

HMM Boutique, Mary Smith take home Wisconsin Main Street awards

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TOMAHAWK LEADER
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MENOMINIE – A downtown Tomahawk business and a volunteer were honored during the 34th Wisconsin Main Street Awards Ceremony earlier this month.

The ceremony was held at the Tainter Theater in Menominee on Thursday, March 13, where Main Street organizations, businesses and individuals were recognized for their efforts in promoting and breathing new life into their downtown districts.

Wisconsin Main Street, administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), is a community development program that targets Wisconsin's historic commercial districts.

"WEDC provides technical support and training to the 34 Main Street communities to help them revitalize their business districts based on guidelines developed by Main Street America," a release from WEDC stated.

Since the program's inception in 1987, Wisconsin Main Street community efforts have resulted in the creation of nearly 3,500 new businesses and more than 17,000 net new jobs and over \$3 billion in public and private investment has occurred in these districts, according to WEDC.

During fiscal year 2024, Wisconsin Main Street communities added 92 net new businesses and 589 net new jobs.

"None of this activity would be possible without the nearly 30,000 annual volunteer hours dedicated to the Main Street effort by passionate individuals from each community," WEDC said.

Initiatives in Tomahawk, Chippewa Falls, Eagle River, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Ladysmith, Milwaukee, Rice Lake, Ripon, Wausau and other Wisconsin communities were among those honored during this year's ceremony.

WEDC said recognized projects included business and community development initiatives, building



Pictured, from left, are Matt and Jenna Pultz of HMM Boutique; Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) Executive Director and Nominator Jennifer Turkiewicz; and Mary and Mike Smith.

Photo by Zach Porter

renovations, community celebrations and revitalization success stories from across the Badger State.

"Every day across Wisconsin, business and community leaders are looking for new ways to build an economy for all, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive," said WEDC Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes. "Our downtowns represent the heart and soul of our communities, and this year's Main Street Award winners represent the very best our state has to offer. The Main Street Awards ceremony celebrates the hard work, vision and dedication of those who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to preserve and promote their downtowns."

Two awards brought home to Tomahawk

Tomahawk was well-represented at this month's ceremony, with Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) Executive Director and Nominator Jennifer Turkiewicz, Matt and Jenna Pultz of HMM Boutique and Mike and Mary Smith on hand.

Two awards were ultimately brought home by the Tomahawk contingent.

Jenna Pultz, owner of HMM Boutique in downtown Tomahawk, received the Best Marketing Campaign award.

A release from TMS said the award "recognizes excellence in an image/branding item, campaign, event or series, whether

print or broadcast," noting that "there was no doubt" Pultz would be Tomahawk's nominee for the award.

"From an online store to an educational blog for all things 'Mom,' as well as a brick and mortar store, plus a mobile shop for those craft fairs and special events, HMM Boutique has got it going on," TMS stated. "Jenna is our go-to marketing gal, and she knows how to catch your eye with appealing posts, articles to make life just a wee bit easier and displays to make you say, 'Oh yeah, that is coming home with me.'"

TMS said the HMM Boutique Rewards Program is the business's way of saying "thank you" to their customers.

"We love you for every purchase, social media interaction and each time you share our brand with friends and family," HMM Boutique said. "You are the reason behind our success."

Also offering an Affiliate Program, HMM gives its customers one more way to engage, TMS noted.

"A special VIP group on Facebook not only gives HMM's customers a sneak peek at specials, but also invites you to one more way to easily get those great looks at an even better price," TMS explained. "Throughout the year, HMM runs promos, specials and even sipping sessions to interest you in their ever-changing apparel and products, and the toy section is also a lot of fun. Jenna will tell you she is the picture of 'Hot Mess Mommy,' but we say she makes it look easy while making us look good. Congratulations to Jenna and her team for this well-deserved award."

Mary Smith was Tomahawk's second award recipient, taking home Community Champion honors.

The Community Champion Award, previously known as the Volunteer of the Year Award, is designed to recognize the individual who contributed the most to their respective Main Street

program throughout the past year, TMS explained.

"Merry? Yes! Hometown proud? Yes! Heart on Main? Yes! Mary Smith? Yes! Yes, she is the definition of Community Champion," TMS stated. "Mary volunteers not only during Main Street events, but also at our stores, reading to the children so guardians can shop. She designs window displays, then helps implement them. Mary is one of the merry elves that brought Hometown Christmas back to life downtown."

TMS added that Smith also teamed up with her brothers and sisters to bring back their family's Postl Popcorn Stand to downtown events, noting that during last year's Fall Fest, they handed out 25 pounds of popcorn, and at TomaWalk, the crew also offered cotton candy.

Smith played a major role in Hometown Christmas' return to Tomahawk, a tradition that "(gives) that Hallmark feel to the downtown, and celebrating the reason for the season has brightened the streets and the hearts of locals and visitors alike," TMS said.

"The list can go on, but the simple truth is Mary loves our hometown, and she is a champion for our community, going above and beyond to create moments to remember," TMS stated. "Mary, thank you for all you do. Your creativity and enthusiasm cannot be matched, and we so appreciate you."

