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Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital's Dani Lilek receives DAISY Award

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital last week announced that Dani Lilek, RN, had been honored with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

A release from Aspirus Health said the award is given to nurses “in recognition for their commitment and patient-centered approach to care,” and the award is part of the DAISY Foundation’s program to “recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.”

“Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital DAISY Award recipients are nurses recognized for going above and beyond patient expectations by providing service with respect, compassion and integrity; generating enthusiasm and energy while carrying out everyday duties and responsibilities; significantly making a difference; and listening not only with ears, but also with heart,” Aspirus stated.

Lilek works in the Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital Med/Surg Department and was nominated for the DAISY Award by a grateful family member of a patient.

“Dani was my mom’s nurse during her recent hospital stay at Aspirus in Tomahawk,” Lilek’s nomination reads. “My mom’s condition escalated quickly to hospice care. Dani showed excellence in her delivery of patient care for my mom, but she’s not only skilled, she was also very attentive to my mom’s specific needs, checking on her often to ensure she was comfortable. Most importantly though was her display of empathy and compassion, sharing the loss of her own grandparent through her own tears. Our entire family knew that my mom was in very capable and caring hands. What a gift during such a highly emotional time. Thank you, Dani, for easing our minds, and for expertly and lovingly caring for my mom, treating her as though she were your own family. Lucky are the future patients that you care for. You truly have a gift, Dani.”

Aspirus said Lilek and her coworkers were treated to cinnamon rolls, which honor the memory of the late Patrick Barnes, who once ate his father’s cinnamon roll when he was in the hospital without an appetite for food.

“He then requested one for the next day – and enough for all the nurses in the unit,” Aspirus stated. “The hope is that whenever a nurse smells that wonderful cinnamon aroma,

Lilek
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Tomahawk Regional Airport to be part of AirVenture Cup Race

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Regional Airport will be part of the 26th annual Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture Cup Race this weekend.

The race, slated for Sunday, July 21, weather permitting, will start and end at Wausau Downtown Airport. Approximately 100 unique aircraft from 38 race classes will finish the race of more than 400 nautical miles.

The race will begin at 9 a.m., and the course will include the planes flying over (and some landing) at the airports in Wausau, Shawano, Menominee, Escanaba, Manistowish, Sawyer, Land O’ Lakes, Tomahawk and Merrill.

A release from the AirVenture Cup said the race “provides pilots and aircraft builders an opportunity to race their aircraft in a safe and fun environment, all while promoting aviation in and over the communities where the races are held.”

The first race was held in Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 1998, with 10 aircraft, and it has since grown to the major aviation event it is today, drawing thousands of spectators.

For more information, visit www.airventurecuprace.com.



Pictured is the race course for the 26th annual EAA AirVenture Cup Race. Photos courtesy of the AirVenture Cup

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Pictured are alumni Ed Nystrom and Elaine Koth.



Photos courtesy of Kathy Tobin



The displays will continue at the museum this summer. The first schoolhouse in Tomahawk, built in 1888, is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.



Kevin Koth points out his high school photo in a yearbook displayed during the reunion.

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 Additionally, Aspirus noted, Lilek received an honoree pin, certificate, a bouquet of daisies donated by Nature's Riches and a "beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa."
 Established in 1999, the family of J. Patrick Barnes created the DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award to honor his memory with a tribute to the skillful and compassionate care he received from his nurses during his hospitalization. Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, visitors and colleagues, and they are chosen by a multi-disciplinary team to receive the DAISY Award.
 "The DAISY Award recognizes the outstanding and extraordinary care nurses provide every day," Aspirus said. "Aspirus DAISY Award winners and nominees exceed the needs and expectations of patients and families by displaying the Aspirus core values of: Compassion, Accountability, Collaboration, Foresight and Joy."
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Four injured in pair of three-vehicle crashes on U.S. Hwy. 8 in Town of Wilson

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOWN OF WILSON – Four people were injured in a pair of three-car crashes on U.S. Hwy. 8 west of Tomahawk last week.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Monday, July 8, at approximately 10:13 a.m., the Lincoln County 911 Center received reports of a three-vehicle crash on U.S. Hwy. 8 and Honey Rd., in the Town of Wilson.

The Sheriff's Office said preliminary investigation indicated that two vehicles were traveling westbound on U.S. Hwy. 8 when the lead vehicle, operated by Travis W. Schachinger, 34, of Tomahawk, slowed to make a left turn onto Honey Rd. The second vehicle, operated by Josiah N. Cook, 26, of Hartford, failed to slow down and rear-ended Schachinger's vehicle, causing it to cross into the eastbound lane of traffic, where it was struck by a vehicle being operated by Rebecca D. Schneiderman, 52, of Medford.

One individual was flown to Aspirus Wausau Hospital via MedEvac helicopter, while two others were transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital via ambulance. The Sheriff's Office did not identify which individual was transported by helicopter and which were transported by ambulance. Schneiderman reported no injuries at the scene, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office said inattentive driving is believed to be the cause of the crash. Shortly after this crash occurred, the release said, a second crash, also involving three vehicles, took place nearby on U.S. Hwy. 8. This crash was handled by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

Oneida County Sheriff's Office Patrol Sergeant Timothy Johnson said the crash occurred about 100 yards east of the first crash. According to Johnson, a pickup truck and a white vehicle were stopped due to the first crash when a third vehicle did not slow down and struck the rear end of the white vehicle, causing it to slide forward into the pickup truck. The operator of the white vehicle sustained injuries and was transported to an area hospital via ambulance. Johnson said there were no apparent injuries to the other two operators, and they were released. The names of those involved in the second crash had not been released as of press time on Monday, July 15. U.S. Hwy. 8 was closed for nearly three hours as a result of the crashes.

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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., weather permitting.

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Ardys "Archie" Crohn, age 84 of Tomahawk, passed away with family at her side on June 18, 2024 at Tomahawk Health Services. She was born on Nov. 20, 1939 in Duluth, Minn., to parents Dorothy (McGregor) and Clifford McGath. She attended Denfeld High School, class of 1957. Archie loved interacting with others. In her younger years she enjoyed dancing, bowling, playing cards and camping with her friends and family. After raising her children, Archie worked in retail/customer service for 35 years in Minnesota, Colorado, and most recently Tomahawk. She truly enjoyed the connections she made daily with so many people over the years; working full time until the age of 75. After retiring, Archie enjoyed reading and shopping on TV but her most precious activity was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved them all very deeply.

