Irma Hill

COMBINATION CLASS B Danny Lee, W4349 Monument Trail, Irma WI 54442 d/b/a Crystal Creek Bar

If anyone knows any reason why these licenses should not be granted, please contact the Town of Birch Clerk, Megan Webb, PO BOX 71 IRMA WI 54442 (phone 920-723-0673) prior to July 8, 2024.

Megan Webb, Clerk Town of Birch Published June 26, 2024 WNAXLP

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

STATE SEALED BID TIMBER SALE 7271 Main Street Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539

Friday, July 12, 2024 at 10:01AM The State of Wisconsin, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL), is offering for sale timber marked or designated for cutting on the following lands:

FOREST County, WI (69 acres) Timber Sale # 202501 CP Hardwoods T37N-R15E, Section 34 NENE NWNE SWNE SENE

Estimate: 32 MBF Maple, Sugar_L- 67 MBF Basswood_L-2V 190 CORD Hardwood_B-Cd1, 180 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 80 TONS Aspen_P-Tn 30 TONS Softwood_P-Tn 5 MBF Hardwood_L-2V

FOREST County, WI (174 acres) Timber Sale # 202502 Dixon Road Hardwoods

T38N-R13E, Section 35 NWNE SWNE SENE NENW SENW NESW SESW SWSE SESE Estimate: 65 MBF Maple, Sugar_L- 143 MBF Basswood_L-WR 78 MBF Hardwood_L-WR 330 CORD Hardwood_B-Cd 3,300 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 120 TONS Hemlock_P-Tn 200 TONS Balsam Fir_P-Tn

FOREST County, WI (54 acres) Timber Sale # 202503 Bog Crossing Hardwoods

T37N-R14E, Section 05 FRL NENEFRLL NWNE T38N-R14E, Section 32 NESE NWSE SWSE SESE Estimate: 30 MBF Maple, Sugar_L- 47 MBF Hardwood_L-WR 150 CORD Hardwood_B-Cd1, 900 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 40 TONS Softwood_P-Tn 260 TONS Hemlock_P-Tn

LINCOLN County, WI (60 acres) Timber Sale # 202504 Turtle Road Aspen

T33N-R08E, Section 07 NESW SESW NWSE SWSE Estimate: 800 TONS Aspen_P-Tn 200 CORD Aspen_B-Cd 660 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 80 CORD Hardwood_B-Cd 20 MBF Hardwood_L-WR 10 MBF Oak, Red_L-WR 20 TONS Balsam Fir_P-Tn

ONEIDA County, WI (34 acres) Timber Sale # 202505 Kelly Lane Aspen

T36N-R05E, Section 07 NESW Estimate: 1,500 TONS Aspen_P-Tn 500 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 60 TONS Softwood_P-Tn 5 MBF Hardwood_L-WR

ONEIDA County, WI (89 acres) Timber Sale # 202506 Swamsauger Pine T38N-R04E, Section 35 SENE NESE T38N-R04E, Section 36 NWNW SWNW SENW NESW NWSW SWSW SESW

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

Estimate: 1,900 TONS Pine, Red_P-Tn 300 TONS Aspen_P-Tn 125 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 100 TONS Softwood_P-Tn

FOREST County, WI (78 acres) Timber Sale # 202507 Allen Creek Hardwoods

T41N-R14E, Section 33 SWNW SENW NESW NWSW Estimate: 117 MBF Maple, Sugar_L- 24 MBF Hardwood_L-WR 100 CORD Hardwood_B-Cd2, 270 TONS Hardwood_P-Tn 30 TONS Aspen_P-Tn 10 TONS Softwood_P-Tn

SEALED BIDS must be submitted on BCPL "timber sale bid forms" and will be accepted until 10:00AM, Friday, July 12, 2024. Bids must be submitted prior to the 10:01AM, July 12, bid opening in the Lake Tomahawk Ranger Station. Contractors wanting to bid on more than one timber sale must submit separate bids for each sale. Please specify the timber sale number on the outside of the envelope. BCPL reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Download maps, cutting requirements, additional information and required bid form at bcpl.wisconsin.gov/Pages/UpcomingTimberSales.aspx or call the District Office at (715) 277-3366 Published June 26 and July 3, 2024 WNAXLP

Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES J. CEE DOD: 4/9/2024

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024-IN-22

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. the decedent, with date of birth 5/27/1946 and date of death

Advertisement for Bids City of Tomahawk

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk's Office The City of Tomahawk will receive sealed bids for Tree removal and Stump Grinding at the Office of the Clerk Treasurer located at 23 N 2nd Street until 10:00 a.m. on July 9th, 2024. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The work shall consist of removing approximately 50 Ash trees with an average DBH (diameter breast height) of 21.5" from the parks, terraces or other public lands. Complete bidding documents are available at www.cityoftomahawkwi.com.