"Tomahawk Main Street is pleased to announce these award winners," TMS continued. "Our beautiful downtown is near and dear to all of us who live and visit here, and receiving recognition statewide, competing against so many other amazing communities, is a true testament to this community's hard work and dedication. Thank you to everyone for your commitment and continued support of our mission, vision, goals and beliefs."

Human remains discovered in Town of Bradley house fire

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF BRADLEY – Human remains were discovered while firefighters worked to extinguish a fire at a Town of Bradley residence last week.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Thursday, March 20, just before 6 a.m., the Lincoln County Dispatch Center was notified of the residential fire, with flames emanating outside the residence.

The Tomahawk, Nokomis, and Cassian fire departments responded to

the scene. Upon arrival, firefighters found the residence fully engulfed.

The Sheriff's Office said human remains were later discovered inside the residence while crews were working to extinguish the fire.

No further information had been released as of press time on Monday, March 24.

The incident is under investigation by the Sheriff's Office, the Wisconsin State Fire Marshals and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

Merrill man charged with father's murder

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MERRILL – A Merrill man has been charged with murdering his father.

According to a press release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Tuesday, March 18, at approximately 6:06 p.m., the Lincoln County 911 Dispatch Center received a call requesting a welfare check for a Merrill man who had not shown up for work and had not been heard from.

Deputies responded to the call in the Town of Corning, where they discovered the missing man, identified by the Sheriff's Office as John Stevenson, 48, deceased.

Following an investigation, law enforcement took the victim's son, Austin Stevenson, 25, of Merrill, into custody in connection with the incident.

Stevenson is charged with first-degree intentional homicide and burglary of a building or dwelling, according to court records.



Stevenson
Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Jail

A \$250,000.00 cash bond was set for Stevenson. Under terms of the bond, if bond is posted, Stevenson must be equipped with a GPS monitoring system before being released from the Lincoln County Jail. Stevenson, if released, also cannot leave his place of residence except for medical or legal appointments. He must also have no contact with any of the family members of the victim, not possess any dangerous weapons and not operate any heavy equipment or motor vehicles.

The incident remains under investigation.

Lincoln County to sue Dunphy for interfering in Pine Crest sale

A&L Committee directs broker to continue negotiations for new sales contract

BY TINA L. SCOTT
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LINCOLN COUNTY – On Monday, March 10, in a special meeting of the Lincoln County Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee that lasted approximately two hours, most of which was held in closed session, the committee directed the broker contracted to facilitate the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home to continue negotiations with the interested parties.

The A&L Committee then took formal action to sue Lincoln County Board Supervisor Donald J. Dunphy (and former Lincoln County District Attorney) for interfering with the contract between Lincoln County and purchaser Merrill Campus, LLC and Senior Management, Inc. for the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

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Tomahawk, Nokomis, Little Rice departments hold spring wildfire training with DNR

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TOWN OF NOKOMIS – The Tomahawk, Nokomis and Little Rice fire departments last week teamed up with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a training session focused on spring wildfires.

A total of 33 firefighters gathered at the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department, where they reviewed terminology, priorities and safety before heading outside to talk in more detail about tractor-plovers, Type 4 engines and Type 6 engines.

The departments also shared a meal, provided by the Little Rice Canteen and The Grill.

The Tomahawk Fire Department thanked the DNR for leading the training.

“Staying sharp and ready for wildfire season is critical, and we appreciate the knowledge and hands-on experience,” the Tomahawk department said. “Stay safe, stay prepared, and as always, we’re here for our community.”



Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Fire Department



LAWSUIT

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The sale of the nursing home had been originally set to close between the parties on June 30, 2024, and then on a mutually extended closing date of Sept. 30, 2024, but the buyer canceled the Asset Purchase Agreement on June 28 of last year, citing a litigation clause in the contract, after Dunphy filed a lawsuit on May 16, 2024, which he said was intended to stop the sale.

Meeting details

The committee moved into closed session after calling the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., with County Board Chairman and A&L Committee Chairman Jesse Boyd; A&L Committee members and Angela Cummings, Ken Wickham, Lori Anderson-Malm, Marguerite Lyskawa and Greg Hartwig; Lincoln County Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson; Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger; and the broker selected by the Committee to facilitate the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home, Marcus & Millichap, all in attendance.

DePasse made a motion, and Wickham seconded a motion to go into the closed session, and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Any other Lincoln County Board Supervisors in attendance were also invited into the closed session portion of the meeting.

The closed session was called according to Wis. Statutes for the purpose of “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” for the purpose of an update from the broker and review of any Letters of Intent for the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home.

After more than an hour deliberating, the meeting was called back into open session on a motion from Julie DePasse, seconded by Greg Hartwig, and a unanimous vote.

Chairman Boyd announced there was no motion coming out of the closed session; however, the broker had been directed to continue negotiations with interested parties.

He called for a 10-minute recess and, once reconvened and called back into open session, a second closed session was conferred according to Wis. Statutes for the purpose of “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved” specific to “(1) litigation related to return of earnest money; (2) possible litigation related to Tortious Interference by Donald J. Dunphy with Contract of the Sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home; and (3) the tax deed class action lawsuit in Wisconsin filed against all counties and the City of Milwaukee.”