Archie is survived by her daughter Tami Olson, her son Terry (Lisa) Katzmarek, grandchildren Kaylyn Schoone, Kyle Olson, Kamron (fiance' Laney Erickson) Olson, Kade Katzmarek, Beau Katzmarek, great-grandchildren Maylee Schoone and Gatlin Schoone and special nieces Mary (Steve) Rich-Raj and Pauline (Shane) Custer. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Michael McGath and beloved sisters-in-law, Susan McGath and Katherine Katzmarek-Rich.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Archie with graveside services at Greenwood Cemetery, N10824 Hagar Rd., Tomahawk, Wis., at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024, with a luncheon to follow at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk.

In honor of Archie's very special dogs over the years, in lieu of flowers, please direct a donation to the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory of Tomahawk assisted the family. Leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Charles M. DeCarlo, 83, passed peacefully on April 12th 2024. Born March 8th, 1941 in Ironwood, MI to Flouise (Secor) and Eugene DeCarlo. "Chuck" or "Butch" or even "Bootsie" left this earth to be with the love of his life, Jean Ann, who preceded him in January 2021. He is survived by sons, Steve (Kathy) DeCarlo; Paul (Asagay) DeCarlo; daughter, Nikki (Chris) Miller and sister, Diane Fontecchio. He has eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren who were the twinkle in his eye.

Chuck spent over 30 yrs as a teacher mainly at John Muir Middle School. He was a snowmobile, boater and hunter safety instructor as well as a coach for numerous sports. He spent the last three years loving life and enjoying the climate and people of Mexico.

Chuck was a fun-loving soul who loved to help people and was a great practical joker. Whether it is putting a rotten fish above the ceiling tiles in the office of one of his friends in school, filling your shoes with expanding insulation or saran wrapping your son's toilet seat when he was on a night out, he was always good for a laugh. That lightheartedness only was outdone by his desire to help others. While he would drop anything for family, he did it for complete strangers as well. That desire was evident in his teaching, coaching, and volunteering. He could often be found at one of his two favorite places - Birch Hill or any race track. He loved being at the camp with his friends and family. The stories and memories were legendary. At the track, he was a natural. Tony Ave once told me, "If Chuck said the car wasn't ready and the crew chief said it was, I didn't go out that session".

Even with all his activities they almost always involved family. He invited you to his passions while fully encouraging and supporting yours. There were very few swim meets or wrestling matches that he didn't make.

There will be a celebration of life planned in Hurley sometime this summer. In lieu of flowers, a site to send donations has been set up at St. Jude Children's Hospital in the name of Chuck and Jean DeCarlo.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Embracing Stoicism

Dear Reader,

In the hustle and bustle of our modern world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the pressures and challenges we face daily. However, the timeless wisdom of Stoicism, as articulated by great thinkers like Seneca, Cicero, and Marcus Aurelius, offers a path to inner peace and a meaningful life. By viewing each day as a separate life, practicing restraint and moderation, regulating our emotions, and seizing the opportunities life presents, we can transform our existence.



Seneca, one of the most prominent Stoic philosophers, teaches us to live each day as if it were a complete life. This concept encourages us to focus on the present moment, appreciating the here and now without being burdened by regrets of the past or anxieties about the future. By treating each day as a new beginning, we can cultivate a sense of gratitude and purpose, making the most of our time and experiences.

Cicero, renowned for his eloquence and philosophical insights, emphasized the importance of restraint and moderation in all aspects of life. He believed that true happiness comes from balance and self-control, not from excess or indulgence. By exercising moderation in our desires and actions, we can avoid the pitfalls of overindulgence and maintain a steady course towards a virtuous and fulfilling life.

Marcus Aurelius, the Stoic emperor, provides profound guidance on regulating our emotions. In his Meditations, he reflects on the importance of inner tranquility and emotional resilience. By understanding that our perceptions shape our reality, we can learn to manage our responses to external events. Practicing mindfulness and self-awareness allows us to maintain our composure and clarity of thought, even in the face of adversity.

Life is fleeting, and the Stoics remind us of the urgency to seize the opportunities it offers. Seneca, Cicero, and Marcus Aurelius all highlight the importance of taking initiative and making the most of our potential. This Stoic principle encourages us to act with purpose and determination, recognizing that our time is limited and each moment is precious.

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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.

The Fourth of July is behind us almost two weeks now, but I would like to continue last week's article with a poem my son sent me last week, and I would like to pass it on to you. It is called, *Liberty, We Remember Thee*.

On this Fourth of July, we pause to recall The price of our freedom, so precious to all. A victory hard-won through sacrifice brave, For liberties cherished, our forebears did pave.

Stars and stripes waving, a symbol so bright Of courage and hope through the long, arduous fight. Remember the heroes who gave all they could, That we might stand free where they valiantly stood.

But freedom's a flame that must carefully burn, Tended with wisdom, lest history we spurn. So let us reflect on the cost of this day, And honor its meaning in all that we say.

O God of our fathers, we turn now to Thee: Keep our nation centered, our hearts ever free. Without Your guidance, we surely will fall- Perhaps not today, but time conquers all.

So let each citizen rise to the call To nurture the promise of liberty for all. May we do our part for this land that we love, And glorify God, who reigns sovereign above.

--Joshua Scheele

A reminder of what we need to be thankful for and careful with. May God bless you.

Pastor Charles Scheele
Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk
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NEWS BRIEFS

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tute Teacher Training on Wednesday, Aug. 7. An Associate's or Bachelor's degree is required. Those who successfully complete the one-day course may apply for a Wisconsin substitute teacher license. For registration information, visit www.cesa9.org or call 715-453-2141.

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 volunteer, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.



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THS Class of '69 reunion

Pictured are members of the Tomahawk High School (THS) Class of 1969. A 55th class reunion was held at Inshalla Country Club on Saturday, July 6.

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10444 South Rd: This three-bedroom, two-bathroom home is located just North of Tomahawk near Lake Nokomis. The home has been tastefully remodeled and updated and is move in ready. The home features a split floor plan with two additions. To name a few of the key updates, this home has a newer furnace and A/C unit, new vinyl siding, and a new metal roof. There is also a two stall heated and insulated garage/shop. All of this sits on a scenic .66-acre corner lot and comes with deeded access to Lake Nokomis just down the road. **\$199,750**

9879 Siemerling Dr: Exceptional opportunity to purchase this existing recreational storage business located in the Town of Nokomis. With over 20,000 square feet of covered buildings and 10+ acres of land the potential for growth is unlimited. The current owner has approximately 5 acres of electric fenced grazing pasture for his beef cattle, which could easily be converted to more storage building or extra outside storage for shrink wrapped boats. This is a very versatile property with many potential uses. **\$399,000**

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LP's Brad Southern named 2024 North American CEO of the Year by Fastmarkets

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NASHVILLE, TENN. – LP Building Solutions (LP) last week announced that its Chair and CEO, Brad Southern, has been named the 2024 North American CEO of the Year by Fastmarkets.