All bids shall be prepared on the bid forms provided in the specifications and shall remain attached thereto, and shall be addressed to City of Tomahawk, PO Box 469, 23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Bids may not be delivered by facsimile transmission Published June 26 & July 3, 2024 WNAXLP

LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTIES FOR SALE - July 2024

The required Bid and Purchase Agreement must be used to bid on these properties

CITY OF MERRILL MINIMUM BID PROPERTY #1-24: The North One-half (N 1/2) of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block Two (2) of the Map of McCord and Wright's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (119 N State St), P.I.N. 251-3106-113-0049 \$50,000

Potential purchasers must contact the City of Merrill's Building and Zoning Department for additional conditions and requirements that must be met by the purchaser of the property. An existing water leak must be repaired by the purchaser prior to water service being reestablished. Darin Pagel (715) 536-4880.

PROPERTY #2-24: The West One-half (W 1/2) of Lot Two (2) and the South Ten feet (S. 10') of the West One-half (W 1/2) of Lot One (1), Block Three (3) of the Map of Lawrence's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (817 Superior St), P.I.N. 251-3106-112-0187 \$25,000

Potential purchasers must contact the City of Merrill's Building and Zoning Department for additional conditions and requirements that must be met by the purchaser of the property. Darin Pagel (715) 536-4880.

TOWN OF SOMO PROPERTY #3-24: All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) and Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE 1/4 SE 1/4), Section Four (4), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Four (4) East, Town of Somo, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: \$20,000

Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of said Section; thence N 18° 27' W, 72 feet to an iron pipe on the Northeasterly line of the 66 foot easement road; thence N 45° 44' W, 120 feet along the Northeasterly line of said easement road to an iron pipe, being the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said Northeasterly line N 45° 44' W, 660 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 37° 39' W, 590.3 feet to an iron pipe near the Easterly bank of the Big Somo River; thence along the Easterly bank of the River S 4° 54' E, 336.7 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 37° 23' E, 248.2 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 60° 32' E, 105 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 44° 45' E, 136.6 feet to an iron pipe; thence leaving said Easterly bank N 34° 07' E 831.2 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above lateral lot lines extend to the River. Also Known As Lots Twenty (20) & Twenty-one (21) of Unrecorded Plat of Somo View. Together with the right of ingress and egress to the Town Road over the 66 foot wide easement road about 660 feet from the River (as to Lot 20) and 620 feet from the River (as to Lot 21). Subject to the 66 foot wide easement road adjoining the north-easterly line of this parcel (about 660 feet from the River as to Lot 20) and about 620 feet from the River as to Lot 21), for ingress and egress to the Town Road for parcels to the east and north, as originally created in Warranty Deed, recorded January 20, 1077 in Volume 333 of Records, Page 594 as Document No. 243876. Subject to an easement for telephone and electric power lines. (Garvin Pl), 12.80 acres, P.I.N. 028-3504-041-9990

PROPERTY #4-24: That part of Fractional Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4), Section Three (3), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Four (4) East, described as follows: Beginning at a found cotton spindle at the North quarter corner of said Section 3; thence along the North line of said Northeast quarter S 89°56'32"E 485 feet; thence S 01°58'24"E 103.21 feet to a set 3/4" by 24" iron rebar; thence S 01°58'24"E, 346.17 feet to 3/4" by 24" iron rebar; thence N 89°56'32"W, 433.22 feet to a set 3/4" by 24" rebar; thence N 89°56'32"W 51.78 feet to a point on the North-South quarter line of said Section 3; thence along said North-South quarter line, N 01°58'24"W, 449.38 feet to the Point of Beginning. Town of Somo, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (W10677 US HWY 8), P.I.N. 028-3504-031-9994 \$7,500

Any special assessment, judgment or lien shall be the liability of the purchaser. All sales shall be by sealed bid specifying a fixed dollar amount. Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order, in the amount of 10% of the bid, made payable to the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department. Deposits of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned. The deposit of the successful bidder shall be retained as down payment, with balance due to be paid within 30 days after notice of acceptance. Bidders acknowledge that failure to make payment within 30 days after notice of acceptance is mailed shall result in a forfeiture of your deposit without further notice or legal recourse. If the successful bidder defaults on the property purchase, at Forest Administrator's discretion, it will be offered to the next eligible successful bidder on the property on the same terms and conditions. If the 2nd eligible bidder declines or defaults on the purchase, the parcel will again be offered for sale when practicable. All conveyances are by Quit Claim Deed. The Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and accept the bid most advantageous to the County, every bid less than the minimum bid established shall be rejected. Properties are sold in "as is, where is" condition. Any maps provided by Lincoln County show approximate location of boundaries. Lincoln County makes no warrant as to boundaries or acreages or any other matters on properties offered for sale. Bids must be submitted on Lincoln County's Bid and Purchase Agreement Form.