DePasse made the motion, seconded by Cummings, with the closed session to include Krueger and Johnson. It passed unanimously on a voice vote.

After nearly another hour, the A&L Committee again reconvened into open session on a motion from Cummings, second from Lyskawa, and a unanimous voice vote.

This time the Committee did take formal action. DePasse made a motion directing Lincoln County Corporation Counsel to draft a resolution to authorize the commencement of litigation against Donald J. Dunphy for tortious interference with the contract regarding the prior Pine Crest Nursing Home sale at her earliest convenience. The motion carried on a voice vote before the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Pictured, with the new Hatchet Booster Club-sponsored lifting max board, are members of the Hatchet Weightlifting Club. Photo by Cooper Kelley

Hatchet Booster Club funds new lifting max board for THS weight room

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Thanks to a donation from the Hatchet Booster Club, the Tomahawk High School (THS) weight room now has a new board that will display current leaders in certain lifts for both male and female athletes.

Erin Olsen, President of the Booster Club, said the Weightlifting Club sought support in highlighting certain milestones and goal attainments in the weight room. The Booster Club approved funding for the board in Dec. 2024.

“This is one of the many ways of how the Booster Club

supports the development and training of our local Tomahawk Hatchet athletes,” Olsen stated.

Hatchet Weightlifting Club students helped create and vote on multiple designs provided by Jacob Gilson and BSN Sports, and the board arrived in late February.

“Athletic success for both team and individual sports is directly related to efforts in the offseason, and specifically, the weight room development,” said School District of Tomahawk Activities Director Ryan Flynn, noting that the board “will help drive and promote growth and com-

petition through daily recognition.”

THS Strength and Conditioning Coordinator Cooper Kelley thanked the Booster Club, saying the new addition to the weight room “comes at a great time in Hatchet athletics, with its recent success across various sports in the last few years and the continual investment in the growth of our student-athletes.”

“Our recent success throughout the entire athletic department can be attributed to the effort the kids put in and the belief of coaches to raise the bar of Tomahawk athletics,” Kelley stated.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, March 17: On 3/14/2025 deputies were sent to the area of CTH G and Polak Rd. in the Town of Schley for a reported vehicle in the ditch. Upon arrival, the deputy made contact with the driver to find out what had happened. The deputy noticed signs of impairment and asked the driver, a man, 60, from Minneapolis, Minn., to do some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for a first offense OWI. The man was later turned over to Lincoln County Corrections officers.

On 3/15/2025 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on STH 64 near USH 51 in the Town of Pine River for a speeding violation. In speaking with the driver, an Antigo man, 30, the deputy questioned him to the presence of any illegal drugs. The driver advised that he had a THC vape that he had purchased in Michigan and he had smoked THC two hours prior to the stop. The deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for a first offense OWI with a restricted controlled substance and possession of THC. The driver was later booked into the Lincoln County Jail. The deputy was assisted at the scene of the stop by a Merrill K9 officer and his partner.

On 03/15/2025 a deputy was sent to the area of USH 51 and USH 8 in the Town of Bradley for a driving complaint. As the deputy responded to the call, he located a vehicle traveling S/B on USH 51 at 81 MPH in a 65 MPH zone. The deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver, a Marshfield man, 27. In making contact with the man, the deputy, who is a specially trained drug recognition expert, observed signs of impairment. The driver was asked to perform some sobriety tests, which he first agreed to, but then indicated that he was cold. The driver agreed to continue the tests in a warmer location, so the deputy brought the driver to the Lincoln County Safety building to finish the tests. As a result of those tests, the man was arrested for a second offense of OWI, bail jumping misdemeanor and a probation hold. He was later booked into the Lincoln County Jail.

Deputies conducted 76 traffic stops and 48 security checks.

Deputies responded to three car vs. deer crashes and one car vs. turkey. Driving complaints: Six.

The 911 Center took two hang-up calls and two nuisance calls.

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THS forensics team punches ticket to State

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – The Tomahawk High School (THS) forensics team is headed to the State competition.

The competition will be held at UW-Madison on Friday, April 11.

The students punched their collective ticket to State after competing in the district-level competition earlier this month, performing in the following categories.

Galen Schmidt, Far-rago; Julia McGovern, Impromptu; Cedar Hoffman, Poetry; Alena Cerkas, Prose; Maddie Long, Prose; Lydia Shaney, Prose; Aubrey Graeber, Kael Oates and Damian Gonzalas-Ramirez, Group Interpretation; Sadie Ruder, Payton Loka, Jayden Dellinger and Tamara Stenberg, Group Interpretation; Sarah Kallerud, Tobias Scott, Phoebe Hrdina and Finn Colburn, Group Interpretation.

Molly Kollath is the team's head coach. She is assisted by Michele Balda and Katie Pritzl.

“We are incredibly proud of (the team's) hard work, dedication and talent,” Kollath said. “The team has worked hard to get here and we hope to continue to make our community proud. We want to thank our students for their determination, as well as their families, teachers and the community for their ongoing support.