A release from LP said this marks the second time in five years that Southern has received this recognition, which Fastmarkets noted is a “rare achievement.”

LP, a leader in high-performance building solutions that manufactures engineered wood products for builders, remodelers and homeowners around the world, has a plant in Tomahawk. Founded in 1972, LP is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and operates 22 plants across the U.S., Canada, Chile and Brazil.

LP said Fastmarkets is the leading price reporting, analytics and events organization for global commodities markets, including the forest products sector.

“Businesses working in the pulp and paper, packaging, wood products, timber, biomass, tissue and non-wovens markets use Fastmarkets data and insights to benchmark prices, settle contracts and inform their strategies worldwide,” LP stated. “Along with objective price reporting and industry data, Fastmarkets provides forecasts, analysis, conferences and consulting services to stake-



Southern
Photo courtesy of LP

holders throughout the forest products supply chain.” Southern was selected by analysts who cover the North American and global pulp and paper industry.

LP said Southern was “noted for his focus, determination and success in transforming LP from a commodity to a specialty producer.”

“Analysts commend Southern for his effective leadership, with one describing him as a CEO who ‘gets the job done,’ another calling him a ‘reliable leader who operates with little fanfare,’ and a third highlighting his strategic growth in LP’s Siding segment, noting that he has significantly reduced the company’s risk profile,” LP stated.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by Fastmarkets and the analyst community for our well-executed strategy,” Southern said. “LP’s success is a testament to our team members’ com-

mitment to delivering high-quality products and building long-term value for our shareholders.”

Southern has served as LP’s CEO since 2017 and Chairperson of the Board since 2020. He joined LP in 1999 and has held various leadership roles, including Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President and General Manager of OSB, Senior Vice President of Siding and Vice President of Specialty Operations.

Southern is also a board member of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Forest Products Association of Canada and the Nashville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

LP said Fastmarkets noted that Southern is a “rare example of a forester leading a major U.S. forest products company.”

“It’s notable – despite its name, the forest products industry in the U.S. is seldom led by foresters,” Fastmarkets said. “Southern is a successful exception.”

Southern holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia and began his career with MacMillan Bloedel as a forester.

Southern will be honored at the 36th annual Fastmarkets North American Forest Products Conference on Oct. 29 in Chicago.

LCHD providing free well water test kits to low-income households

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) is conducting a one-time well water testing program for low-income households.

As part of the program, qualifying households will be provided with a free well water test kit.

In a release, LCHD said individuals with wells should test annually for nitrate and bacteria.

“Through education and the free well water tests,



we are hoping to remove barriers that prevent residents from testing their well,” said Erin Ray, LCHD Environmental Health Technician.

Individuals who wish to see if they qualify for the program are asked to first fill out an eligibility survey (www.bit.ly/3zbagjl). Call Kandie Sippel-King, LCHD Public Health As-

sistant, at 715-539-1364 or 715-536-0307 with issues accessing the survey.

The program is not intended for businesses or those that are on city water.

Those who are interested in testing water for bacteria and nitrate, but do not qualify for the program, may call LCHD at 715-536-0307 for more information.

Learn more about LCHD’s certified water lab at www.co.lincoln.wi.us/health/page/water-testing.

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NCHC announces Marnie Bredlau as Director of HR, member of Senior Leadership Team

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WAUSAU – North Central Health Care (NCHC) last week announced that Marnie Bredlau has joined the organization as Director of Human Resources.

NCHC serves Lincoln, Marathon and Langlade counties and operates Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

As Director of Human Resources, Bredlau will also serve as a member of the Senior Leadership Team, providing a strategic vision for the organization, according to a release from NCHC.

The release said Bredlau brings with her 22 years of experience in human resources, with over 10 years serving as a human resources leader in the central Wisconsin area. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"Marnie is a great asset to our NCHC team," said NCHC Executive Director Gary Olsen. "She has a deep understanding of hiring challenges unique



Bredlau
Photo courtesy of NCHC

to our central Wisconsin area and has worked in human resources in a variety of fields, including retail, manufacturing, banking and healthcare. This experience, coupled with her strategic vision and expertise in human resources, will be instrumental in helping NCHC reach our strategic goals."

"I am honored to join the NCHC team," Bredlau stated. "I truly enjoy and have a passion for human resources and making a positive impact for employees. I look forward to sharing my leadership skills, dedication and commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive workplace."

To learn more about NCHC, visit www.norcen.org/.



KCHC hosts 'Midsummer Celebration'

The Knox Creek Heritage Center (KCHC) hosted its "Midsummer Celebration" at KCHC, N4517 W. Knox Rd., Brantwood, on Saturday, June 22. The afternoon featured food, beverages, live music and tours of the KCHC grounds and museums. "The weather started a little wet in the morning, but cleared before the beginning of the event and turned out to be a beautiful day," said KCHC President Kevin Wollema. "A good number of folks helped volunteer for the day's festivities, and we would like to thank everyone that was there helping set up, serve and clean-up afterward. We could not have pulled everything together without all the help provided. A good time was had by everyone." To learn more about KCHC, visit www.facebook.com/knoxcreekheritagecenter. Photos courtesy of KCHC



LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, July 8:
On 07/3/2024, deputies were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries on USH 51 north of CTH V in the Town of Birch. It was reported to the Sheriff's Office that a vehicle had left the road and was in a field. Deputies arrived and made contact with the driver, an Irma man, 63. The driver stated he thought he had fallen asleep while he was driving and left the roadway. The driver was reporting back pain and scratches as a result of the crash.
On 07/4/2024, a deputy on patrol stopped to check on a vehicle that was stopped along the side of the road with its hazard lights on. The contact took place on CTH Q and CTH Z in the Town of Scott. The deputy made contact with

the driver, a Rothschild man, 18, to inquire about the problem. As the deputy made contact, they observed an odor of intoxicants. As a result, the deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests and the driver's age being below 21, the driver was arrested for a violation of absolute sobriety. The driver was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.
On 07/6/2024, deputies were sent to investigate a complaint of interference with child custody. The R/P, a Kansasville man, 47, was reporting that the mother of his child, a Tomahawk woman, 45, was in violation of a court order in regards to child visitation. The

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July 21	4:31AM	11:44PM	8:42PM	12:14PM
July 22	5:53AM	12:43AM	9:11PM	1:11PM
July 23	7:17AM	1:38AM	9:34PM	2:04PM
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CIRCUIT COURT
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Samantha M. Kane and The United States of America acting by and through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 23-CV-000140
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 26, 2024 in the amount of \$87,776.99 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: August 22, 2024 at 10:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or

