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A&L, Finance committees to discuss potential Pine Crest funding referendum in joint meeting

BY JALEN MAKI
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MERRILL – In a special joint meeting this week, two Lincoln County committees will discuss a potential referendum related to the funding of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

The county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) and Finance committees are scheduled to meet at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, on Friday, Aug. 9 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting may be attended virtually at www.tinyurl.com/2edcsd9f.

The agenda includes discussion regarding Pine Crest financials, possible action on a resolution seeking to authorize a binding referendum and the potential approval of the official referendum question language.

The proposed resolution, authored by District 10 Supervisor and Board Chair Jesse Boyd and cosponsored by District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse, seeks to exceed levy limits each year from 2025 to 2029 to fund Pine Crest operations, maintenance and debt services.

The amount by which levy limits would be exceeded if the resolution were to ultimately be approved by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors was not provided in the resolution and is expected to be discussed during Friday's joint committee meeting.

The resolution's proposal comes roughly one month after Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management



Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

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Inc., the organizations which were previously set to buy Pine Crest, terminated the Asset Purchase Agreement with Lincoln County in response to a lawsuit filed by Donald J. Dunphy in May.

Under the agreement, the buyers could terminate the agreement in the event that Lincoln County or Pine Crest faced legal action that would "adversely affect the operation or the financial condition" of the Merrill facility or "restrain or prohibit the consumption of the transaction" of Pine Crest.

In the lawsuit, Dunphy, who represents District 7 on the Lincoln County board and is a member of People for Pine Crest, a group that has advocated against the sale of the Merrill facility, alleged that Lincoln County had failed to follow best practices set forth in a Lincoln County resolution related to the sale of high-value property. By failing to follow these best practices, Dunphy claimed, the county ultimately agreed to sell Pine Crest and the county's

Health and Social Services building for less than they are worth.

Dunphy also alleged that, under Lincoln County code, the county's Forestry Committee has jurisdiction over the sale of the properties.

Dunphy also claimed that the "operating deficit

experienced by the nursing home in the years prior to 2023" was a "substantial consideration" in the county board's decision to sell Pine Crest and alleged that "an increase to the Medicaid reimbursement rate paid to public nursing homes eliminated Pine

Crest's operating expense deficits beginning in the first quarter of 2023."

In a written Answer filed in Lincoln County court in June, Lincoln County Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson acknowledged that the Merrill facility's operating deficit was one of several factors considered by the county board in reaching the decision to sell Pine Crest and denied Dunphy's claim that the facility's first quarter 2023 operating expense deficits were eliminated by a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase.

Johnson also refuted Dunphy's allegation that the change in circumstances as a result of the Medicaid reimbursement rate was ignored by the county and said the board was not required to follow the best

practices laid out in the resolution referenced by Dunphy.

Dunphy's allegation regarding jurisdiction of the properties being vested in the Forestry Committee was also refuted by Johnson.

Dunphy said in an interview with the *Merrill Foto News* that the lawsuit was his "vehicle to keep Pine Crest from being sold."

"I was opposed to the decision to sell Pine Crest from the beginning," Dunphy stated. "When I ran for (Lincoln) County board, I told everyone I talked to that I would do my best to reverse that decision. ... My goal is to have the court declare the sales contract null and void."

According to court records, Dunphy's lawsuit was dismissed on Monday, July 29.



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Local governments see increase in state aid under bipartisan shared revenue bill

BY JALEN MAKI
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WISCONSIN – Just over a year after then enactment of bipartisan legislation increasing state aid to local governments, the first round of funding was allocated last week.

On Thursday, Aug. 1, Governor Tony Evers announced that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) had distributed increased payments to counties and municipalities under the shared revenue legislation signed by Evers last summer.

A release from Evers' office said the recent distribution of funds also includes the new supplemental county and municipal aid (CMA), which is specifically allocated to support essential services, such as law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works, courts and transportation.

The release highlighted data from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, which shows that since 2011, state aid to communities had been cut by more than 9%, while public safety costs increased by more than 16%.

"As a result, over the last decade, local communities had been asked to do more with less and forced to make difficult decisions to cut critical services, including public safety," the release stated.

During his 2023 Biennial Budget Message, Evers outlined his 2023-25 budget plan to send 20% of the state's sales tax revenue back to local communities for shared revenue.

"The proposal meant more than half a billion dollars more per year in new resources for local communities to invest

in key priorities like local health and human services, transportation, EMS, fire, and law enforcement services and other challenges facing Wisconsin communities, such as PFAS and district attorney recruitment and retention – the largest increase in aid to municipalities and counties in decades," the release said.

In both of his previous biennial budgets, Evers proposed increasing shared revenue payments by 2% annually, but those efforts were rejected by Legislative Republicans, who passed legislation that would have further reduced shared revenue payments to counties and municipalities, according to the release. Evers vetoed the legislation.

"In his 2021-23 biennial budget proposal, Governor Evers also proposed allowing municipalities with populations over 30,000 to impose a 0.5% sales tax to diversify local revenue sources and better empower local governments to fund public safety," the release stated. "This was also rejected by Republicans in the Legislature."

In June 2023, Evers announced that he and Republican leaders had reached a tentative compromise regarding shared revenue, which ultimately included at least a 20% increase in support to most municipalities statewide.

Evers that month signed into law portions of the bipartisan compromise as 2023 Wisconsin Act 12, an agreement that the release said represented a "generational increase in the state's commitment to local communities, and it ties local government funding to the state sales tax going forward, allowing for growth in the future."

"After more than a de-

JULY 22, 2024 – JULY SHARED REVENUE AND PROPERTY TAX CREDIT DISTRIBUTIONS		
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Utility aid (\$92,160,573 x 15%)		\$13,824,086
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School levy tax credit		\$940,000,000
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TIF districts	\$13,187,507	
School districts	\$34,755,760	
Technical colleges	\$3,312,480	
Special districts	\$1,834,669	
TOTAL JULY DISTRIBUTION		\$1,510,803,633

Photo courtesy of Governor Tony Evers' office

cade of this funding being cut or held flat, it was long overdue for the state to do its part to meaningfully support local communities, and I'm thrilled these funds will be going out the door to help municipalities support essential community services like fire and EMS, fixing local roads, cleaning up PFAS and more," Evers said. "While this historic increase to shared revenue is one of the most significant accomplishments of my administration, we know our work is not over. We will continue working to ensure that every community has the resources and support needed to respond to residents' needs today and to plan for tomorrow."

Small governments see big boosts in funding

Locally, small governmental units saw substantial boosts in state funding percentage-wise, while larger municipalities' increases were smaller by comparison.