Pictured, back row, from left: Phoebe Hrdina, Payton Loka, Sarah Kallerud, Tamara Stenberg, Galen Schmidt, Tobias Scott; middle: Julia McGovern, Lydia Shaney, Cedar Hoffman, Kael Oates, Finn Colburn, Damian Gonzalas-Ramirez; front: Aubrey Graeber, Jayden Dellinger, Sadie Ruder, Maddie Long, Alena Cerkas.

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watch. We look forward to seeing our team represent Tomahawk with pride at State.”

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William Elliot "Bill" Grodevant, 73, of Tomahawk, passed away Friday, March 14, 2025 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. Bill was born on June 26, 1951 in La Crosse, Wis., the son of Daniel and Esther (Shawley) Grodevant. He grew up exploring the bluffs and Mississippi River waterways of the La Crosse area, as well as the Milwaukee neighborhoods near Bay View. Bill served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Berchtesgaden Recreation Center in Germany. While working toward his degree in Physical Education at UW-La Crosse, he met the love of his life, Jeanne Doucette. They married on Aug. 27, 1983. Bill worked as a Painter/Interior Decorator, often with his father and brother. He began a career at Lincoln Hills School where he was a Youth Counselor, Recreation Leader and Teacher. Many now enjoy the star-filled night sky thanks to his instruction. Following retirement, Bill became active in metal detecting and enjoying the Wausau Area Gold Prospectors Association of America. He readily shared knowledge on these topics. Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Jeanne; sons, Nick Grodevant, Hawaii and Karl Grodevant, Wisconsin; sisters, Jo Anne Manke, Bangor, Wis.; Cindy (Steve) Miller, West Salem, Wis.; Pat Grodevant, Hokah, Minn.; brother, Chuck (Ann) Grodevant, Onalaska, Wis.; and numerous cherished nieces, nephews, and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Sherry Flatten and Lynn Simmons; and brother, Danny John Grodevant. A Memorial Service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tomahawk, with Fr. Isaac Doucette officiating and Military Honors. Visitation will be held on March 28, 2025 from 11 a.m. to time of service at church. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.nimsgernfuneral.com.



Cathy J. Bahlow, 61, of Tomahawk, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. Cathy was born March 8, 1964, in Stambough, Mich., daughter of Clarence J. and Beverly A. (Corrigan) Tipler. She married Charles "Charlie" Bahlow on Nov. 1, 1997. He survives. Cathy worked in fast food management as a team leader. She had worked at various local restaurants including Taco Bell and Hardee's in Merrill, McDonald's in Tomahawk, and Culver's and Burger King in Rhinelander. She had also worked as a nursing assistant at a local nursing home. She was a member of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomahawk where she was active in the church's Ladies Aid/LWML and quilting group, she made busy bags for the youngsters, and she ushered with her husband. Cathy was involved in the Lions Club; she was the past president of the former Northwoods Lions Club and Secretary of the Crandon Lions Club. Cathy also enjoyed socializing with friends, crocheting, fishing with her husband. Survivors include her husband, Charlie Bahlow of Tomahawk; sister, Mari Tipler of Rhinelander; brothers, Clayton (Roxanna) Tipler of Davenport, Florida and Jeff (Michelle) Tipler of Casco, Wisconsin; niece, Jayme (Ryan) Matsen of De Pere; and great nephew, Eric Matsen of De Pere. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Beverly Tipler; step-son, Zachary A. Bahlow; and brother, Thomas Tipler. The funeral service for Cathy will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomahawk. Rev. Stephen P. Gillet will preside. Burial will take place in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Town of Corning. The family will receive friends beginning at 9 a.m., Tuesday at the church. Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.taylorstinewaid.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Crandon Lions Club or St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church LWML.



John A. Stahmer, age 47, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Tomahawk, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2025 in Costa Rica. Funeral Services for John are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the United Methodist Church in Tomahawk. Visitation will take place at the church on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A full obituary will be listed in the next edition of the Tomahawk Leader. Generations Funeral Home is assisting the family.



Althea Katherine Tiffany, 83, of Tomahawk, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Milestone Senior Living surrounded by her loved ones. Althea was born Oct. 2, 1941 in Marathon, the daughter of George and Mildred (Mueller) Derleth. She was united in marriage to Delmar Schroeder and he preceded her in death, then married Ervin Tiffany on June 22, 1985. She loved four wheeling, giving hayrides, painting, creating homemade embroidered cards for loved ones, traveling, nature, and feeding the deer and most of all her family. She also loved shooting pool and was proud to be a Rio Grand valley champion while spending time in Texas. Althea is survived by her husband of 39 years, Ervin; daughters, Karen (Robert) Oestreich, Merrill; Sandra Schroeder (Greg Adrian) Blanchardville; sons, Daniel (Lotus) Schroeder, Evansville, Ind.; sisters, Jeanne (Art) Osero, Tomahawk; Eileen (Roger) Hinz, Tomahawk; brothers, Evan (Terry) Derleth, Tomahawk; George (Lynn) Derleth, Tomahawk; sisters, Mary (Greg) Rogers, Fitchburg; Sally (Michael) Schnarr, Madison; step-daughters, Susan Tiffany, Tomahawk; Annette (Joe) Tiffany, Mondovi; Tina (Mark) Leonard, New Berlin; step-son, Roger (Laurie) Tiffany, Mosinee; 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Debra DuPlayee; brothers, Lauren Derleth and Gordon Derleth; and a great-great granddaughter. Memorial Services were held at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, with Pastor Mark Gass officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to time of service. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family.