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certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: Inside the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Merrill.
DESCRIPTION: The West One-half (W 1/2) of Lot Seven (7) and the West One-half of the South One-half (W 1/2 S 1/2) of Lot Six (6), Block Sixteen (16) of the Plan of G.L. Park's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
QRL Financial Services, A Division of First Federal Bank
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Case No. 24-CV-000046
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on May 8, 2024 in the amount of \$124,564.69 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: August 15, 2024 at 10:00 am
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Harley Davidson Employees \$433 towards delinquent food service accounts
VFW #2687 \$2,000 towards the Wall of Honor
Class of 2024 \$160.60 towards the Wall of Honor
H Approve G. Dotter as a Replacement Trustee of the James Dotter Scholarship Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by K. Kissingner Wolf to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.
VIII. Staff Reports: There was discussion regarding the Firefighting course, the Pupil Non-discrimination report, and a recommendation by D. Huseby to receive a report on the findings and recommendations for action(s) and follow-thru in response. R. Flynn presented an end-of-the-year report. No official action was taken.
IX. Annual DPI AGR Report: G. Steckbauer presented on the DPI AGR Report. No official action was taken.
X. Recommendation to commit a beginning balance of \$114,582.64 plus or minus any revenues and expenditures in School Forest by June 30, 2024. Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by D. Long to commit a beginning balance of \$114,582.64 plus or minus any revenues and expenditures in School Forest by June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
XI. Recommendation to commit \$2,248,092 for payment of future post-employment benefits. Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by S. Kirsch to commit \$2,248,092 for payment of future post-employment benefits. Motion carried unanimously.
XII. Approve contribution to Fund 46 in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 to complete projects outlined on the Capital Projects List. Motion by K. Kissingner Wolf and seconded by D. Velleux to approve a contribution to Fund 46 in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 to complete projects outlined on the Capital Projects List. Motion carried unanimously.
XIII. Board Referrals: The Board thanked Guy Steckbauer and other staff for his service.
XIV. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
XV. Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by D. Velleux to move into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."
A Personnel Matters
XVI. Adjourn: R. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAKE NOKOMIS LAKE DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Lake Nokomis Lake District will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., at the Tomahawk High School Auditorium, 1048 E King Rd, Tomahawk, WI 54487. This is a public meeting and is handicapped accessible. Registration will start at 8:30 A.M.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Review of 2023-24 LNLD action items
- Public comment
- Nominations for commissioner
- Vote for commissioner
- Finance Review
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee Update
- Specifications regarding the allocation of a special charge to lake district membership
- Proposed budget for Upcoming Year
- Budget Vote
- Commissioner Election Results
- Meeting Closing and Adjournment

PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

\$11,050	Administration
\$87,910	Lake Management
\$5,000	Education
\$7,500	Non-Lapsable Fund
TOTAL BUDGET = \$111,460	

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Minutes 7725

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:30 PM
District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Present: W. Quesinberry, R. Huseby, S. Woodall, S. Bolder, G. Steckbauer, M. Schommer, W. Simonis, R. Flynn, and (1) staff member

I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call: Present: L. Calhoun, D. Huseby, S. Kirsch, K. Kissingner Wolf, D. Long, B. Skubal, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R. Zimmerman Absent: None
IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R. Zimmerman declared there was a quorum.
V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by D. Velleux to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
VI. District Administrator Report: W. Quesinberry presented to the Board.
VII. Consent Agenda Items
A Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 15, 2024
B Approve the Minutes from the Personnel Committee Meetings on May 21 and June 5, 2024
C Approve the Minutes from the Operations and Finance Committee meeting on June 4, 2024
D Approve the Minutes from the Closed Sessions on May 14, 21 and June 5, 2024
E Approve the Invoices from May 2024
F Employment/Contract Adjustments
1. Replacement Staff
Katie Pritzl High School ELA Teacher, 2024-25 school year
Nathan Leverage Custodian, Full Time Sarah Karl High School Spanish Teacher, 2024-25 school year
Morgan Ernst Elementary Teacher, 2024-25 school year
Katie Mackin Elementary Teacher, 2024-25 school year
2. Resignations
Nancy Herbison High School Forensics Assistant Coach, HS One-Act Asst. Director
Sarah Miller Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher, MS Assistant VB Coach
Tammy Neeb Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
Scott Neu High School Business Education Teacher
Kate Totch Speech-Language Pathologist
Cody Lewison Speech-Language Pathologist
Aubrey Fryar Elementary Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional
Amanda Roberts Elementary Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional
Jeremy Baalke High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Lynn Phillips Elementary Tier 2 PBIS Coach
3. Above Pay
Molly Kollath High School PBIS Coach
Eric Neve High School Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Keith Hanse High School Head Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach
Connor Ahrens FBLA Advisor 50% for 2023-24
4. Volunteer
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G. Donations

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SHERIFF'S REPORT FROM PAGE 7

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THE FREE PLAY

At the All-Star Break, the Brewers lead the NL Central – but the division race is far from over

BY JALEN MAKI

The All-Star Break is here, meaning the 2024 MLB season is now just past the halfway point.

The Milwaukee Brewers currently sit atop the National League Central, with the rest of the division – the Chicago Cubs, the Cincinnati Reds, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the St. Louis Cardinals – jockeying for position beneath them. As of late, it appears one of my personal fears is coming to pass: the Cardinals look like they might be pretty legit, unfortunately, and they could give the Crew a run for their money in the second half. Meanwhile, former Brewers manager Craig Counsell and his Cubs have spent a considerable amount of time marooned on Bad Vibes Island, hoping a ship in the form of consistent offense will soon appear on the horizon and rescue them.

With the first half of the 2024 season in the books, let's take a look at where things stand in the NL Central, starting from the bottom.

Chicago Cubs

Record: 47-51. 5th place in the NL Central, 8.5 games off the division lead.

As I mentioned before, it's been tough sledding for Chicago for a good part of the season. But there was a glimmer of hope on Sunday, when the Cubbies clobbered six (6) dingers against the Cardinals, including two from rookie

centerfielder Pete Crow-Armstrong and another pair from designated hitter Christopher Morel.

Chicago hasn't had a lot to brag about on offense, but their pitching has been decent. If the Cubs can find some consistency with the bats and build off the 7-3 run they went on before the break, there's reason to believe Counsell can lead them back into the post-season conversation.

Cincinnati Reds

Record: 47-50. 4th place in the NL Central, 8 games off the division lead.

Second-year man Elly De La Cruz currently leads the Reds with 17 home runs, and his 46 stolen bases are the most in the league (the Brewers' Brice Turang is second with 30). The guy is just a delight to watch – the 6'5" shortstop is one of baseball's most dynamic athletes in recent memory.