The City of Tomahawk received a 20% boost in funding, while Merrill and Rhinelander saw aid increases of 22.5% and 27.6%, respectively, ac-

LOCAL AID DATA

Municipality	Existing Aid	Supplemental Aid	Total Aid	% Increase
City of Tomahawk	\$613,086.00	\$122,617.00	\$735,703.00	20.0%
City of Merrill	\$3,045,109.00	\$686,287.00	\$3,731,396.00	22.5%
City of Rhinelander	\$902,663.00	\$249,260.00	\$1,151,923.00	27.6%
Town of Birch	\$32,535.00	\$38,605.00	\$71,140.00	118.7%
Town of Bradley	\$39,781.00	\$70,576.00	\$110,357.00	177.4%
Town of Cassian	\$19,217.00	\$48,062.00	\$67,279.00	250.1%
Town of Corning	\$29,738.00	\$43,948.00	\$73,686.00	147.8%
Town of Crescent	\$28,508.00	\$63,316.00	\$91,823.00	222.1%
Town of Harding	\$8,144.00	\$36,203.00	\$44,347.00	444.5%
Town of Harrison	\$17,386.00	\$43,948.00	\$61,333.00	252.8%
Town of Hazelhurst	\$13,594.00	\$51,973.00	\$65,567.00	382.3%
Town of Hill	\$18,778.00	\$36,186.00	\$54,964.00	192.7%
Town of King	\$9,491.00	\$46,534.00	\$56,025.00	490.3%
Town of Knox	\$24,834.00	\$35,278.00	\$60,112.00	142.1%
Town of Little Rice	\$6,646.00	\$36,589.00	\$43,235.00	550.6%
Town of Lynne	\$9,045.00	\$32,320.00	\$41,365.00	357.3%
Town of Merrill	\$77,338.00	\$78,368.00	\$155,705.00	101.3%
Town of Nokomis	\$15,487.00	\$53,417.00	\$68,904.00	344.9%
Town of Ogema	\$89,262.00	\$42,217.00	\$131,479.00	47.3%
Town of Pine River	\$74,933.00	\$61,672.00	\$136,605.00	82.3%
Town of Rock Falls	\$6,816.00	\$40,739.00	\$47,555.00	597.7%
Town of Russell	\$46,092.00	\$41,730.00	\$87,823.00	90.5%
Town of Schley	\$26,313.00	\$46,282.00	\$72,594.00	175.9%
Town of Scott	\$44,317.00	\$53,081.00	\$97,398.00	119.8%
Town of Skanawan	\$5,548.00	\$36,505.00	\$42,054.00	657.9%
Town of Somo	\$14,081.00	\$32,085.00	\$46,165.00	227.9%
Town of Spirit	\$13,491.00	\$34,942.00	\$48,433.00	259.0%
Town of Tomahawk	\$7,726.00	\$37,749.00	\$45,475.00	488.6%
Town of Wilson	\$4,098.00	\$35,396.00	\$39,494.00	863.7%

Data courtesy of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

ording to data from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Meanwhile, numerous Northwoods townships saw their funding grow several times over. The Town of Wilson's allocation of state aid jumped 863.7%, while the Town of Skanawan saw a 657.9% increase.

This trend was represented statewide, with urban areas seeing smaller

boosts in funding relative to the increases received by nearby communities.

The City of Madison's funding jumped by just under 60%, while the City of Milwaukee saw a 10% increase. Several smaller municipalities throughout Dane and Milwaukee counties saw increases of more than 100%.

Green Bay, Kenosha, Racine, Appleton and Eau

Claire each received 20% boosts in funding, while numerous municipalities within the cities' respective counties saw their funding allocations jump by more than 100%.

A full breakdown of additional funding communities will receive under 2023 Wisconsin Act 12 is available at www.tinyurl.com/47665myn.

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Sydney Michalski and Camryn Seymour, both of Tomahawk, were among the 2,480 prospective candidates for degree attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises in May. Seymour was named to the Dean's List the spring 2024 semester.

Ella Genelin, Autumn Peissig and Greta Tjugum, all of Tomahawk; and Haley

Liebelt, Irma, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester. Peissig and Richelle Swan, Tomahawk, and Peissig graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in May.

Masen Beatty, Tomahawk, was named to the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University during the spring 2024 semester.

Zachary Suchomel, Tomahawk, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List with High Honors for the 2024 spring Semester.

Drew Albert, Hannah Beranek, Zach Grigg and Karina McPherson, all of Tomahawk; and Sophia Lombard, Irma, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

Brittney Zettel, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in May.

Lydia Burrows, Matthew Johnson and Marisa Oestreich, all of Tomahawk; and Ahna Meyer, Irma, received Highest Honors for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Alexis Crossman, Tomahawk, received High Honors.

Johanna Craig, Tomahawk, was named to the spring 2024 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica.

Tyler Beck and Braden Tjugum, both of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Minnesota Duluth Dean's List for spring semester 2024.

Kyle Norman, Tomahawk, was named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Riv-

er Falls.

Gillian Buckwalter, Maura Koth and Nicholas Roscoe, all of Tomahawk; and Serena Reinke, Irma, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Buckwalter and Erin Murray, Irma, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May.

Drew Bolder, Madison Crossman and Zachary Hanse, all of Tomahawk, were named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at St. Norbert College.

The University of Wisconsin-Superior named Grace Beranek, Tomahawk, to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2024 semester.

Nataya Calhoun, Tiana Gerstenberger, Katrina Kapellusch, Madeline Marino

and Ruth Uelmen, all of Tomahawk, were named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. Calhoun graduated in May.

Gianna Line, Tomahawk, was named to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire spring 2024 Dean's List. Line and Morgan Ernst, Grace Kummerfeldt, Semra Marquardt and Arianna Schreiner, all of Tomahawk, graduated in May.

Brynnen Stefan, Tomahawk, was named to the Dean's List at Luther College for the spring 2024 semester.

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

Kendyl Hetzel and Emily Ihn, both of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Honor Roll in spring 2024. Carl Theiler, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in May.

Alex Bishop and Gavyn Palmer, both of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Dean's List and Chancellor's List for the spring 2024 semester. Bishop and Kenzie Bradley, also of Tomahawk, graduated this spring.

Seth Ploekelman, of Tomahawk, was named to the 2023-24 Dean's List at Lawrence University.

Kylee S. Theiler, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wyoming this spring.



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Ricky D. Copsiskey, age 70, of Tomahawk, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024, at his home. Rick was born in Tomahawk on Jan. 10, 1954, the son of the late Arvin and Dorothy (Kottke) Copsiskey. Rick attended Tomahawk High School. He served in the United States Army where he was stationed in California and Colorado. After his service, he returned to Tomahawk. He was married to Marybeth Andrashie; they later divorced but shared three beautiful daughters. Rick entered the workforce with the Lincoln County Highway Department and retired in 2010. Rick enjoyed laying concrete as a side job. He was an avid fisherman and loved camping on the Willow. Rick adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and held a special place in his heart for his furbabies. Survivors include his daughters, Andrea (Jim) Petersen, of Tomahawk, Laura (Matt) Kaderavek, of Tomahawk, and Jackie Fuszard, of Rothschild, Wis.; and his sister, Tammy Copsiskey, of Tomahawk. Rick is further survived by his grandchildren, Hillary, Elizabeth, Alison, and Hannah, and his great-grandchildren, Holley, Harper, Owen, Willow, Jackson, and Axil. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin and Dorothy; his brother, Kevin Copsiskey; and his son-in-law, James Fuszard. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Rick's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Jenny Joan Hager Graettinger, 94, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at Grace Lodge, Rhinelander with loving family by her side. Jenny was born on October 28, 1929 to Violet (Greer) Kujawski and John Hager in Bluefield, West Virginia. She attended Bluefield College. Before her marriage she worked as an English teacher and later for the United States government in Washington, D.C. There she met Jim Graettinger, a Wisconsin man. They were married in Arlington, Virginia in 1952 and headed to Wausau to raise a family. They later relocated to Tomahawk where they lived until Jim's death in 2013. Jenny then moved to Rhinelander. Jenny loved cats, dogs, birds, gardening, and painting. She was an expert seamstress. While in Tomahawk, she was a long-time member of St. Mary Church, the Catholic Women's Club, and the Tomahawk Civic Club. She was employed at Sacred Heart Hospital for many years and also was a Hospice volunteer. Jenny is survived by her five daughters, Chris (Jerry) Luedke; Cathy (James) Nunn; Connie Graettinger; Jan (Tony) Zblewski; and Julie (Jim) Graeber; sons, John (Mary) Graettinger and Chuck Graettinger. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Celeste, Jim, Claire, Sarah, Joanne, Rachel, Emma, Susannah, Hailey, Alex, and Ely. She is further survived by eight great-grandchildren, Addie, Jameson, Koen, Hannah, Jack, Blake, Calum, Fletcher, and one on the way. Jenny was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Jim, her parents, and her brother, John Hager. The family would like to thank the staff of Grace Lodge and Compassus Hospice for the loving care, kindness, and compassion they showed to our mother and entire family. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tomahawk. Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to time of service at noon. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local animal shelter, Alzheimer research, or a nature preserve. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family.