Charles "Chuck" E. Gaedtke, 69, of Tomahawk, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at the Asprius Wausau Hospital. Chuck was born Feb. 7, 1956 in Wausau, the son of Almon and Vivian (Berg) Gaedtke. Chuck dedicated 36 years of work to Green Bay Packaging in Wausau, from 1977 until retiring in 2013. Chuck was an incredibly proud father and grandfather. When his sons were younger and involved in sports, Chuck rarely, if ever, missed a game or practice. He was their biggest supporter, always cheering them on. Win or lose, it didn't matter, as long as they gave it 100% and left it all out on the field or ice rink. Chuck also treasured the outdoors and passed that enthusiasm on to his sons. Hunting deer and grouse, fishing, and shooting firearms and archery created many fond memories and lessons learned. Countless hours were spent together out in the woods hunting or with lines in the water. Fishing for trout was one of his favorite things, as they are fierce fighters, put on spectacular displays of ariel acrobatics, plus they taste great! He always had a nice hot coffee with him, no matter the weather. He was incredibly quick-witted and never missed an opportunity to crack a joke. Chuck is survived by his sons, Zachary (Brandi) Gaedtke, Mosinee; Heath (Michaela) Gaedtke, Ringle; brother, Calvin Gaedtke, Tomahawk; five grandchildren, Case and Mackenzie; Genevieve, Gabrielle, and Larkin. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Grace; and brothers, Don, Raymond, Melvin and Randy. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025 at Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home, Tomahawk, with Pastor Larry Mathein officiating. Burial will be later in the spring at Greenwood Cemetery. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com.

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David Lee Weizenicker passed on to eternal life on March 15, 2025 at his Clear Lake Condo home, with his daughters by his side. He was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease a few months ago. David arrived on August 5, 1939, the first child of Leon and Florence Weizenicker, of German and Austrian descent. He was born in a private home, near downtown Tomahawk, assisted by a mid-wife. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School and graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1957. Then, encouraged by his high school advisor, Don Linteur, he attended Stevens Point College for three years. He then transferred to the University of Michigan for two years, including a required forestry summer camp, graduating in 1962 with a degree in Forestry. Four days after graduation, he joined the Department of Natural Resources for what became a 35-plus year career, as a recreational forester, park ranger, land acquisition negotiator for park lands and superintendent of Wisconsin's largest state park, Devil's Lake, near Baraboo. In 1981, he was appointed Director of the Wisconsin State Park system, a position he held until his retirement. In 1964, David married Joyce Herbert in Milwaukee. They were married for 57 years and adopted two infant girls. Joyce passed in 2022 from cancer. Upon retirement in 1998, he and his wife, Joyce, moved to their vacation home on the Tomahawk River. They then moved to Rockport, Tex., to spend easier winters and have time to travel. Over the next 20 years, they travelled to all seven continents, visited over 90 countries, were abroad more than 42 times and spent time in every state in the U.S., including Hawaii twice and Alaska three times. In his working years, he was very active in volunteer activities, including serving on several city commissions for the city of Middleton and was a member of the downtown Madison Kiwanis club. He also served as Grand Knight for the Middleton Knights of Columbus, a retreat coordinator for the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, on the Middleton church council, as a religious educator, an Edgewood High School girls swim and track team parent and on the Clear Lake Condo Board. While State Parks Director, he was very proud of his work facilitating the establishment of friends' groups for state parks, formally organizing the establishment of a statewide "friends for state parks" in 1996. That effort has grown into the enhancement of state parks with millions of dollars of support funds and volunteer activities and projects. In addition, he and his management team were successful in building partnerships with the tourism industry and acquiring over 1,000 miles of railroad-rights-of-way for the state trails program. Beginning in 2010, David and Joyce worked with the Natural Resources Foundation of Madison and established endowment funds for State Parks and the Tomahawk Public Library. Then, funds with the North Central Community Foundation for tuition support for St. Mary's Parochial School in Tomahawk and one for St. Jude's Children's Hospital for cancer research. A fund was also established with the Univ. of Michigan for tuition support at the college of Natural Resources. In 2016, David was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of State Park Directors for his work managing the state park system. In 2019, He received St. Mary's School Alumni Spotlight recognition. In 2023, David married Margaret Hayes, from Illinois and for many years a Lake Nokomis resident. Just recently, he and Margaret established an endowment with the Wausau Foundation for the Tomahawk Community Meal Program. The Endowments in total exceed one million dollars of personal funds, with the market value ever higher. The funds have paid out nearly \$200,000 to date. He and his family "discovered" that it was much more enjoyable and satisfying to give than it was to continue to accumulate. David had many personal interests: birding, fishing, traveling, an avid reader, photography, doing PowerPoint presentations of trips and others. In later years, he became an accomplished cook and enjoyed trying new recipes taken off the internet. Above all, growing up and spending time at the family land in Oneida County, with roots going back to 1949, was his favorite place. His more memorable times were spent hiking, snowshoeing, hunting and in later years roaming around in his UTV. The camp was a personal place of peace and solitude, right up to the time of his passing. Life was very good for David, with many blessings and adventures. Above all, God gave him and his first wife Joyce a wonderful life together and then God intervened again and brought Margaret into his life – too short but sweet nevertheless. David wishes to thank all those, too numerous to mention, who have befriended him over the years. He had many good friends and that made life even more special. David especially wanted to thank his two daughters, Jo Ann and Susan, for their loving and attentive care of their mother and himself, for being close to them at their time of critical health and need. The end of life would have been much more painful without their presence. He was also thankful them for their niceties to their relatively new step-mother. David was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, his parents, and his sister Jeanne Hinke; brother-in-law, Bob. He is survived by his wife Margaret, two daughters, Jo Ann (Scott) Kuharske, Susan (Mike) Walton, two grandsons, Leopold and Raymond, his sister Judith Nelson, his brother, Tom (Phyllis) Weizenicker, stepson John Hayes, stepdaughters, Maureen Phillips and Mary Ellen Spadafore, numerous step-grandchildren and cousins, nephews and nieces. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 12, 2025 at Grace Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service. In lieu of flowers, David asks that donations be sent to the Tomahawk Community Meal Program at 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, Wis. Feel free to join this group on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. from April to December for a great meal and social contacts. Online condolences for the family may be expressed at www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family