Mail bids to: Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 in an envelope clearly marked "LAND BID - PROPERTY # _____".

Sealed bids will be accepted at the department office until noon on July 12, 2024 and opened at a meeting of the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee on July 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 257, Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.

For further information, contact the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department at (715) 539-1034. Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee: Norbert Ashbeck, William Bialecki, Greg Hartwig, Kenneth Wickham, Andy Zelinski

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Phone 920-993-0990 Bar No. 1059497 Published June 12, 19, 26, 2024 WNAXLP

CALL TODAY TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD! 715-453-2151

City of Tomahawk Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Tomahawk Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15th, 2024 at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N 2nd Street, Tomahawk, WI. Matters to be heard are application for variance from terms of the City of Tomahawk Zoning Code. No variance may be granted which would have the effect of allowing in any district a use not permitted in that district. No variance may be granted which would have the effect of allowing a use of land or property which would violate state laws or administrative rules. Subject to the above limitations, variances may be granted where strict enforcement of the terms of the ordinance results in an unnecessary hardship and where a variance in the standards will allow the spirit of the ordinance to be observed, substantial justice to be accomplished and the public interest not violated. Based upon the finding of fact, the Board of Adjustment must conclude that: 1) Unnecessary hardship is present in that a literal enforcement of the terms of the ordinance would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome; 2) The hardship is due to unique physical limitations of the property rather than circumstances of the applicant; 3) The variance will not be contrary to the public interest as expressed by the purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance. PETITIONERS, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, SHALL BE PRESENT. There may be site inspections prior to public hearing; decisions shall be rendered after public hearing on the following:

Theiler Rental, LLC: Variance to allow subdivision of land to allowing less than the required setbacks. The site is 915 and 917 Theiler Driver, City of Tomahawk, PIN 286-3406-031-0132 (45 acres) in an AG/RE Agricultural/Rural Estate District.

Amanda L. Bartz, CMC Clerk/Treasurer Dated June 20th, 2024 Published in the Tomahawk Leader June 26th and July 3rd, 2024 WNAXLP

REQUEST FOR BIDS TOWN OF SCHLEY - LINCOLN COUNTY

The TOWN OF SCHLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY, will be accepting sealed bids for approximately 2,000 cubic yards of 3/4 inch road base gravel to be placed on various roads.

For Further information please contact: Tim Klimek, Chairman at 715-921-2543.

Bids will be opened Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Schley Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids to be submitted to: Town Clerk, W1981 Heineman Road, Merrill, WI 54452 or delivered to the Town Hall prior to bid opening. Bids received after 6:00 p.m. on July 8, 2024 will not be accepted or considered.

The Town of Schley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof which may be deemed most advantageous to the Town.

Contractor to provide certificate of insurance showing liability and workers compensation coverage.

Remember to Recycle Becky Dallman, Clerk Published: June 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

CLASSIFIEDS

Announcements 7005

Lakeland Stamp & Coin Show July 20, 2024, 9am-2pm Woodruff, WI Town Hall, Hwy 47 East of Hwy 51, Free Admission, Chuck 414-218-6696

WCAN (Wisconsin Community Ad Network) and/or the member publications review ads to the best of their ability. Unfortunately, many unscrupulous people are ready to take your money! PLEASE BE CAREFUL ANSWERING ANY AD THAT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

Rummage Sales This Week 7200

HOSTA SALE: - Waupaca Still just \$5 each! Friday - Sunday June 28 - 30 8am-3p OVER 100 VARIETIES Blues Minis-GIANTS, Sun-Tolerant Fragrant, Gold & Variegated. South of Waupaca Hwy K past Red Mill. Left on East Rd N1850 East Rd Waupaca

Flea Markets 7210

HOLIDAY FLEA MARKETS MASSIVE: Thurs & Fri. July 4 & 5 Antigo (Fairgrounds); July 6 & 7 Sat./Sun. Shawano (Fairgrounds) Vendors Welcome! 715-526-9769 zurkopromotions.com

Miscellaneous Sales 7212

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Miscellaneous Merchandise 7266

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Dogs 7272

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ACA REG GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPS Born 5-13-24 shots/wormed \$700 cash only 715-229-9081

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Miscellaneous Pet 7278

PAWS 2 THINK helps feed local pets for those having financial difficulties. Donations are needed: Monetary or dry dog & cat food. Drop at Tomahawk Warehouse Liquor. For info, call 715-612-5866