Gordon L. Derleth, age 84, of Menasha, Wis., and formerly of Tomahawk, passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Wis. Gordy was born in Athens, Wis., on Feb. 4, 1940, to the late Laverne and Mildred (Mueller) Zastrow. He was married to Patricia Olson on Feb. 4, 1983; she passed away on July 27, 2021. Gordon attended Tomahawk High School and later entered the workforce as a local State Farm Agent. He proudly served in the Army National Guard. He then began employment at the Tomahawk Paper Mill (formally known as Owens-Illinois) where he was a paper tester for almost 40 years. Gordon was a flag man at the Tomahawk Speedway for many years. He raced snowmobiles for the Derleth Brothers Racing Team. Gordon was a member of the Somo Fish and Game Club and loved to hunt and fish. He had a passion for woodworking and making signs. He coached and umped baseball and softball for years. In retirement he enjoyed four-wheel rides with his late wife, Patty, and their friends. He enjoyed trips to the casino. He volunteered every Wednesday for the local Backpack Program. Gordon looked forward to visits from his kids and grandkids and you would often find him rocking one to sleep. Gordon had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. He loved his family immensely. He was a blessing to all who knew him. Survivors include his sons, David Derleth, Michael (Paula) Derleth, Edwin Derleth, Jamie Derleth, and Chad Derleth; his daughters, Vicki Rouleau, Daisy Kubitschek, Dawn Derleth, and Missy (Dustin) Clark; his brothers, George (Lynn) Derleth and Evan (Terry) Derleth; and his sisters, Althea (Ervin) Tiffany, Jeannie (Arthur) Osero, and Eileen (Roger) Hintz. Gordy is further survived by his grandchildren, Brett, Kyle, Max, Lauren, Mark, Kerra, Aiden, Addison, Connor, Hunter, Aubriana, Matt, Nicole, Amy, Stephen, Tricia, and Tara. He was preceded in death by his father, Laverne; his mother and stepfather, Mildred and George; and his wife, Patricia. Memorial services for Gordon Derleth were held on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Generations Funeral Home. Rev. Larry Mathein officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. You may view Gordon's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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Mary L. Smith (nee Olszewski) Born to eternal life July 28, 2024, age 86. Preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert M. Smith. Dear mother of Michael (Mary), Brian (Linda), Craig (Kim), Frank (Julie) and Derek (Olivia) Smith. Loving "Granny" of Rosalie (Nate) Schmidt, Noelle (Matt) Ehlers, Alex (Katie) and the late Colin Moores, and Kevin, Keith, Tony (Allie) and Taylor Smith and great grandma of Arthur, August, Adrian, Dominic, Lola, Lily, Calvin and Everlynn. Fond sister-in-law of Kate Olszewski. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her brothers John, Paul, Bobby, Michael and Tommy Olszewski. Visitation Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, from 10am until time of service at 11am, all at Fox River Christian Church, S46W24130 Lawnsdale Road, Waukesha. Special thanks to the staffs at Serenity Villa IV and Brighton Hospice for their compassionate care. Jelacic Funeral Home (414-466-2134) is serving the family. See www.jelacicfuneralhome.com for complete obituary.



Keith C. Johnson, age 63, of Woodboro, Wis., passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from injuries sustained in a truck accident. Keith was born in Rhinelander, Wis., on March 12, 1961, the tenth child of Melvin C. and Donna E. (Smith) Johnson. Keith was raised on a small farm in the Town of Woodboro. Many of his childhood days were spent milking cows and helping around the farm. As a teenager, many great memories were made spending a few summers farming in North Dakota with his cousin, Maynard Buck. Keith was a truck driver and forestry equipment operator for his entire life. He started his trucking career with Princl Transfer, which later became Old Reliable. Keith bought his own truck and leased with them to haul asphalt oil. Later, he worked in the logging industry hauling tens of thousands of cords of pulp to many paper mills. He could operate just about every kind of logging equipment from a forwarder or processor to a hot saw, which was the last thing he ran for Brian McCumber out of Tomahawk. Keith hauled pulp for Marshall Brothers and most recently, he worked for County Materials hauling bulk cement from Green Bay to the company's many plants. At a young age, Keith married Bonnie Hanson and had two children, Melvin and Anna. He later was married to Debra Bradley, and they had twins, Morgan and Asher. He enjoyed family get-togethers, deer hunting with his family, and waking up early for work to watch the sunrise. Keith recently began meat smoking as a hobby. He loved to swim at Washburn Lake and enjoyed riding his Harley around northern Wisconsin. Keith was a great father, brother, and friend and passed along many of his hunting and labor skills. Survivors include his children, Melvin (Cassandra) Johnson, Anna (Mark) Rose, Morgan Johnson, and Asher Johnson; his sisters, Sue Ann Johnson and Darlene "Darby" (Al) Ison; and his brothers, Matthew Johnson and Kyle (Rebecca) Johnson. Keith is further survived by his grandchildren, Kammron, Kendall, Jaxson, and Juliana; in addition to many cousins, nieces, nephews, and good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Donna; his brothers, Douglas Johnson, Donald Johnson, Randall Johnson, and Jeffrey Johnson; and his sisters, Jennie Ison and Jeanne Cox. Keith was a strong believer in Christ. His favorite Bible verse was one he heard in church at a young age, John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Keith called this the world's greatest love story. Memorial services for Keith Johnson will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the Pine Grove Community Church in Rhinelander, Wis. Pastor Jeff O'Malley will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation on Friday, Aug. 9, at Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., and again on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the church, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Keith's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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"Finding Art in All Things," a five-panel installation by Nicolet College alum Carly Ratliff, is now on display in the Lakeside Center commons at Nicolet College.

Nicolet College unveils new public art installations

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College in Rhinelander recently announced the installation of two new pieces of public art on campus.

A release from Nicolet said the art installations are the result of a competitive selection process that invited artists from across Wisconsin, with special consideration given to those from within the Nicolet College district.

Nicolet College alum Carly Ratliff created one of the pieces called, "Finding Art in All Things." Ratliff's five-panel installation features 3D fiber art and acrylic painting, with each panel paying tribute to one of the many academic programs at Nicolet College: Culinary Arts, Liberal Arts, Welding, Cosmetology and Healthcare.

"I took great comfort from the natural beauty of Lake Julia and the surrounding campus as a student," Ratliff stated. "During a summer watercolor course, I discovered my own style in the way I paint landscapes. As an alum, I have a genuine appreciation for Nicolet College, understand the value it provides to the community, and seek to shine a light on the important role it plays in the Northwoods."

Ratliff incorporated materials from Nicolet College's student uniforms into her artwork, adding an element of authenticity and connection to the College's educational mission. This artwork is displayed in the first-floor commons of the Lakeside Center.

The second piece, "River of Souls," by Cody Cottrell - Tekayanalow^{nas}e, a member of the Oneida Nation and a member of the Oneida Nation Arts Board, draws inspiration from the Northern Lights. This artwork features a steel base structure with colored acrylic rods, symbolizing the connection between the living and their ancestors.