OBITUARIES



Andy Thomas MacMorran, 78, passed away March 20, 2025 at the Seasons for Life Hospice House in Woodruff, Wis. He was born Feb. 17, 1947 in Evanston, Ill., the son of Andrew Donald (Don) MacMorran and Jane (Torkilson) MacMorran. He was united in marriage on May 9, 1987 to Nancy J. Schoone. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a granddaughter. He is survived by his sons Anthony (Vilia) Turgeon, Kenosha, Wis., Mark (Amy) Turgeon, Buckley, Wash., Jeffrey (Diana) Turgeon, North Pole, Alaska, and a daughter, Kimberley Hoholek, Janesville, Wis. Additionally, he is survived by a brother James (Mary) MacMorran, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Andy was a 1965 graduate of University High School, Bloomington, Ind., and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Upon graduation, he worked for the federal government in the Rhinelander area before working as the Lincoln County Zoning Administrator. After retiring from the county, he worked for Lamar Sign Company, Marshfield, Wis. Upon his official retirement, he and Nancy enjoyed traveling around the country, visiting all 50 states and many providences of Canada. They also enjoyed visiting the National Parks across the country. At his request, there will be no funeral services. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Seasons of Life (Hospice House), Aspirus Health, Woodruff, Wis. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

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Associated Clergy of Tomahawk
“Pastor’s Corner”

Here in Northwoods of Wisconsin, we get all kinds of weather in March. It can be like spring or we can have rain storms or even snow storms that border on being destructive. Most of us get use to living with such weathers.

Years ago, the immortal singer and actress, Ethel Waters, sang a song” Stormy Weather.” The song referred to the conditions of life we all encounter. But in her life, Ethel Waters stopped singing “Stormy Weather.” She proudly proclaimed that after meeting Jesus, she didn’t worry about stormy weather any longer, that with Jesus in her life, she had a new song which was “He Has His Eye on the Sparrow.”

We live in troubled times which could be called stormy weather but the old truth still endures that with Jesus, our troubles can disappear for we can know that he holds our lives in his eye, like the sparrow that He cares for. The gospel of Luke 12:7 tells us “But even the very hairs of our head are all numbered. Fear not: you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

It is a foundational principal of Christianity, that enduring peace comes from trusting in God through Jesus Christ and living with confidence that life is good. Life can be meaningful and fulfilling when we keep the right attitude. It is my wish for you that you may have this attitude.



Dr. Patrick Shelley,
Retired Minister

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Protected Moments in Time:
A Reflection on Love and Change

Dear Reader,

In life, we all experience what I’d call “protected moments in time”—those rare and powerful instances where everything feels eternal. Perhaps it was the day you fell in love and promised a “forever” to someone, or a life-changing experience where a vow to stay true felt as solid as the stars. In these moments, we see our highest ideals, our best selves, and we genuinely believe that nothing will shake that promise.

Yet life has a way of unfolding unpredictably. Years pass, circumstances change, and sometimes, so do we. We might find ourselves looking back at those once-immovable promises, wondering if they are still meant to shape our lives now. It’s a complex question: Do we remain loyal to the person we once were, honoring that promise? Or do we let that moment live as a cherished memory, appreciating it for what it was, even if we have outgrown it?