Miscellaneous Agriculture 7290

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Agriculture Services 7292

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Passenger Cars 7538

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Vehicles Wanted 7554

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5. Cash machine
8. Title of various Muslim rulers
12. Indian hand clash cymbals
14. Scarf
15. Easily manageable
16. Cry
18. Financial term
19. Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
20. Clean out a riverbed
21. Seaport (abbr.)
22. English seascape painter
23. Bring back again
26. Subtracted from
30. Related on the mother's side
31. Mooches
32. Commotion
33. Boer War general
34. Silklike nylon fabric
39. CNN's founder
42. Sarcastic in a bitter way
44. Minute reproductive unit
46. Nourishment
47. Large predatory tropical fish
49. Small, rich sponge cake
50. Drink a small amount
51. Golfer Rodriguez
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Large flightless bird
58. Capsized
59. Convicted American spy
60. Music genre
61. Makes tractors
62. Undergo cell disintegration

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Post-traumatic stress disorder
2. Goat-like mammal
3. Swiss river
4. Slithered
5. Humiliate
6. Tumbled
7. Popular alcoholic drink
8. Small round hole in a leather cloth
9. Fertilizer
10. State of affairs that seems deliberately contrary
11. Count on
13. One who discriminates against
17. New Hampshire city
24. One who cares for teeth
25. Sent off

- 26. Mutual savings bank
27. Initial public offering
28. Denial
29. Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
35. A doctrine
36. Consumed
37. Trent Reznor's band
38. Perform in a movie
40. Schoolhouse implements
41. Mathematical term
42. Man who behaves dishonorably
43. Expression of regret
44. Martens
45. Approval
47. Pleasantly warm
48. The Eurasian hoopoe
49. NBAer Bradley
52. Engineering organization
53. Horsefly
54. Type of sandwich
55. A day in the middle of the month

15x15 word search grid with letters and numbers.

Leader Sports & Nature



Photos courtesy of Kellie Strassman

Claybusters compete at State Sporting Clays event

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WARRENS – Five members of the Tomahawk Claybusters took part in the 2024 State Sporting Clays competition at Woods and Meadows Hunting Preserve

and Sporting Clays in Warrens on Sunday, June 16.

A total of 449 athletes competed in the event.

Tomahawk results are as follows:

JV, 13th place. Tyler Strassman, 64, 47th place;

Mason Jaecks, 56, 58th place; Fletcher Baumann, 46, 63rd place.

Varsity, 29th place. Marcus Patterson, 71, 116th place; Khianna Vacho, 66, 24th place, Ladies division.



The Rhinelander chapter of Little Bellas is about to begin its third year. The girls here are riding at the Washburn Silent Trails area, where the group meets. The new eight-week session begins Sunday, July 14.

Contributed photos

FRIENDS, FUN, HEALTHY CHOICES AND BIKES Little Bellas to hit the trails for year three

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – When a Little Bellas mountain bike club came to Rhinelander three years ago, organizer Val Foley had hopes, but no expectations for how the “girls on bikes” program would be received in the Northwoods.

But for Foley, making equal space for women and girls in the world of mountain biking was a passion. “I think it’s important for women – women are good riders, and they may not have the power and the strength of men, but they have the abilities,” Foley said in 2022. “It’s such a good outlet. It helped me get through a lot of things in life. And I want to empower young girls to be able to do the same thing.”

Fast forward to 2024, and participation in Little Bellas, a program for girls ages seven to 13, continues to grow. Registration is open now for the program that will take place 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sun-

day evenings from July 14 though Sept. 3 at the Washburn Sports Silent Trails Area.

In addition to Rhinelander, participants come from as far away as Tomahawk, Phelps, Lac du Flambeau, Wausau, Eagle River and Minocqua.

The program continues because the need for a female-centered program still exists.

“There is a statistic that says 30% of girls drop out of sports in middle school because they are told they aren’t good enough, fast enough, strong enough, they have to maintain a certain body image,” Foley said recently. “Sadly, they leave sports. Things are still male-based.”

The Little Bellas’ mission is to help young women reach their fullest potential.

“We aim to create a community to empower women through cycling, accent the importance of goals and a healthy lifestyle and emphasize a positive female bond,” according to www.littlebellas.com.

All mentors are women, and the organization was started by a pair of sisters. The program emphasizes the importance of goal-setting, healthy choices and strong female bonds. The girls play games, eat snacks, have fun and hit the trails.

Little Bellas is open to all skill levels – Foley said girls should be able to ride a bike, as training wheels are not allowed on the trails – and financial assistance is available.

“We are a pretty financially-depressed area, and they offer scholarships, you can get a bike from them,” Foley said. “The girls need a decent mountain bike, but that should not be a barrier so (Little Bellas) will provide them – and helmets.”