"Our spirits will find our ancestors who have also passed on before us, and we will rejoice and dance in the sky and call it Waawaate, the Northern Lights," Cottrell - Tekayanalow^{nas}e explained. "The Anishinaabe refer to the Milky Way as a 'river of souls,' and branches of the river fall down to Earth, and you travel on that river in the Afterworld, a place where we can reconnect with our ancestors."

This artwork is displayed outdoors on the Nicolet College field.

"Nicolet College's public art initiative not only enhances the visual appeal of the campus, but also serves as a testament to the College's dedication to fostering an inclusive environment that honors and celebrates the diverse backgrounds of its community members," Nicolet stated.

"In partnership with ArtStart, Nicolet College was able to bring these inspiring, dynamic and meaningful pieces to our campus," said Jenny Bonardelli, Nicolet College Arts and Events Manager. "Through this collaboration, we are able to celebrate the diverse cultures within our community and provide a platform for numerous types of artists to share their unique perspectives."

The project is also made possible by a Wisconsin Technical College System Perkins Grant, Nicolet noted.



"River of Souls," an installation by Cody Cottrell - Tekayanalow^{nas}e, is also on display.

Photos courtesy of Nicolet College

News Briefs

Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library book sale

The Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library will host a book sale at the library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., Tomahawk, on Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Books for all ages, magazines, CDs, tapes, puzzles and some rummage items will be available. No items will be priced. All items will be available to purchase through donations. All proceeds will go to the library.

'Our Dream Park' remains closed

Tomahawk Together is reminding the community that "Our Dream Park" on N. 4th St. is still under construction and remains closed to the public.

Old Kindergarten Museum open for summer

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society's Old Kindergarten Museum, located at 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, is open for the summer. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Thursday, Aug. 22. The museum will also be open on selected evenings and Saturdays. The Log Museum will not be open due to construction in Washington Square Park.

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.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, July 29:

On 07/27/2024 deputies were sent to the area of the W4100 block of Spring Lake Rd. in the Town of Merrill for a suspicious vehicle complaint. It was reported that an older green Trailblazer with loud exhaust was seen driving up and down the road, stopping at each driveway in the area. When the first deputy arrived in the area, he located a vehicle matching the description given of the suspect vehicle. The deputy attempted to make contact with the suspect vehicle when the driver fled from the deputy prompting a vehicle pursuit. The deputy continued to chase the vehicle for some distance, where speeds were approaching 100 MPH. At one point the deputy lost sight of the vehicle and discontinued the pursuit. The deputy then waited for backup deputies to arrive on scene prior to conducting a search of the area. The deputies did locate the suspect vehicle abandoned with no one around. The suspect vehicle was impounded, and the deputies have a good lead on the suspected driver. The investigation continues. No arrests have been made yet. LISO received assistance from Langlade County Sheriff's Office (LGSO), the Wisconsin DNR and Wisconsin State Patrol.

On 07/28/2024 LISO received a complaint of a reckless driver traveling on USH 51 near the 207 mile marker in the Town of Pine River. The R/P was saying that the vehicle, a white in color Lincoln, was swerving all over the road going from one side to the other. Due to the R/P's information, the deputy located the vehicle and stopped it to investigate. Once stopped, the deputy made contact with the driver, a Gleason woman, 27. In speaking with the driver, the deputy observed signs of impairment. The deputy requested the driver do field sobriety tests, which the driver agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the driver was taken into custody for a first offense of OWI. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

Deputies conducted 42 traffic stops and 40 security checks. Deputies responded to seven car vs. deer crashes and one car vs. cow. Driving complaints: Eight. The 911 Center took two hang-up calls and 18 nuisance calls.

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Aspirus offers tips on strengthening social bonds in the digital era

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently offered tips on strengthening social bonds in the digital age.

“Human beings are inherently social creatures,” Aspirus said in a release. “From the moment we are born, relationships help us navigate the world, teaching us how to interact, express ourselves and build communities. These connections are essential not just in childhood, but throughout our lives, significantly impacting our over-

all health and well-being.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in three adults in the U.S. experiences loneliness, while one in four lacks adequate social and emotional support.

Aspirus said these factors are associated with increased susceptibility to various health challenges, including heart disease, stroke, dementia, depression and anxiety.

“Social connections are just a part of being human,” said Tracy Clay, a



Clay Photo courtesy of Aspirus Health

Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Health. “Without social connections, we’re isolated. Isolation can lead to depression.”

The good news is that in today’s digital age, connecting with others is easier than ever before, Aspirus noted.

“We don’t have to rely on just pen and paper, and we don’t have to rely on just calling someone,” Clay stated.

While texting has become a popular mode of communication, Clay encourages more personal interactions.

“Seeing people face to face, interacting, reading their responses is super important,” she said.

Social media platforms offer another avenue for maintaining connections.

“It’s fun to watch people’s pictures scroll by,” Clay

stated. “It gives you that connection. You see their faces. You see their pictures.”

“Beyond social media, technologies like FaceTime have made it possible to connect visually with loved ones, enhancing the feeling of closeness,” Aspirus stated. “Teaching elderly individuals to use such technology can bring joy and a sense of connection to their lives. However, Clay warns against the overuse of social media. Constantly comparing oneself to others based on curated snapshots can be detrimental.”

“We have to remember that those snapshots we see on social media are also oftentimes staged,” she noted.

Aspirus said limiting time spent on these platforms is essential to avoid feelings of inadequacy and isolation.

Clay suggests practical steps to reduce social media use, such as placing your phone in another room and engaging in real-world activities.

“If I put my phone down and I go outside, I might see a real person, and that would be helpful too,” she added.

“Building and nurturing social connections can take time and effort,” Aspirus said.

Aspirus provided the following tips from the CDC and National Institutes of

Bonds

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Ebb And Flow Of Love

Dear Reader,

Love is one of the most profound and transformative experiences of the human condition. It can ignite our spirits, inspire our dreams, and shape our lives in ways we never imagined. But as many of us have experienced, the passionate flames of early love can dim over the years, and relationships that once felt unbreakable can face challenges and sometimes unravel. Why is it that people fall in love, only to find themselves falling out of love as time passes?



The initial spark of love often comes from a place of curiosity and excitement. It’s driven by a powerful mix of physical attraction, emotional connection, and the thrill of discovering someone new. In those early days, everything feels fresh and exhilarating. We see our partners through rose-colored glasses, focusing on their strengths and overlooking their flaws. This stage, often referred to as the honeymoon phase, is marked by high levels of dopamine and oxytocin, the hormones responsible for pleasure and bonding.

However, as time goes by, the intensity of these feelings naturally wanes. The routines of daily life set in, and the imperfections of our partners become more apparent. The very traits that once seemed endearing can start to feel irritating. This shift is a normal part of the relationship cycle, but it can lead to feelings of disillusionment if we don’t recognize and adapt to it.

One reason people fall out of love is that they grow and change. Our experiences shape us, and as we evolve, so do our needs and desires. What brought us together initially may not sustain us as we develop new interests, values, and goals. Sometimes, couples grow together, but other times they grow apart. This divergence can create a sense of distance and incompatibility that is difficult to bridge.

Additionally, as we accumulate knowledge and experiences, our tolerance for certain behaviors can diminish. The patience we once had for minor annoyances may wear thin. The optimism that sustained us through rough patches may be replaced by a more pragmatic outlook. While this increased awareness can lead to healthier boundaries and more honest communication, it can also make us less forgiving and more critical.

Despite these challenges, falling out of love doesn’t have to be the end of the story. Relationships can endure and even thrive through these transitions if both partners are willing to invest the effort. Open communication, mutual respect, and a commitment to growth are essential. It’s important to continually nurture the bond, finding new ways to connect and support each other.