As we grow, perhaps part of honoring these protected moments is acknowledging that they held real meaning



and value, even if time has carried us in different directions. It’s about asking ourselves how these moments can be preserved—not necessarily as obligations but as threads in the fabric of our lives. In this way, those precious promises don’t have to be lost or broken; instead, they become a part of who we are today, even as we embrace the person we’ve become.

Opening this dialogue invites us to look at our lives with compassion, respect, and honesty. It allows us to honor our past without being held captive by it, and perhaps to understand that some promises were meant to live beautifully in memory, influencing us, but not confining us. In these reflections, we might find peace, and maybe even inspiration, to continue building moments worth protecting in the time we have.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.

News Briefs

Open Arms Community Meal
to reopen April 1


Open Arms Community Meal, served each Tuesday at St. Mary’s Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, will reopen on Tuesday, April 1 at 5 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call Teri at 715-218-7776.

LCVSO holding
Tomahawk visits


Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer Matthew Pultz will be available at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., on Thursday, April 3; and Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. To schedule an appointment, call 715-539-1083.

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A Park City Credit Union account established to cover student lunch debts at the School District of Tomahawk is continuing to accept donations. To contribute to the account, visit Park City Credit Union.



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Ask the PASTOR



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

We have been looking at the question, *How did we get the Bible?* For today I would like to look at the question, *Why does the Old Testament of the Bible write so much about Israel?*

God has chosen to explain Himself to us using the medium of history. The Bible says that time began when God created the universe (Genesis 1:1). Before then, there was only eternity and God. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are a record of earth’s history from its creation up until the time of the beginning of nations. Then, beginning with Genesis 12, the rest of the Old Testament covers the history of the Jews, starting with Abraham. Why has God chosen to focus on the Jews in the Old Testament? I believe He did it is for a couple of reasons.

First, God has chosen to reveal Himself to us, and how we relate to Him, through the medium of history. By focusing on the history of one group of people, rather than many different groups of people, we are provided with a scientific approach to showing who God is. If God tried to explain Himself by showing how He treated different groups of people at different times, we might argue that God is like us and has His favorites. So what God did was to single out one ethnic group (Jews) to take as His own people (Genesis 12:1-3), and through His dealings with one ethnic group, He explains Himself to the world (Deuteronomy 7:6-10, 1 Corinthians 10:1-12).

The Bible makes it clear that God is not one God among many gods for people to choose from (Isaiah 43:9,10). Instead, as Romans 1:21-23 explains it, throughout history people have been guilty of rejecting God, as He defines Himself, and forming their own ideas about God. So God chose the medium of the history of the Jews to show Himself to us, and He put it in writing for all to read; this is the Old Testament of the Bible.

The second reason that God chose to focus on the Jews in the Old Testament is so that all who read would know that God means what He says and can be relied upon to keep His promises. In Malachi 3:6 we are told that because God does not change, the Jews will never disappear off the face of the earth; they are His continuing testimony that He keeps His promises.

God intends that the history of the Jews (Old Testament) would show who He is, and the continued existence of the Jews would be a continual reminder that He exists, keeps His promises, and does not change. Maybe this can help explain why Satan has been so busy over the centuries stirring up a hatred toward the Jews, whether it be the Holocaust of World War II, or present day forms of antisemitism. If he destroyed the Jews, he would undermine God’s testimony. When we hear of the Jews, we should remember that God keeps His promises.

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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE

‘Moneyball’ is one of the best sports films of our time

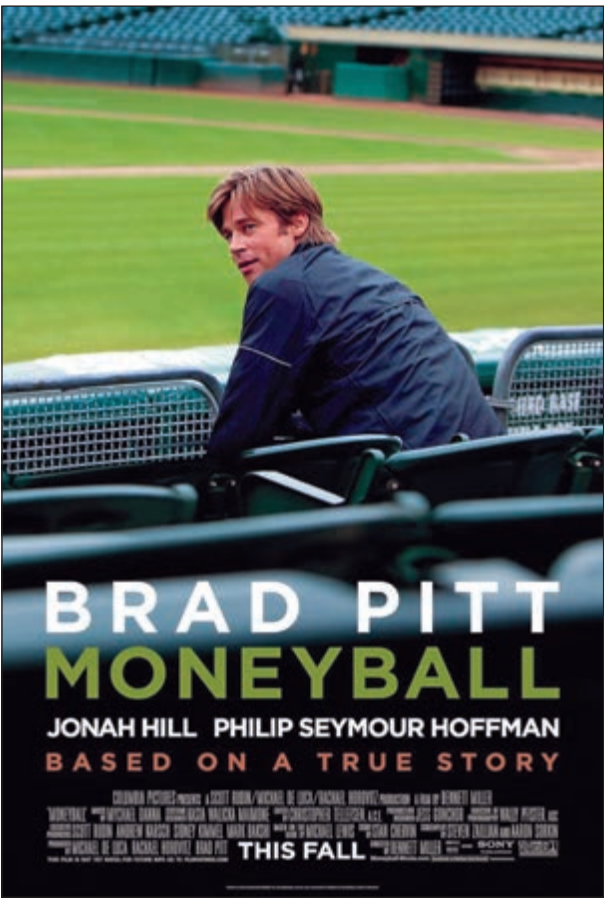
BY JALEN MAKI

We’ve gotten a few landmark sports films over the last 50 or so years. Now, there are many good sports movies, a lot of decent ones, and not-so-great ones are a dime a dozen. Each decade has had at least one top-tier sports film, but usually more. The 1970s had *Rocky* (and *Slap Shot*; shoutout to Paul Newman!). *Raging Bull*, *Bull Durham*, and *Field of Dreams* came out in the ‘80s. The ‘90s were stacked, with *The Sandlot*, *A League of Their Own*, *He Got Game*, and *Rudy*, to name a few. And we had *Remember the Titans*, *Miracle*, and *Friday Night Lights* in the 2000s, another pretty awesome sports movie decade.