If payment is not affordable, parents only have to indicate that when registering. Scholarships are available through donations.

Visit www.littlebellas.com to register for the program or to make a donation.



Registration for the Little Bellas mountain biking program is open, and financial help is available.

Marshfield Clinic Research Institute continuing to seek ticks for study

More than 3,200 ticks submitted from across Wisconsin

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Marshfield Clinic Research Institute (MCRI) scientists are continuing to ask the public to submit ticks for the Tick Inventory via Citizen Science (TICS).

TICS was launched in April to survey the distribution of tick species in Wisconsin, including any new, invasive ticks that may be moving into Wisconsin.

“The response was phenomenal, as citizens scooped up ticks they found in nature or crawling on themselves or their pets and sent them to the Research Institute in pre-paid collection kits,” a release from Marshfield Clinic Health System stated. “So far, scientists have identified more than 3,200 ticks submitted by citizens, most prominently the American dog (wood) tick and the deer (black-legged) tick.”

The release said researchers also have identified nine brown dog ticks, which are most frequently found in the southern U.S., and five lone star ticks, mainly found in the southern and eastern U.S.

“The presence of brown dog and lone star ticks is intriguing, as it may indicate spread from their typical habitats to Wisconsin,” said Alexandra Linz, MCRI Associate Research Scientist. “We are trying to determine the extent and significance of this spread and the potential health effects.”

“Ticks carry pathogens that may cause diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis,” Marshfield Clinic stated. “With new tick species becoming more prevalent in Wisconsin, the risk for potential newly introduced diseases increases. Brown dog ticks spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and lone star ticks spread ehrlichiosis, primarily in warmer U.S. settings. Possibly because of climate change,

the incidence of both conditions has increased three-fold in the last two decades.”

“Residents who enjoy the outdoors and physicians need to be aware of these diseases and their symptoms,” said Jennifer Meece, MCRI Executive Director. “As researchers, the information from this study and future studies can help us improve disease prevention efforts and early detection, as well as develop better diagnostic tools and treatments.”

To view a map of where ticks have been submitted from, visit www.tinyurl.com/2s3h4zku.

Ticks still needed; request a kit

For more information, or to request a pre-paid collection kit, contact tics@marshfieldclinic.org or 1-715-389-7796 (extension 16462).

Parks and nature centers interested in having kits available for their visitors also are encouraged to contact MCRI.

“Once the tick, dead or alive, has been placed in the collection kit, just drop it in the mail to submit,” Marshfield Clinic said. “Any tick found on people or pets is appreciated. Each kit will come with a unique identification number that people can use to look up, via an online dashboard, the species of ticks they submitted.”