Falling in love is often effortless, but staying in love requires intention and resilience. As we navigate the complexities of our relationships, let us remember that love is not just a feeling but a choice. It is a journey of discovery, not only of our partners but of ourselves. Embrace the changes, cherish the memories, and strive to cultivate a love that withstands the test of time.

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Somo Fish and Game Club celebrates 75th anniversary

BY SARAH GREIL

TOMAHAWK – On Saturday, July 20, members of the Somo Fish and Game Club celebrated the club's 75th anniversary with a cookout.

There was plenty of food, a bouncy house and games for the kids, and corn hole to celebrate this milestone.

Those who were in attendance ranged from longtime members down to their grandkids, the future members of the club.

75 years ago, a group of men gathered to discuss forming a club, aimed at improving the lakes and trout streams in the Somo area. A little over a month later, in May of 1949, the group became Somo Fish and Game Club Inc. The first elected directors were Paul Senzig, Henry Peters Sr., William Elliott, Ben Nick, Andy J. Anderson, Paul Collette, Henry Peters Jr., Oliver Shelley and G. Bachhuber.

Within the first year of the club's existence, members made repairs to the dam on the Little Somo and consulted with conservation staff members at the Art Oehmcke Hatchery in Woodruff concerning



stocking local waters with musky and trout.

In 1972, the Somo Fish and Game Club was recognized by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for outstanding public service. According to the Wausau Daily Herald, the club "provided game habitat, seeded fire lanes for grouse feed and made improvements to Somo Lake."

Today, the Somo Fish and Game Club is still committed to fostering positive sportsmanship. Their clubhouse and shooting range is located at 8420 County Rd. CC, just west of Tomahawk.

They offer an adult trap shooting league, which

runs from May through August. Teams are sponsored by local businesses. Their gun range is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. for club members to shoot for their team or to practice.

The club is also home to the Tomahawk Claybusters Trapshooting Team. The Claybusters consists of youth from 6th to 12th grade. They compete against area schools at home and travel to other trap clubs for optional weekend shoots.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SomoFishandGameClub.



Contributed photos



Voters to decide constitutional amendment questions

BY MIKE WARREN
MMC STAFF

WISCONSIN – Who should be tasked with spending Wisconsin's share of billions of federal dollars?

In Wisconsin's partisan Primary elections on Tuesday, Aug. 13, voters will decide the fate of two referendum questions which – if approved – would change the state Constitution to allow the legislature to have more authority over how money which comes from Washington, D.C. is doled out. Currently, that authority lies with the governor's office.

The two questions will appear statewide as follows:

Question 1: "Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?"

Question 2: "Allocation of federal moneys. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be

created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?"

"Effectively, the two questions – if ratified by the voters – would give the legislature authority by rule or by joint resolution of the two houses (Senate and Assembly) to make a determination on approval of federal funding that comes in," Bob Lang, a spokesman for the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, told MMC. "Right now, that is under the discretion of the governor, and it was prominently used during the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act and ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding that came in during the pandemic by the governor, when there were discretionary funds that he could use, which he did.

"In some instances, federal monies currently go to a specific purpose

identified in legislation, but the passage of these would basically – rather than having the governor unilaterally determine the use of those funds – the legislature would be able to do so by joint resolution and by rule," Lang added.

The Wisconsin governor's current authority dates back to the 1930s, when the office was given the power during the Great Depression.

"Whenever the United States government shall make available funds for the education, the promotion of health, the relief of indigency, the promotion of agriculture or for any other purpose other than the administration of the tribal or any individual funds of Wisconsin Indians, the governor on behalf of the state is authorized to accept the funds so made available," that law reads.

If approved by voters on Tuesday, Aug. 13, the constitutional changes would go into effect in Jan. 2025, prior to the start of the next legislative session.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. A solution
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. Blood group
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Gov't lawyer
- 20. Actor Ciaran
- 22. Calendar month
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex Machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Type of berry
- 29. Distinctive practice
- 30. Popular pickup truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid material
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. German founder of psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. A situation you can be in
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- 48. Belgian composer Walter
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 55. Musical or vocal sound
- 56. Yankees' great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule

CLUES DOWN

- 64. Atomic #79
- 65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit
- 24. Bill Murray chased one
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Swedish krona
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white or yellow flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- 38. Up-to-date
- 39. Campaigns
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the Pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
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- 59. Garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
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Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballots
August 13, 2024
OFFICE OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK
TO THE VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a partisan primary to be held in Lincoln County on August 13, 2024, at which the nominees for the offices named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office under the appropriate party, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall state their name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book. *If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt." If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked. A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

At the partisan primary, the voter shall select the party of their choice.

Voting for candidates of more than one party may invalidate the ballot. The voter must cast a vote for individual candidates.

Where Optical Scan Voting is used

- If a party preference is designated, and votes are cast for ballot candidates of another party or write-in votes are cast in another party, only votes cast in the designated party will count.
If a party preference is not designated, and votes are cast for candidates (or write-in votes are cast) in more than one party, no votes will be counted

Within the party of their choice, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device (Express Vote) to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the party of their choice. The voter shall then touch the screen at the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot

Christopher J. Marlowe

Christopher J. Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk

Official Primary Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
August 13, 2024

Table with 3 columns: A Lincoln County, B State of Wisconsin, C August 13, 2024

The ballot below is for Publication purposes only. This ballot includes all of Lincoln County's April 5th Political Races. All Lincoln County Ballots may be viewed on the county website at: https://co.lincoln.wi.us/county-clerk/page/absentee-and-sample-ballots. Your ballot specific to your address may be found at: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot.

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

Main ballot grid with columns: General Instructions, Democratic Party Primary (cont.), Republican Party Primary (cont.), Constitution Party Primary, Wisconsin Green Party Primary, Referendum (cont.). Includes various office names like Representative to the Assembly, District Attorney, County Clerk, etc.

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Public Notice
The Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers (TAIV) hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation or urbanized area of Appleton for the following transportation projects under Section 5310 to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities in Tomahawk, WI and surrounding areas.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
CROSSBRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK
Plaintiff,
vs.
JASON M. GREENING
ELIZABETH A. LOSEY
Defendants.

Legals 7700

the above captioned action on May 6, 2024, in the amount of \$152,952.24, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: August 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: In the main lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
DESCRIPTION: Lot Two (2) of Certified Survey Map No. 2255 as recorded in Volume 12 of Surveys on Page 185, as Document No. 482362; located in and being part of Government Lot One (1), Section Twelve (12), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

Sheriff Ken Schneider
or Designee
(pl please print or type name)
Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Weld Riley, S.C.
500 Third Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 479
Wausau, WI 54402-0479

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(715) 845-8234
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
Tailyr D. Buckley, Shawn M. Buckley, The United States of America acting by and through the Secretary of Housing

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and Urban Development and Lincoln County Clerk of Circuit Court
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 24-CV-000034
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 7, 2024 in the amount of \$91,539.47 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: September 12, 2024 at 10:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid

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to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale

Legals 7700

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 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF LAKE MOHAWKSIN (FOLM) LAKE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Friends of Lake Mohawksin (FOLM) Lake Association will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at the Bradley Town Hall, 1518 W Mohawk Drive, Tomahawk at 9am. Registration will start at 8:30am. Coffee and Donuts will be available.

- AGENDA
• Welcome and introductions
• General FOLM business
- Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Election of Officers
• Current status and future plans
- Review of 2023-2024 activities
- Plans for 2024-2025
- Financial Status & Budget - Treasurer's report
• Presentations:
- Environmental Mapping of Mohawksin Shoreline
- "Clean Boats Clean Waters" observations from the 2024 program
• Open Forum for Discussion
• Adjourn

We look forward to welcoming you and hearing your views!
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NOTICE

Town of Cassian in Oneida County Seeks Road Bids

The Town of Cassian is accepting road bids for the following LRIP road construction project.