The Reds dropped their final game of the first half, losing to the Miami Marlins 3-2 to end the first half with a 5-5 stretch. Their three-game series at home against the Cubs at the end of the month could have a notable impact on the division standings.

Pittsburgh Pirates

Record: 48-48. 3rd place in the NL Central, 6.5 games off the division lead.

When it comes to the Pirates, I have two words to say: Paul. Skenes.

Skenes is, inarguably, an Absolute Dawg. The

dominant rookie carved up the Brewers like a Christmas ham in Milwaukee last Thursday, logging 11 strikeouts across seven no-hit innings in the Pirates' 1-0 win. Skenes, who was named the National League starter for yesterday's All-Star Game in Arlington, Texas, boasts a 6-0 record and an ERA of 1.90 with 89 Ks, just 48 hits, and a mere 13 walks. Skenes was the first rookie to get the nod in the Midsummer Classic since the Los Angeles Dodgers' Hideo Nomo in 1995.

The Pirates beat the White Sox in Chicago by a score of 9-4 on Sunday to clinch a three-game sweep, ending the first half at .500 – and in the mix for the post-season.

St. Louis Cardinals

Record: 50-46. 2nd place in the NL Central, 4.5 games off the division lead.

Folks, the Cardinals appear to be surging, which forces me to ask a question: Why is this happening to me, personally?

Well, I don't think I can answer that question with any amount of certainty, but I can say this: the Cards looked Not Good at the beginning of the year. After opening with a 15-24 record, they pulled it together in mid-May and went on a 35-23 heater before the break – the third-best record in the league over that stretch. An apparent awakening of an offense with plenty of potential, combined with a pitching staff bearing similar high expectations now finding its footing, appear to have landed St. Louis right back in the hunt for the NL Central title. You don't like to see it!

Milwaukee Brewers

And last, but certainly not least, we come to the

Brew Crew.

Record: 55-42. 1st place in the NL Central, 4.5 games ahead of the Cardinals.

Before the season started, I didn't blame anyone who said the Brewers were likely headed into a down year. Counsell hit the bricks, 2021 Cy Young winner Corbin Burnes was dealt to the Baltimore Orioles, rockstar starter Brandon Woodruff announced he would miss the entire season while recovering from shoulder surgery, and Devin Williams, one of baseball's premier closing pitchers, was sidelined with stress fractures in his back. On top of all this, former bench coach Pat Murphy was about to make his managerial debut with the Brewers. A combination of a projected loss of top-tier talent and inexperience at the helm looked like a recipe for potential decline. Yet, the Brewers have been one of the best teams in baseball in the first half. How?

Well, let's start with Murphy. When Counsell left for Chicago, Murphy was given the reins. Although he has many years in the baseball world, Counsell's former college coach, and bench coach on his staff in Milwaukee, had never been a Big League skipper prior to this season. What Murphy has done as the Brewers' manager this year has been nothing short of masterful. Despite having the deal with a staggering number of injuries, especially among pitchers, Murphy has time and time again found ways to win. One could argue this run of success started at a philosophical level – a key word Murphy and the Brewers have leaned on this year is "undaunted."

On offense, the Brewers' All-Stars – catcher William

Contreras and outfielder Christian Yelich – have each put together fantastic campaigns thus far. Contreras has been one of baseball's best catchers at the plate, putting up a position-leading .286 average with an OPS of .792, good for fourth-best among catchers. Wild Bill's also hit 11 homers and batted in 55 runs with a position-leading 108 hits. Yelich has concurrently looked like the Yeli of years past. His .326 batting average is the second-best in baseball, and he's on pace to hit 22 home runs with 82 RBIs. Oh, and he's stolen 21 bases.

There's been plenty of offensive production to go around. Shortstop Willy Adames's team-leading 15 home runs and 67 RBIs; second baseman Brice Turang's 30 stolen bases and .277 average; and the 14 long balls from first baseman Rhys Hoskins, as well as contributions from Joey Ortiz (the rookie infielder acquired in the Burnes trade) and rookie right fielder Jackson Chourio, have helped give the Brewers one of the league's most potent offenses.

Also, this team loves to hit grand slams; they simply can't get enough of it. The Crew has seven on the year, and in one of the most fun stretches in recent team history, Murphy's Mashers crushed six salamis in 13 games.

Now, onto pitching. Stated plainly, Milwaukee's starting rotation has been obliterated by injuries. Along with Woodruff, Wade Miley (elbow) and breakout rookie Robert Gasser (elbow) are also done for the year, and Joe Ross and DL Hall are each working their way back from the 60-day injured list. Relievers Jared Koenig, Abner Uribe, Enoli

Paredes, and JB Bukauskas have each also had various IL stints.

General manager Matt Arnold has made a couple moves in an effort to shore up the rotation. 2015 AL Cy Young winner Dallas Keuchel was acquired from the Seattle Mariners, but was ultimately designated for assignment after just four starts, and Aaron Civale was brought in earlier this month via a trade with the Tampa Bay Rays.

As of the break, 16 pitchers have started a game for the Brewers this year – the most in league. Suboptimal!

Some good news: Williams, the two-time Reliever of the Year, is eyeing a return in the near future. Williams made a rehab appearance with High-A Wisconsin on Sunday and struck out all three batters he faced on 14 pitches. But, even though starters Freddy Peralta, Colin Rea, Tobias Myers, and Bryse Wilson have helped keep the Brewers in first place, if the starting rotation isn't meaningfully bolstered, there could be trouble brewing in Milwaukee.

Despite the team's current division lead, the Crew had a tough couple of weeks headed into the break. With their 9-3 win over the Nationals on Sunday, the Brewers were able to dodge their first four-game losing streak of the year, but they were 3-7 over their final 10 matchups, and they haven't won a series yet this month. Meanwhile, as I mentioned before, the Cardinals have closed a considerable amount of ground recently. Suddenly, the NL Central feels like a real race.

Jalen's columns, "The Free Play" and "Movies You Gotta See," can be found online at www.medium.com/@jalenmaki.



What a catch!

Tomahawk resident Elliot O'Connor, 16, caught this 51 5/8" musky on an area lake on Wednesday, July 10. O'Connor was using a whopper popper musky top water lure.

Photo courtesy of Scott O'Connor

Fishing Report: Fish settling into basic summer patterns

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – As we enter mid-summer, we're still seeing water temperatures cooler than we're used to at this time of the year. Despite this, the fish seem to have settled into their basic summer patterns. Weeds have been in good shape, water levels are good, and the water is busy with boaters, skiers, swimmers and jet skis. Ah, summer!

In general, you can think about bluegill and crappie in the shallows and of walleye near or in the deep holes, smallmouth on rocky points in deep water and largemouth in cover. Musky are moving around from the weeds to the deeper water, and northerns are generally weed related.