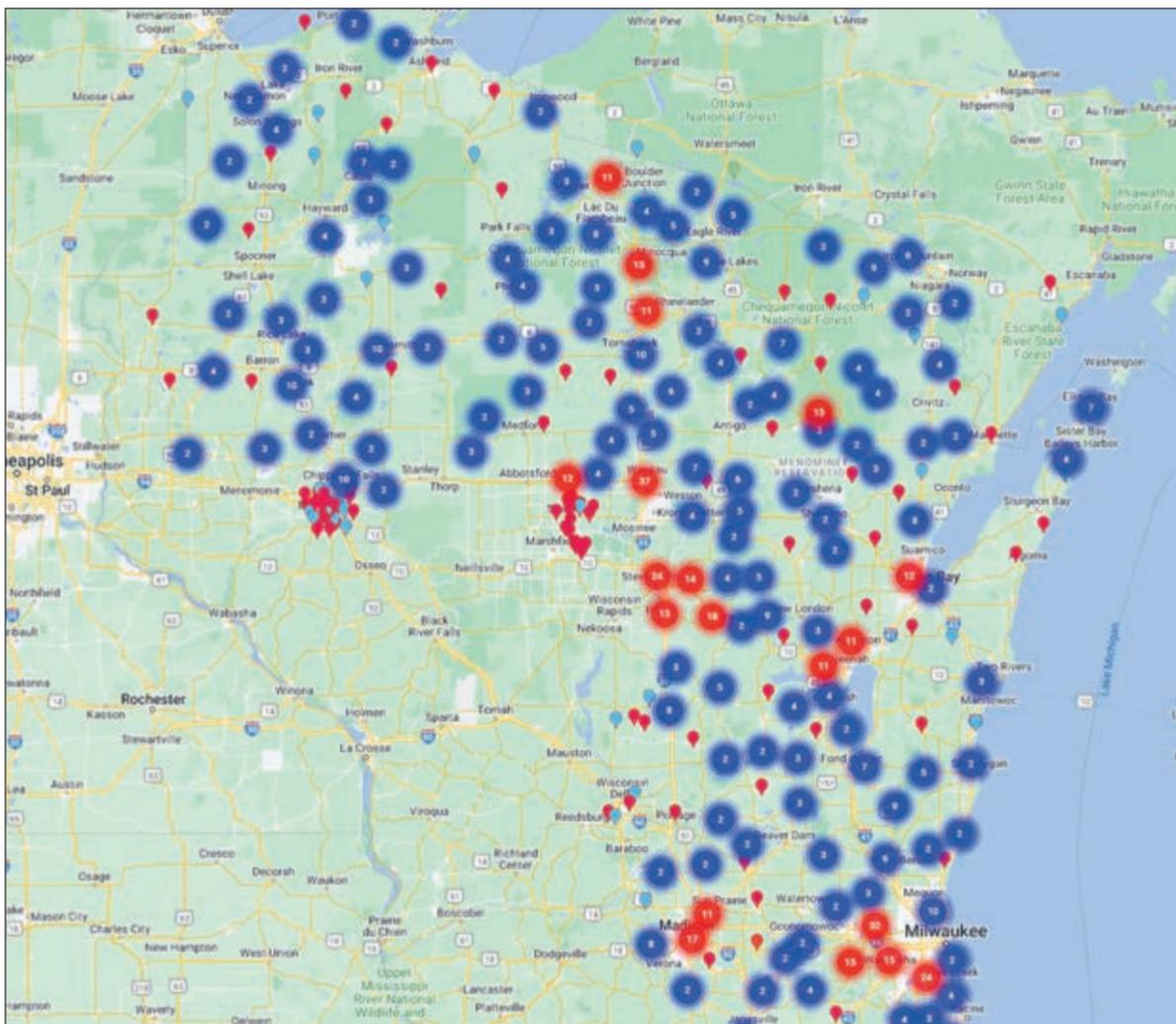
Prevention is key to avoid illness

Marshfield Clinic said the mild winter resulted in a bountiful tick population this spring, which means a greater chance of contracting a tick-borne illness.

Symptoms of illnesses resulting from a tick bite can include rash, fever, joint pain, and fatigue.

“Contact your medical provider if you have these symptoms,” Marshfield Clinic stated.

Dr. Thomas Boyce, a pe-

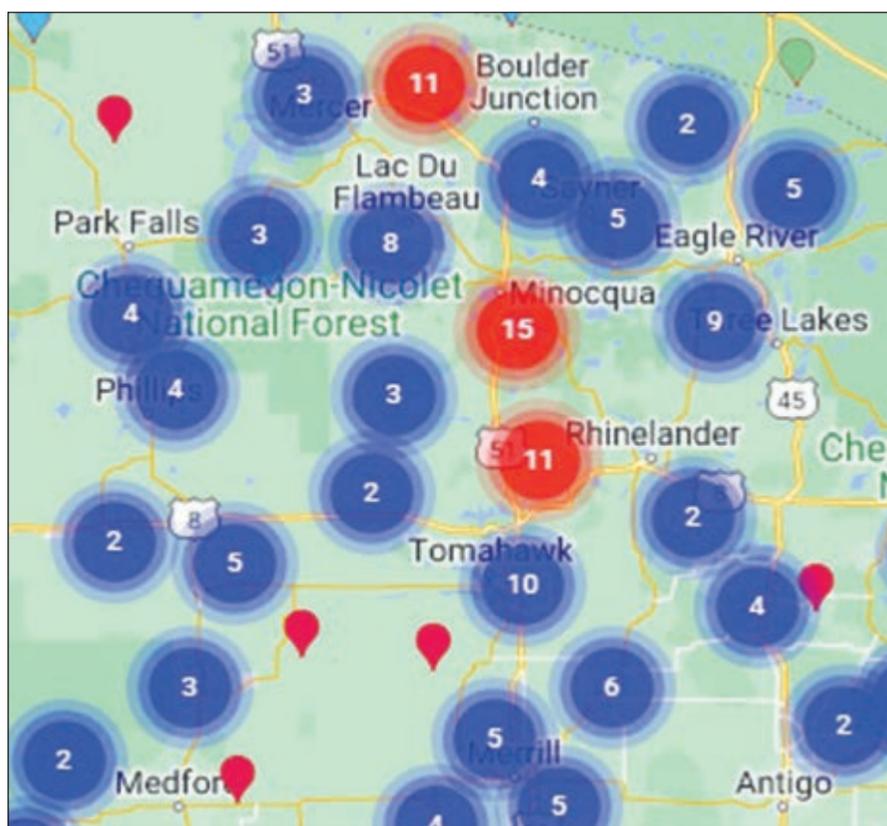


This map of Wisconsin shows where ticks have been collected and sent to Marshfield Clinic Research Institute for identification.

diatric infectious disease physician with Marshfield Clinic Health System, said Lyme disease is “by far the most common tick-borne illness in Wisconsin.”