The scope is as follows:
Timber Lake Road project consisting of 5913 ft of gravel road from Poskie Road to Sheep Ranch Road.

Grading and compacting 5913 ft of gravel-22 feet wide and 5 inches thick.
Completion by June 30th, 2025.

Sealed bids should be received no later than September 9th, 2024, 7 pm at the Cassian Town Hall.

Sealed bids will be opened at the regular town board meeting that night.

Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk @ cassiantownclerk282@zohomail.com.

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CLASS III NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ALTERATION/WIDENING OF HALF MOON LAKE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BRADLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY

A public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bradley, at the Bradley Town Hall, located at 1518 West Mohawk Drive, Tomahawk, WI 54487, on September 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., to discuss approving the Resolution altering/widening the highway known as Half Moon Lake Road.

Said area of highway to be altered/widened is legally described and depicted on the attached Exhibits A and B, which are incorporated herein.

Dated this 25th day of June 2024.

TOWN OF BRADLEY
Kari Kiser, Clerk

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LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES LINCOLN COUNTY

At the Partisan Primary Election to be held on August 13, 2024, in Lincoln County, the following are the designated polling places:

Table with 2 columns: PRECINCT and POLLING LOCATION. Lists various towns and their respective polling locations.

CITY OF TOMAHAWK
Wards 1 - 6
SARA Park Activities Center, 900 West Somo Ave.

CITY OF MERRILL
1st District Bierman Building, 303 N Sales Street
City Hall, 1004 E. First Street
2nd District Bierman Building, 303 N Sales Street
3rd District Smith Center, 1100 Marc Drive
4th District Smith Center, 1100 Marc Drive
5th District Bierman Building, 303 N Sales Street
6th District City Hall, 1004 E. First Street
7th District Bierman Building, 303 N Sales St.
8th District

Contact your municipal clerk if you have any questions concerning your polling place.

All polling places will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Christopher J Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

August 13, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 6 Enrolled Joint Resolution

To create section 35 of article IV of the constitution; relating to: the appropriation authority of the legislature and the allocation of moneys Wisconsin receives from the federal government (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 84, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 14, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 35 of article IV of the constitution is created to read:

[Article IV] Section 35 (1) The legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated.

(2) The governor may not allocate any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the second Tuesday of August 2024; and, be it further

Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?"

QUESTION 2: "Allocation of federal moneys. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS AS TO THE TWO QUESTIONS

Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

The Wisconsin Constitution requires the legislature to appropriate funds from the state treasury only by passing a law, which requires a vote by both houses of the legislature. Wis. Const. art. VIII, § 2. Question 1 would add a new provision to say that the legislature cannot delegate this "sole" power to appropriate funds.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. IV, § 35(1). That provision would prohibit the legislature from delegating its duty that it pass a law in order to appropriate money from the treasury under Wis. Const. art. VIII, § 2.

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. IV, § 35(1) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

In times when Wisconsin receives undesignated federal funds from the U.S. government, the Wisconsin Constitution does not limit the ability of the governor to choose how the funds he accepts are divided among state and local agencies. Question 2 would add a new provision to the Constitution to prohibit the governor from choosing how to allocate such federal funds he accepts unless the legislature, through a joint resolution or some other process to be developed by the legislature, agrees with the governor's proposed allocation of those funds.

A "yes" vote on Question 2 would vote to create a second new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. IV, § 35(2), which would prohibit the governor from choosing how to allocate undesignated federal monies he accepts unless the legislature, by joint resolution or other process, agrees with the governor's proposed allocation of such funds.

A "no" vote on Question 2 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. IV § 35(2) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Sincerely

Done in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, on this 18th day of June, 2024.

Chitopher J. Marlowe

Published August 7, 2024

(Lincoln County Clerk)

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Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4), Section Nineteen (19), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Scott, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the NW corner of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 6 East, thence East along the North line of said forty 865.7 feet to a point marked by an iron stake situated in the center of the Town Road there situated; thence South 33 feet to a point marked by an iron stake situated in the South boundary line of the Town Road being the place of beginning; thence South 274 feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence East 215 feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence North 274 feet to a point marked by an iron stake situated on the South boundary line of the Town Road; thence West along the South boundary line of the Town Road 215 feet to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: W7023 Joe Snow Rd Merrill, WI 54452-9710

Ken Schneider
Lincoln County Sheriff
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

Wisconsin Housing and Economic
Development Authority
Plaintiff,

vs.
Anna Van Strydonk, Park City Credit
Union and CAP Services, Inc. a
Wisconsin non-profit Corporation
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 23-CV-000159
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on May 20, 2024 in the amount of \$57,169.03 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: August 30, 2024 at 10:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: Inside the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Merrill.

DESCRIPTION: Certified Survey Map No. 945, dated June 4, 1996 and recorded June 19, 1996, in Volume 4 of Certified Surveys, Page 320, as Document No. 350185; being Lots Ten (10) and Eleven (11), Block Three (3), of T.P. Matthew Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1904 W Main St Merrill, WI 54452-2140

Ken Schneider
Lincoln County Sheriff
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
402 South Park Drive-PO Box 213
Tomahawk WI 54487
715-453-4233

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th, 2024,
10:00 A.M.
HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE, 402
SOUTH PARK DRIVE, TOMAHAWK,
WISCONSIN
Published August 7, 2024 WNAXLP

Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Eric L. Wickstrom

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2024 IN 26

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/30/1985 and date of death 07/22/2020, was domiciled in San Bernardino County, State of California, with a mailing address of 40 W Pioneer Ave., Space 93, Redlands, CA 92374.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11/15/2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

DATE SIGNED: August 1, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

Form completed by:
Attorney Carissa Giebel
5740 Grande Market Drive, Ste D
Appleton, WI 54913
(920) 560-4651

Notice To Creditors 7735

Bar Number: 1066886
Published August 7, 14, 21, 2024
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Loretta A Brzezinski

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case 2024 IN 24

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 3, 1929 and date of death March 28, 2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 275 N. City Station Dr., RM 213, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11-08-24.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 22, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

Form completed by:
Scott Brzezinski
N11710 Acorn
Tomahawk, WI 54487
623-910-9198
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Timothy John McGuire.

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
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- **Be active together:** Participate in physical activities with others. This can positively impact your health and create opportunities for connection.

- **Support and appreciate others:** Show gratitude and support to those around you through small acts of kindness.

- **Bond with your kids:** Build strong emotional bonds with your children by being responsive, supportive and available.

- **Limit social media:** Reduce practices that lead to feelings of disconnection, such as excessive social media use.

- **Consult healthcare providers:** Talk to a healthcare provider about concerns related to stress, loneliness, and social isolation.

Social connections profoundly impact our mental and physical health, Aspirus said.

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Tomahawk sports history: Boys' basketball, part three

BY BOB SKUBAL
RETIRED COACH,
HISTORIAN, AUTHOR
OF 'HISTORY OF
TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK – In part two last week, we covered the history of boys' basketball at Tomahawk High School from the 1955-56 season through 1974-75.

We'll wrap up the three-part series this week, starting with the 1975-76 season.

1975-76

Coaches were Ron Zimmerman, Bill Gregor and Dick Huseby.

Mike Olson repeated as Lumberjack Conference scoring champion with 267 points in the conference. Olson scored 967 points, breaking the record of 718 held by Mac Winker (1958-1960).

Ron Zimmerman was Lumberjack Conference Coach of the Year.