The walleye are mostly deeper now, especially on those warm and sunny days. Although minnows seem to be the favorite, many anglers will try night crawlers or leeches for these fish at this time. There's a reason for

this – they work, and you just may get some other fish, too. Bass, perch and even northerns will eat a leech or crawler. While they have mostly moved deeper, you might still find some in the shallower weeds in the evenings and early mornings before the traffic gets bad. As it gets busier and warmer on the water, you will generally find them having moved deeper, to weed edges near drop-offs. This is particularly true in the high-traffic areas. The current trend seems to be that the evenings are the best time to fish for these guys. Don't be shy about checking those major and minor times – and be fishing right on top of those.

The panfishing has remained good since spring. Try four to six feet of water in the cabbage, even in high-traffic areas for crappie and bluegill – on the deeper end for the 'gills and shallower for crappie. We have found Charlie Bees to be very effective. Look for the

perch in the same places you find the walleye – deep weeds.

Bass fishing has been good, and you can count on finding largemouth under cover, such as docks or trees. Whopper Ploppers work for some really fun action. Large leeches are also working for the largemouth, if you prefer live bait. Smallmouth can be found in deeper water around rocks and structure. Try a Ned Rig or a tube jig for those deep smallies.

Musky are hitting, but this fishing remains slow at this time of the year. Use surface baits and/or bucktails in both weedy areas and out over deeper water. Look for nice cabbage weeds and move around those areas.

The 4th of July is over, which means the summer is going to fly by from this point forward. Be sure to get out and enjoy it while you can. It'll be over in the blink of an eye.

Good luck and good fishin'!

Ruffed grouse survey shows increase in drumming activity from 2023

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Monday, July 8, released the results of its annual Roadside Ruffed Grouse Drumming Survey.

The survey measured ruffed grouse drumming activity heard along road-sides throughout Wisconsin this spring and showed a 57% increase in statewide drumming activity compared to 2023.

Several agencies and groups, including the DNR, U.S. Forest Service, tribal partners and volunteers, collected the data via roadside surveys of breeding grouse.

“The late spring and summer of 2023 were abnormally dry, which resulted in prime nesting and brooding conditions for ruffed grouse,” said Alaina Roth, DNR ruffed grouse specialist. “This is likely the most influential factor explaining the increase in the number of drumming grouse this year. We are also likely entering the ‘up’ phase of our 10-year population cycle, which may be an influencing factor, too.”

Ruffed grouse typically follow a 10-year population

cycle, with peaks occurring in years that end in 0, 1 or 9. The surveys indicate ruffed grouse in Wisconsin are starting to enter the more populous phase of the abundance cycle. The next peak is anticipated to occur in 2029, 2030 or 2031.

Data is not available for 2020, so it is unknown whether 2019 or 2020 was the high point in the cycle, but drumming numbers appeared to wane in the years immediately following 2020.

Since 2021, survey data has been organized and analyzed by ruffed grouse priority areas to help monitor key populations across the state, as defined in the Wisconsin Ruffed Grouse Management Plan 2020-2030 (www.p.widencdn.net/yj2wsc/rgrouseplan).

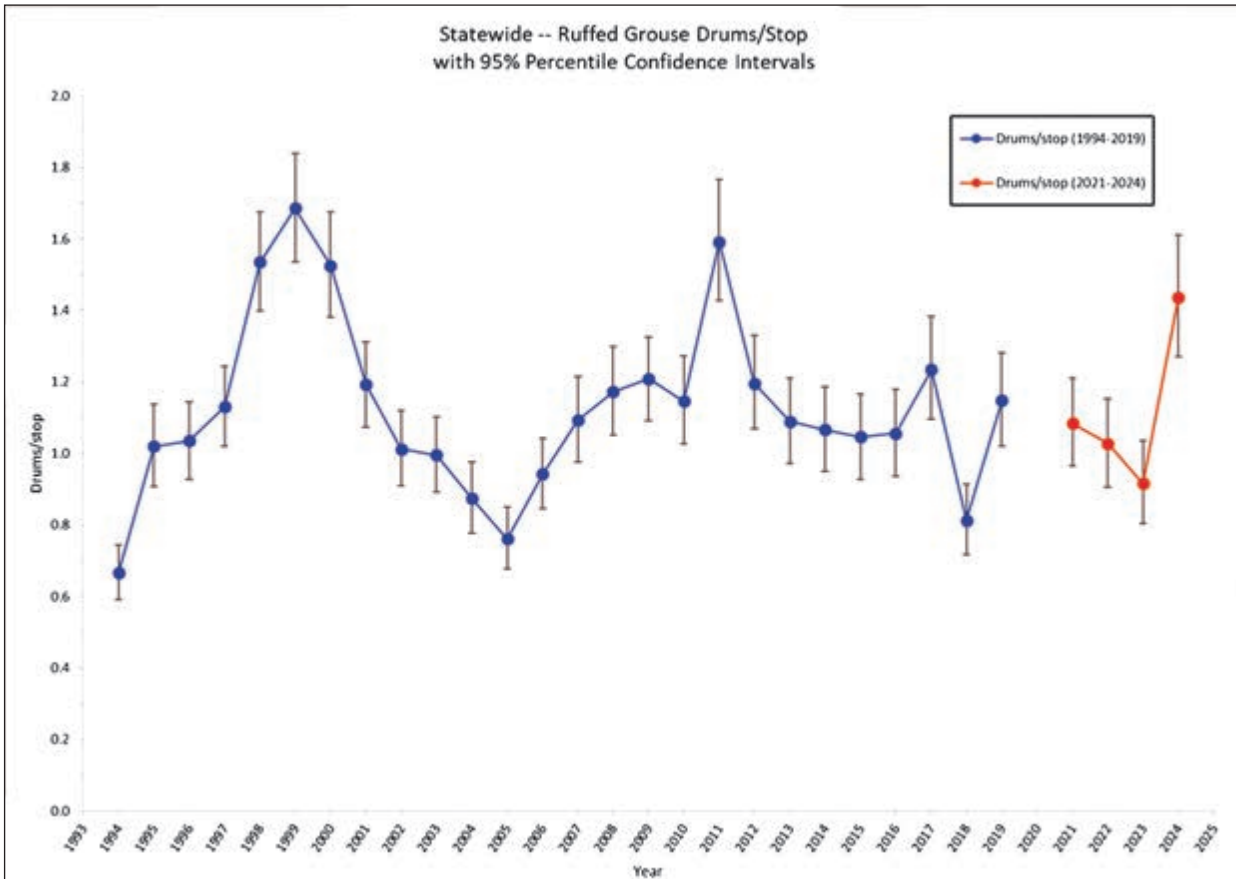
The 2024 survey results for priority areas compared to 2023 showed:

- A 41% increase in drumming in the Central priority area.