“Testing is important, because early treatment is highly effective in preventing later stages of the disease from developing,” Boyce stated. “If you remove a deer tick that is attached and engorged, a single dose of an antibiotic (doxycycline) can reduce the risk of contracting Lyme disease ten-fold (from 3% to 0.3%).”

“To reduce the risk of tick bites, spray insecticide such as permethrin on clothing, sleeping bags and tent fabric,” Marshfield Clinic said. “Wear clothing that covers your skin. Finally, have someone help you check for ticks after time spent outdoors.”



Dozens of ticks have been submitted from northern Wisconsin. Photos courtesy of Marshfield Clinic

Sports Briefs

Pow Wow Days Fun Runs

The 47th annual Pow Wow Days 5K, 10K and One-Mile Fun Runs will be held in Tomahawk on Thursday, July 4. All races depart from Veterans Memorial Park. The 5K and 10K races will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the One-Mile Fun Run at 9:30 a.m. Online pre-registration for the 5K and 10K races is \$40.00 through today (Wednesday, June 26) and \$45.00 from Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30. Online pre-registration for the One-Mile Fun Run is \$25.00 through today (Wednesday, June 26) and \$30.00 from Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30. Race day registration ends at 8 a.m. For more information or to register, visit www.tinyurl.com/yt42fxes.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 188

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports trivia question per week, provided by Bob Skubal, retired coach, historian, and author of “History of Tomahawk Sports.” Email leadernews@mmclocal.com if you know the answer!

The first person to tell us the correct answer each week will have their name published in the paper if they wish, along with their correct answer to the question.

Week 187 question: During the 1978-79 THS hockey season, Tomahawk defeated Rhinelander 10-4. How

many goals did Craig Madlung score in the game: Four, five or six?

Week 187 answer: During the 1978-79 THS hockey season, Craig Madlung scored five goals in a 10-4 win over Rhinelander.

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

Week 188 question: During the 1978-79 hockey season, D.C. Everest defeated Tomahawk for the first time. What was the score: 4-3, 5-4, or 6-5?

News Briefs

Old Kindergarten Reunion

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society will host an Old Kindergarten Reunion at the Old Kindergarten Museum, 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, on Friday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The reunion will feature displays, food, old-time games and reminiscing. To share memories or photos in advance, visit www.facebook.com/TomahawkAreaHistoricalSociety/. For more information, email kathyatobin@gmail.com.

Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. A photo ID or a 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.

Lincoln County chip sealing

The Lincoln County following roads will be closed for chip sealing, weather permitting: County Rd. B, from State Hwy. 17 to County Rd. D (8.32 miles), closed Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2; County Rd. H, from County Rd. D to County Rd. A (1.42 miles), closed Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2; County Rd. A, from U.S. Hwy. 51 to the Wisconsin River (2.47 miles), closed Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3; County Rd. A, from Mail Route Rd. to the county line (3.72 miles), closed Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3; County Rd. Q, from County Rd. K to Joe Snow Rd. (1.89 miles), closed Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3; County Rd. Z from County Rd. Q to Fairview Rd. (0.64 miles), closed Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3.

Natural Connections: Old Turtle

BY EMILY M. STONE
NATURALIST/EDUCATION
DIRECTOR, CABLE
NATURAL HISTORY
MUSEUM

The old turtle scraped at the sand with her nailly toes as the kids gathered in a wide circle around her. Sometimes I get questions about dinosaurs on field trips, but they don't fit into the Museum's focus on Northern Wisconsin species. Today, instead, the first- and second-graders got a close-up look at a creature whose species has existed on Earth for over 40 million years, with direct ancestors much older than dinosaurs.

Quietly and respectfully, the students observed as the mother slowly finished excavating a depression for her precious cargo at the edge of the boat ramp's asphalt. We commented on her smooth, algae-covered shell and enormous claws on her webbed feet. Once, I caught a glimpse between her hind leg and knobby tail of a smooth, white eggshell sliding into the nest.

The size and age of a female snapper, and the number of eggs she lays each year, are all connected. A mother turtle will only lay a clutch of eggs equal to about 7% of her body mass each year, and some years not at all. This helps make sure she'll have enough energy to survive the winter, and translates into somewhere between 11 and 87 eggs, with an average of 34 eggs per clutch in northern populations. (Exciting research from 2017 found that when September and October are warm, snappers lay more eggs the following spring!)

Female snapping turtles don't mature until



Snapping turtles may live to be more than 100 years old.