1979-80

Coaches were Paul DeNoble, Jack Culhane and Bob Jensen.

Team members were Dan Hoover, Jamie Gerber, Larry VanStrydonk, Kyle Zastrow, Jim Olson, Jeff Olson, Jerry Kaminski, Tad Winkler, Gene Hodge, Brian DuPlayee, Terry Moss and Joe Maday. THS was 16-5 tying the school record for most wins.

Tomahawk was conference champions (8th time in school history) and regional champions for the first time in school history.

Paul DeNoble was selected as Lumberjack Conference Coach of the Year.

All-Conference honors went to Jim Olson-1st Team, Jamie Gerber-2nd Team and Gene Hodge-honorable mention.

Channel 7 All-Stars were Dan Hoover, Jamie Gerber, Jim Olson and Gene Hodge-honorable mention.

1980-81

Coaches were Paul DeNoble, Jack Culhane and Gordy Erickson. The school board voted not to hire a non-staff as a coach. Their feelings were that it was better to appoint a teacher than have a non-staff as a coach.

Team members were Jim Charles, Larry VanStrydonk, Gene Hodge, Tad Winkler, Jim Olson, Jeff Zehner, Tom Betka, Carl Maki, Joe Ma-

day, Greg Kaminski, Bill Wickman, Jeff Olson and Kyle Zastrow.

THS was regional champions, producing the most wins in school history with a 19-3 record.

All-Conference honors went to Jim Olson-1st Team, Gene Hodge-2nd Team, Joe Maday-honorable mention, Kyle Zastrow-honorable mention and Jeff Olson-honorable mention.

Channel 7 All-Stars (Large Schools) were Jim Olson, Gene Hodge-honorable mention and Kyle Zastrow-honorable mention.

1981-82

Jeff Olson was voted All State honorable mention.

Channel 7 All-Stars (Large Schools) were Jeff Olson, Jeff Zehner-honorable mention and Jim Charles -honorable mention.

1982-83

Channel 7 All-Stars were Brian Smith -honorable mention and Andy Weizenicker-honorable mention.

1984-85

Mike Charles was a Channel 7 All-Star honorable mention.

1985-86

Randy Scholz scored 44 points in a THS 75-59 win over Mosinee.

Scholz was a Channel 7 All-Star honorable mention.

1987-88

Eric Roberts was a Channel 7 All-Star honorable mention.

1989-90

John Reiff and Bob Peterson were Channel 7 All-Star honorable mention.

1990-91

Bob Peterson was a Channel 7 All-Star.

1994-95

Tomahawk lost to Ashland 103-71. This was the first game in school history that Tomahawk gave up over 100 points in a basketball game. Tim Albert scored 33 points in this game.

1997-98

Coaches were Mike Houle, Noel Pfannerstill and Todd Frederickson.

Team members were Kory McFadden, Mike Scheller, Justin Rigney, Justin Kausch, Andy Steuernagel, Ryan Huseby, Simon Janeczko, Mike Richardson, Dan Pillsbury, Mike Whitaker, Nate Blaubach, Jesse Haring, Justin

Riebe, Neil Breitenfeld, Zan Leppi, Matt Farmer and DeAngelo Jackson.

Tomahawk had an 8-15 record, with the season highlight being defeating Medford 49-47 for the regional title. This was the first regional title for Tomahawk in 18 years. Medford had previously defeated Tomahawk 61-32 and 66-55.

2000-01

Coaches were Mike Houle, Noel Pfannerstill and Jeremy Baalke.

Team members were BJ Chase, Jason Kahle, John Bayer, Clint Richardson, Bob Ploekelmann, Derrick Frese, Jon O'Callaghan, Sean Duncan, Andy Deitz, Dan Williams, Dan Clements, Ben Jarvis and Sean DeBels.

Tomahawk was 15-9 overall and regional champions. In the regional finals, Tomahawk defeated Medford 56-40. THS and Medford had split during the regular season.

Clint Richardson was voted All State honorable mention.

2007-08

Brock Roberts scored 47 points in a double overtime 84-82 loss to Northern Pines. He was one point short of tying the school record.

2013-14

Coaches were Tim Albert, Jason Kahle, Jack Jarvensivu, Reggie Smith and David Roe.

Team members were Philip Skubal, Jordan Roessler, Lorne Ahrens, Jared Jarvensivu, Fletcher Schoone, Chris Schoone, Andrew Olson, Jacob Sabielny, Brad Jarvensivu, Justin Jarvensivu and Han McMahon.

THS was 12-13 overall and won the regional title when they defeated Peshtigo 48-46 in overtime. Peshtigo was ranked #8 in Division 3 and came into the game with a 20-2 record. This gave Tomahawk their first regional title since 2001.

2016-17

Justin Jarvensivu became the first THS basketball player in school history to surpass 1,000 points during his high school career.

2019-20

THS defeated Lakeland for the first time since the 1999-2000 season by a score of 43-40.

Tomahawk Youth Softball hosts annual Rod Timm Memorial Tournament

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Four Tomahawk Hatchet youth softball traveling teams took to the field to defend their home diamonds as they hosted the annual Rod Timm Memorial Tournament at SARA Park from Friday, July 19 through Sunday, July 21.

Event organizers estimated approximately 1,000 attendees per day, as many teams enjoy the Rod Timm Tournament as an annual vacation destination.

The tournament was named after Rod Timm, a local sports legend born just east of Tomahawk. Timm played professional and semi-professional baseball in the 1940s and 50s. An accomplished pitcher, Timm still holds many Wisconsin Valley League records, including recording five strikeouts in one inning (two third-strike passed balls). Following Timm's passing in 1999, the family agreed to donate money to the Tomahawk Girls Softball program, and the Rod Timm Tournament was born.

A total of 27 teams from northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan made up this year's field. Participants included levels from 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U.

All four Hatchet teams performed well over the weekend.

The 8U team finished at 1-3, with their lone victory coming against Merrill 2-1. 10U put on a great showing for the home crowd by beating Marshfield 3-2 in an action-packed championship game. The final inning included a clutch base hit to drive in the eventual winning run for Tomahawk. The Hatchets were in trouble in the final frame with the bases loaded and no outs. Three consecutive strikeouts on nine pitches shut down the Marshfield rally, guaranteeing a Hatchet victory.

10U finished the tournament 4-1 with a loss to the Copper County Crush from Michigan's Upper Peninsula in pool play. The 10U team enjoyed tournament success all season by taking third in Waupaca and championship victories at their home tournament and in Mosinee.

The 14U team also made a championship game ap-



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pearance, but couldn't quite battle back against the Copper County Crush, losing 8-5. Tomahawk completed pool play with a 2-2 record with losses to the Crush and Lakeland. The Hatchets got revenge in bracket play by beating Lakeland 15-0 for the right to play in the championship and a rematch with Crush. 14U finished second in tournaments in Waupaca and Tomahawk, and earned a championship victory in Antigo.

Finally, the 18U/16U team also took second place, finishing with a 3-1 record. The Hatchet squad, made up of pri-

marily varsity and JV players, beat Marshfield, the Wausau Patriots, and Merrill. Their only loss came at the hands of eventual champion, Northwoods Fastpitch, by a score of 5-2.

About Tomahawk Youth Softball

Tomahawk Youth Softball (TYSB) is dedicated to teaching good sportsmanship and fundamentals of softball while building the player's self-confidence through teamwork and positive adult role models.

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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 194

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 193 question: The THS girls' cross country team won State in 1979. How many titles did this give THS: Two, three or four?

Week 193 answer: When the 1979 girls' cross country team won State, it was the third State title in school history.

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

Week 194 question: In the 1979-80 boys' basketball season, who did THS lose to at sectionals: Ashland, Unity or Spooner?