- A 60% increase in drumming in the Northern priority area.

- A 56% decrease in drumming in the Driftless priority area.

For complete survey results, visit the DNR’s Wisconsin Wildlife Reports webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wildlife-Habitat/reports.



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For more information regarding grouse hunting or managing habitat for ruffed grouse in Wisconsin, visit the DNR’s Ruffed Grouse Hunting webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/ruffedgrouse.



DNR sets 2024 deer season framework, harvest goals

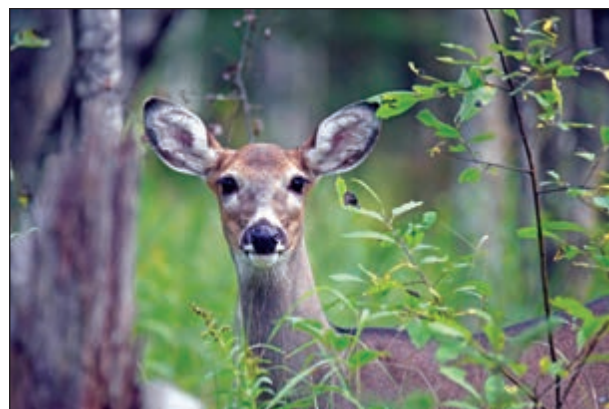
FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented the deer harvest quotas and framework for the 2024 Wisconsin deer hunting season to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on Wednesday, June 26.

According to a release from DNR, the statewide antlerless quota for the 2024 season is 272,837 deer, with 245,245 total bonus antlerless harvest authorizations available for purchase across the state. These authorizations are in addition to the free antlerless harvest authorizations issued in farmland zones, which are not reflected in this total.

DNR said these recommendations were formed in partnership with County Deer Advisory Councils and based on public feedback and deer population objectives.

“The approved quotas and season frameworks for each county match the



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Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

recommendations of its respective County Deer Advisory Council, with three exceptions,” DNR stated. “In Iowa County, the January archery and crossbow season was extended to match surrounding counties, as recommended by the DNR. Additionally, the Natural Resources Board, via amendment, provided 400 antlerless permits for public land hunters in Bayfield and Oneida counties,

respectively.”

Antlerless harvest opportunities will vary between deer management units based on local deer population levels and management goals. DNR said this approach “allows for greater harvest opportunities in zones where deer are abundant and more conservative harvests where deer are fewer in number.”

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Natural Connections: Finding the Lady’s Slipper

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The wide, winding boardwalk accommodated Karen, Coggin, and me easily, as we remarked on the deep shade of the cedar forest while listening for birds and keeping our eyes open for neat plants. These two seasoned naturalists were excellent guides on my recent trip to the Door Peninsula, and they spotted the coralroot orchids I wrote about a few weeks ago.

A splash of color up ahead, in the wetland just off the side of the boardwalk, had us quickening our pace. Here was another orchid, one they’d been sure we’d find here, the Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchid. The big yellow pouch was plump and sunny, glistening with raindrops from a passing shower. The lateral petals were gracefully twisted and artfully striped with maroon. Deeply veined leaves framed the flower perfectly.

And then we saw them everywhere! A dozen – at least – in a single wetland. Pairs and triplets in the forest shade. We’d hit peak bloom. And they were everywhere, in all different habitats.

Here, at The Ridges Sanctuary in Bailey’s Harbor, Wisconsin, there are quite a few habitats to choose from. The sanctuary protects about 30 narrow, crescent-shaped, sandy ridges, with damp hollows and wetlands in between. They represent a progression of beach lines from 1,500 years of changing water levels in Lake Michigan. With the lake as an air conditioner, the area supports plants who typically thrive much farther north – and near Lake Superior.

Spruce, fir, and pine mix with an abundance of northern white cedar. The sand ridges also support unusual species, like



The Ram’s Head orchid is smaller and more rare than the Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchid. Photos by Emily Stone



This Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchid attracts bees with their bright yellow color and maroon nectar guides, but doesn’t provide the bee with any reward for their pollination services.

creeping juniper and dwarf lake iris. The valleys hold boggy mats of Sphagnum moss or fens filled with gracefully arching sedges. And Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchids seemed to grow everywhere!

I suppose that shouldn’t come as a big surprise. According to the Minnesota Wildflowers website, Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchids are the most common wild orchid in the U.S. and are found in almost every state. They seem to make themselves at home in quite a range of habitats, from sugar maple forests, to wetlands, and even prairies. That list runs the full spectrum of soil moisture!

Winding our way through the network of

trails and the pattern of habitats, I was also delighted to find a few blossoms of Bird’s-eye Primrose who hadn’t faded completely. After seeing them in Alaska and on the North Shore of Minnesota, I felt like I’d achieved a trifecta. The pure sand they grew from looked quite different than the mossy pockets of bedrock or tundra where we’d first met. Just like with the Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchid, they seem to find what they need in disparate places.

Our next target species would not be so easy to find. Ram’s Head orchids are clearly related to Yellow Lady’s Slippers, in the

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DNR encouraging Wisconsinites to help pollinators

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging Wisconsinites to help native pollinators throughout the summer and fall.

A pollinator is any animal that visits flowering plants and transfers pollen from flower to flower, which helps plants grow fruits and seeds. Most of Wisconsin's pollinators are insects like bees (Wisconsin has 400 native species, including 20 bumble bee species), butterflies and moths. Wisconsin's pollinators also include hummingbirds and some beetles and flies.

"There's a special connection between our native pollinators and the natural areas that make Wisconsin so unique," said Jay Watson, DNR Insect Ecologist. "The federally endangered Karner blue butterfly and rusty patched bumble bee are more abundant in Wisconsin than many other parts of the country. These endangered species, as well as Wisconsin's other native pollinators, need our help. Getting trained as a volunteer or creating a healthy habitat for them in your backyard garden is a great place to start."

In addition to supporting rare pollinators, flowering plants provide food to common pollinators, other insects, people and wildlife. They also support healthy ecosystems that clean the air and stabilize soil. Despite the importance of native



Wisconsin DNR is asking the public to help endangered pollinator species, like the rusty patched bumble bee, by volunteering and creating healthy habitats.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

pollinators, many are facing population declines.

Here are some ways Wisconsinites can help pollinators.

Tips for gardeners:

- Plant native plants and trees. Early blooming trees are an important food source for bumble bee queens emerging from hibernation and many other insects, which in turn provide food for birds and bats. Flowers that bloom throughout the growing season, like columbine, bee balm and goldenrod, fill your garden with colors for months while providing food to pollinators.