Photo by Emily Stone

they are eight inches long – big enough to support a clutch of about 22 eggs. With our short growing season in the north, that can take 19 years. This big mamma was well over a foot long. How many years must it have taken her to grow that big? Snappers often live 40 years or more, and may reach over 100 years old!

One reason that snappers grow so slowly is that they are ectotherms who use their environment to regulate body temperature. In the summer, they sun themselves to warm up. After a long winter, they have to wait until the shallows reach at least 40 degrees in order to become active. Even then, they don't start eating until the water temperature reaches about 60 degrees. This means that in cold northern lakes, snapping turtles may go nine months without eating.

Once they do warm up enough to eat, over half of their diet is aquatic vegetation. Snapping turtles are important scavengers as well, and may improve fisheries by eating the slow, bottom-feeding fish (which are generally unpopular among anglers). Although baby ducks do make the occasional tasty snack, they are a much

less common part of the snapper diet than many people think. Over the course of a year, a snapper will only eat their own bodyweight in food. That isn't a recipe for quick growth.

One consolation for their stingy diet may be that snapping turtles rarely become food for something else. The eggs and little guys are vulnerable, of course, but once their carapace reaches three inches long, they have no more natural predators. Getting there is the tough part.

The eggs we just watched being laid have almost no chance of reaching maturity. For one, their location at the edge of a driving surface is pretty risky. But even in a good location, only about 14% of clutches hatch each year. Temperature variation and dehydration are constant dangers, as is nest and hatchling predation by other turtles, great blue herons, crows, raccoons, skunks, foxes, bullfrogs, water snakes, and fish.

Temperature is especially important. The embryos won't develop at temperatures cooler than 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Above that, interesting things happen. Because turtles evolved

before x and y chromosomes, they developed a system to use temperature to determine the sex of the babies. At 83 degrees Fahrenheit, the number of males and females will be equal. Cooler temperatures will produce males, and higher ones will develop females.

Turtles are survivors, after all. Fossils of the most primitive turtle put the age of this group at 215 million years old – about 100 million years older than dinosaurs. Turtles survived the meteorite impact and the dinosaurs' great extinction.

Reluctantly, the students left the great mother to her important task, and began one of their own. With nets and enthusiasm, they caught critters in the weedy shallows. Soon a shout rose above the rest, "I caught a turtle!" With their spiky shell, just over an inch long, this new stage in the life of a snapper – a baby hatched last year – captivated the kids' attention just as thoroughly as the big one.

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.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum is open with our brand-new exhibit: "Anaamaagon: Under the Snow." Our Summer Calendar of Events is open for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM PAGE 11

Portion of County Rd. M to close for culvert replacement

Lincoln County Interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that County Rd. M, between Cedar Rd. and Homestead Rd. in the Town of Corning, will be closed for culvert replacement from Monday, July 29 starting at 5:30 a.m. until Thursday, Aug. 1, ending at 6:30 p.m. for culvert replacement, weather permitting.

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.



Public invited to Oneida County Stewardship Awards Banquet

Award nominees sought

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department is inviting the public to attend the 13th annual Oneida County Stewardship Awards Banquet and is also seeking nominees to be recognized for their conservation efforts during the banquet.

The banquet will be held at Holiday Acres, 4060 Shore Dr., Rhineland, on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. "Join us as we celebrate and honor invasive species superstars, lake groups, landowners, watercraft inspectors, lake monitors and citizen scientists for

their extraordinary stewardship efforts to protect Oneida County's lands, waters and watersheds," a release from the department said.

The banquet's guest speaker will be Bart Kotarba, Wildlife Educator at the Northwoods Wildlife Center.

The department said Kotarba will "give a fun and educational talk on 'Birds of Prey' and will have one of the Center's ambassador red-tailed hawks on hand to meet – up close and personal."

Registration for the banquet is \$30.00 per person, which includes dinner. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 715-369-7835 or email [Jonna at jjewell@oneidacountywi.gov](mailto:jjewell@oneidacountywi.gov). Checks and RSVPs are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. Checks can be made payable to Oneida County Land and Water and mailed to Oneida County Land and Water, P.O. Box 400, Rhineland, Wis., 54501.

The department is also seeking nominees for the Oneida County Stewardship Award program, which recognizes individuals, couples, lake groups, landowners, watercraft inspectors, citizen lake monitors, citizen scientists and professionals for their stewardship efforts, practices or conservation achievements that help protect Oneida County's natural resources.

"We have great things happening in Oneida County and great individuals and groups making them happen," the department stated.

Award nominations are due to the department by 4 p.m. on Monday, July 15. To obtain a nomination form or for more information, call 715-369-7835 or email Jonna at jjewell@oneidacountywi.gov.

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