Sports Briefs

Annual cross country alumni scrimmage

The annual Tomahawk Cross Country Alumni Scrimmage will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24. The 5K race will start at Bradley Park at 9 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive before 8:30 a.m.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, July 28	83	68
Monday, July 29	80	60
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Friday, Aug. 2	89	53
Saturday, Aug. 3	85	59

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.

We have been looking at Hosea 4:1, the LORD has a controversy with the people – they no longer knew God, nor cared about truth or mercy. The result was that violence and crime increased. In verses 6 through 9, we are told that this situation arose because the priests were not teaching the people the truth about God from the Word of God, anymore.

The last few weeks, I have focused on the changes that have taken place in *American Christianity*, a move from a God-centered focus to a man-centered focus. The old belief was that churches exist to bring glory to God by teaching the truth about God and believers living in obedience to God's Word (1 Peter 2:9-12). In the 1800's this emphasis began to be replaced with a man-centered focus, the idea that churches exist to get as many people saved and on their way to Heaven as possible, and God is here to make us happy. Initially, the changes were slow, the biggest changes took place following World War 2 and more again in the 1960's.

One change was this thing called the *seeker friendly service*, an attempt to make church services more appealing to those who did not know God but may be curious. To do this, there were things the Bible said about God and our sins that had to be toned down, and in some situations, muted.

In making these changes, some churches became successful and *mega-churches* were born – churches of thousands in attendance. There is nothing wrong with big churches, they have existed in the past. What I find troubling are the changes that were made since the 1960's to do this; changes designed to get bigger crowds to attend church, changes to make Christianity more *acceptable* and *inviting* to the unconverted. But how well did that turn out?

The initial response was the growth of mega-churches across the country. Another response was the change in Christian music so that the Christian music industry, which was small, became a multi-billion dollar industry. Also, the small Christian publishing industry became a multi-billion dollar industry. Yet, as Christianity seemed to become more popular, the influence of Christianity in the culture decreased to what we see today – much like what Hosea talked about in his day (Hosea 4:1-9). A few verses come to mind.

A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by what the prophets say; and my people love to have it so (Jeremiah 5:30,31). Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets (Jesus, Luke 6:26). For the time will come when they will not endure sound teaching; but after their own desires they shall heap to themselves teachers who tickle their ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:3,4).

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Fishing Report: Warmer weather leads to rise in water temps

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN – We had a week of good old-fashioned summer weather here last week. A forecast in the 80s daily brought water temperatures up quickly – and slowed the fish down some. That's ok! It's been a great season so far, and we've got a lot to look forward to.

Right now, things are still busy on the water, so for fishing, the mornings and evenings are the most productive and peaceful times out there. We're seeing action that varies greatly from day to day, and even time of day. One spot may be productive for short periods of time every day – or for one day and not again all week.

Walleye fishing has held

up well, with evening action still bringing the best bite. The fish are holding in deeper weeds or in wood. Minnows have been the best bait for them, fished on jigs right at the weed edges. As we said, evenings are best, but you can also fish successfully during the daytime for them. At this time of the year, fish very close to the bottom at the weed edges.

Northern action has been very good. A lot of these fish have been caught by anglers who were fishing for bass or walleye in the weeds. Look for the deep weeds in the 10 to 13 feet-range. They hold in these deeper weeds, especially when it's warm, and you can run crankbaits or minnows on slip bobbers over these weeds.

Bass action continues to be good, with the large-mouth hitting well on plastics. Look for the thickest "slop" you can find for these fish. Surface baits are also great fun at this time of year. Smallies are hitting better than the large-mouth on many lakes. They are usually over rocks and harder bottom areas. You can also "twitch" for these fish on calm days over shallow rocks with floating Rapalas.

Musky action continues to be decent, both during the daytime and at night. We're hearing of fish fairly shallow, with small buck-tails and surface baits bringing the most success. Some larger fish are being caught now as we slide towards late summer. That

amazing fall musky fishing is something we have to look forward to at this point in the summer!

Panfish action is good, with bluegills again leading the way. Just find some weeds and use worms or waxies with light tackle for these fish. Crappie action has been very good this summer, with the crappies holding, especially to deeper weeds. Minnows and are best for these guys. Perch are also hitting minnows and leeches in the deeper part of weed beds.

This is our first mention of fall in these reports, which means we'll be in the middle of it by what will seem like tomorrow!

Good luck and good fishing!

DNR: Spring waterfowl survey shows 'positive results'

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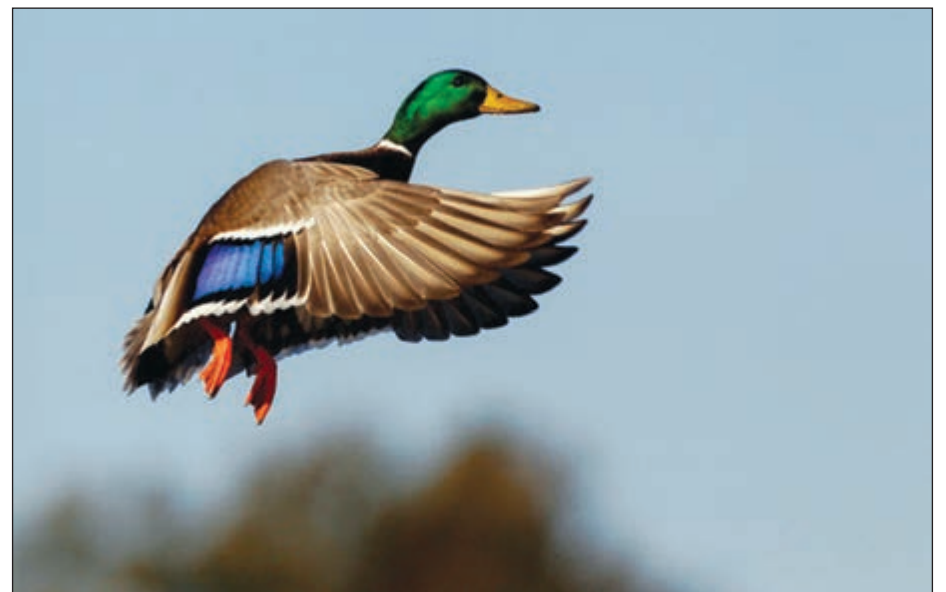
WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last week announced that data from the annual spring survey of breeding waterfowl is available.

The survey indicated both stable population numbers and habitat conditions for migratory birds.

The information from this survey is part of the overall survey of breeding waterfowl in North America. It aids the DNR in making management decisions about waterfowl in Wisconsin, including hunting season structure and harvest limits.

The spring waterfowl breeding survey has been conducted every year since 1973, except for 2020. Survey results are best interpreted as trends over several years rather than year-to-year comparisons.

Surveyors estimated the state's breeding duck population to be 502,058 birds, a 3.7% decrease from the 2023



Spring waterfowl surveys indicate stable population numbers for migratory birds, according to Wisconsin DNR. Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

estimate but above the long-term average.

The mallard breeding population estimate is 146,561 birds, 7.9% lower compared to 2023 and lower than the long-term average.

The wood duck population estimate was 96,711 birds, similar to last year and above the long-term average.

The Canada goose population estimate was 153,402

birds, similar to 2023 and significantly higher than the long-term average.

"In addition to positive survey results, the wet conditions across the state should provide excellent brood-rearing opportunities for waterfowl throughout the remainder of the

summer," said Taylor Finger, DNR Game Bird Ecologist.

Find additional data from this and other wildlife survey reports on the DNR's Wisconsin Wildlife Reports webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wildlife-Habitat/reports.

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