- Familiarize yourself with and plant native host plants for butterfly larvae that work with the sun and soil in your yard. Many butterflies depend on specific plants for their lifecycles, like common milkweed (monarchs), violets (meadow fritillary) or dill, fennel and parsley (black swallowtails).

- Provide water and shelter. Pollinators need water to drink and safe places to rest, avoid bad weather and spend

the winter. You can maintain brush and leaf piles, avoid trimming hollow-stemmed plants through the winter and provide water, such as a bird bath.

- Maintain a yard free from pesticides and herbicides. Insecticides can harm or kill pollinators, and herbicides can kill the plants they need to survive.

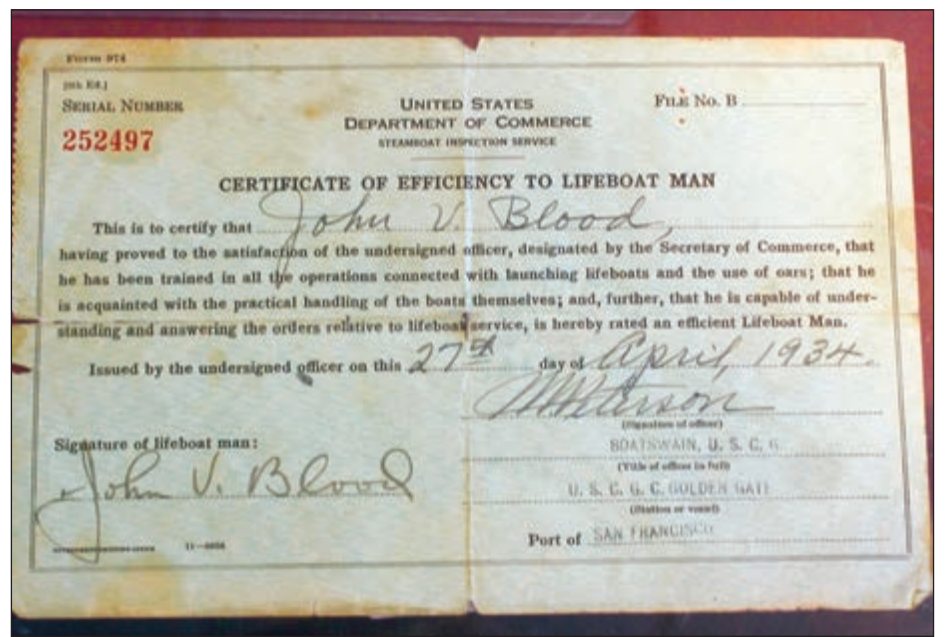
There are also numerous volunteer and support opportunities:

- Become a trained volunteer with the Wisconsin Bumble Bee Brigade, Wisconsin Karner Volunteer Monitoring Program or Monarch Larva Monitoring Project.

- Sign up for the State Natural Areas Volunteer Program. Volunteers clear brush, remove invasive species and collect native seeds.

- Support pollinator conservation efforts with a donation to the Endangered Resources Fund.

For more information, visit www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/pollinators.



Blood lifeboat certification card

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with The Press Times, published by Multi Media Channels (MMC). Pictured is a lifeboat man certification card for Johnny Blood, dated April 1934. Blood was born John Victor McNally and adopted the Blood Moniker while playing sandlot football. Blood played 14 years with a handful of NFL teams, including the Packers' four NFL Championship teams. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

Photo by Kris Leonhardt

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 191

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 190 question: In what place did the THS girls' track team finish at State in 1979: Sixth, seventh or eighth?

Week 190 answer: The THS girls' track team finished in seventh place at State in 1979. Bev Renn was second in the half-mile and third in the mile; Sheilagh Kenney was third in the two-mile; and Paula Pintens was 12th in the 110 low hurdles.

No correct answers to last week's question were submitted. Better luck this week!

Week 191 question: Lance Powers went on to play football after graduating from THS. Where did he go: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Whitewater or UW-River Falls?

DEER SEASON

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For the 2024 season, bonus antlerless harvest authorizations will be available for purchase in all deer management units except Ashland and Iron counties, as recommended by their County Deer Advisory Councils.

Hunters may purchase additional bonus antlerless harvest authorizations online through the Go Wild license portal (www.gowild.wi.gov/) and at license sales locations starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12. The first three days of bonus sales are management zone-specific, with all re-

maining permits becoming available on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Hunters can find information regarding deer season structure, quota information and additional hunting resources on the DNR's White-tailed Deer Hunting webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/deer.

LADY'S SLIPPER

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genus *Cypripedium*. Although their floral pouch is white with raspberry-colored veins, the general shape is recognizable. I tend to think they look more like yet another lady's slipper, or perhaps a fairy's slipper, instead of the head of a charging ram.

These orchids are rare throughout their limited range, but still manage to occupy a surprising variety of habitats. In Minnesota, they like jack pine and red pine forests, which tend to be dry. In Maine, they grow in mixed conifer/hardwood forests. And here in The Ridges, they are found in the darkest corners of the cedar and black spruce swamps.

The Minnesota DNR, on their page describing the orchid as a state threatened species, explains that, "the underlying habitat elements that are of greatest importance to *C. arietinum* are probably the health of the mycorrhizal community and the composition of the pollinator community."

Indeed, like the coralroot orchids I wrote about previously, both of these orchids require a mycorrhizal community – fungus (myco-)

attached to their roots (-rhizal). First, dust-like orchid seeds need a fungus to provide them with water and food while they germinate. Then the fungi continue to provide additional resources to the orchid while they grow in the deep shade with few leaves of their own. The orchids don't seem to provide a benefit to the fungus...unless mushrooms also like beauty?

Beauty seems to be the only reward for the pollinators of orchids. Many plants produce sweet nectar and protein-rich pollen to entice bees to visit their flowers, but orchids produce no nectar and package their pollen into tight bundles that the bees can't use. To achieve pollination, the flowers rely on their gaudy beauty, the scent of vanilla, and naïve queen bees who've just woken up from hibernation.

A bee follows lovely patterns of nectar guides down into the flower's pouch, drops a pollen packet off (if she has one) on the stigma where it will fertilize thousands of seeds, and then passes by the anthers, which glue a new pollen packet from this flower onto her back. To add insult to injury, bees who are too big might become trapped if they can't fit through the flower's exit

hole.

Our noses not being sensitive enough to detect the vanilla, Coggin and I followed Karen's memory through the dark swamps in search of this rare flower. The dirt path wound around spruce, fir, birch, and cedars. A hint of color caught my eye. There, almost crushed by the tip of a spruce tree blown off in some strong wind, the white and pink of the Ram's Head orchid glowed through the gloom.

Since the fungi, forest community, and pollination have to coalesce perfectly for an orchid to bloom, we felt lucky to be in the right place at the right time.

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

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