The 2011 biographical sports drama *Moneyball*, directed by Bennett Miller, might be the genre’s peak in the 2010s (although I’d be remiss in not mentioning *Creed* and the criminally under-discussed *Warrior* here). *Moneyball* was nominated for six Academy Awards – quite a few for a sports flick.

Moneyball is based on Michael Lewis’ 2003 book *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game*. The book chronicled the Oakland Athletics’ 2002 season and how the team’s general manager, Billy Beane, worked to build a good roster with a fraction of the money bigger MLB teams had.

The movie opens with



the A’s falling to the New York Yankees in the 2001 American League Division Series. In the off-season, three key players leave Oakland: outfielder Johnny Damon signs with the Boston Red Sox, Jason Isringhausen goes to the St. Louis Cardinals, and first baseman/designated hitter Jason Giambi leaves for none other than the Bronx Bombers themselves. Billy (Brad Pitt), of course, would’ve loved to have brought these guys back, but at the end of the day, he’s simply outbid by clubs with more cash to

spend.

As Billy’s driving to work the day after the loss, a local sports talk radio host makes a keen, and somewhat depressing, observation about the team’s state of affairs: The A’s are essentially just a farm system for richer teams. Oakland drafts and develops talented guys like Giambi, but when they’re due for a big contract, ownership doesn’t want to pony up, so they go to a club that will give them their big payday, just as they’re hitting their primes.

Billy’s got quite the mountain to climb headed into ‘02. Not only was there a significant departure in talent, but he’s given a meager \$41 million payroll to build the roster. Meanwhile, the Yankees are rolling into the season with a cool \$126 million. How are the A’s supposed to compete with that?

Lo and behold, during a trade talk with the Cleveland Indians brass, Billy meets Peter Brand (Jonah Hill, who got an Oscar nomination for his role). Peter studied economics at Yale, and his first job out of college was with the Indians. Peter sees roster building differently than basically everyone else in the game. Essentially, Peter’s theory is that teams, rather than paying for players, should instead pay for wins, and, more specifically, runs. He tells Billy that Boston overpaid Damon relative to his value in scoring runs, and it’s good that he’s off Oakland’s books.

Billy brings Peter onto his staff as his Assistant GM, and Peter uses his knowledge of advanced statistics to explain what the A’s need out of their players in order to make the postseason. An equation Peter created, which uses player stats, brings players that other teams overlook to the forefront. Maybe it’s because of age, or appearance, or personality, but whatever it is that other clubs see as being “wrong” with them,

Peter believes that the 25 seriously undervalued players he’s found can come together to win a championship, while staying within the team’s budget constraints. The key is to bring in players who get on base. Things like batting average, and even the positions they play, are secondary to one statistic: on-base percentage. More guys on base means more guys crossing the plate, which means the likelihood of winning goes up. That’s pretty much the whole idea.

Sounds intriguing, doesn’t it? Billy certainly thinks so. And the math doesn’t lie, right? Well, the A’s scouting team is not thrilled. These are dudes that have been around the game for decades, putting in the work, traveling the country to see players up close and personal, and now some fresh-out-of-college Ivy League nerd waltzes in and tells them that the way they’ve gone about their life’s work is essentially wrong. They are, understandably, taken aback and borderline offended by this new approach, which is fully embraced by Billy. Watching the roomful of old baseball heads react in increasing disdain to each player Billy pitches them is actually pretty funny, and it sums up how off-the-wall the approach was at the time. But, Billy’s got the final say on the roster, and he and Peter bring in their guys.

Oakland’s season starts out a little rocky. Billy, despite having control over who’s on the team, doesn’t get to choose which players take the field; that’s the job of manager Art Howe (the all-time great Philip Seymour Hoffman, unsurprisingly, turning

in a note-perfect performance). The two regularly clash about the lineups, with Billy insisting on playing the players the way he envisioned, and Art standing his ground and fielding what he sees as the best group of guys each day. The several sequences where Pitt and Hoffman face off are spectacular.

After weeks of pretty miserable baseball, something happens that no one expects: Oakland starts winning. Like, a lot. And suddenly, Billy and Peter’s vision starts to make sense to everyone who doubted them. The A’s find themselves in the thick of the AL race again, despite an exodus of good players and a dearth of cash. The plan’s working, and baseball’s never seen anything quite like it.

What makes *Moneyball* a unicorn among modern movies in the genre is that the actual playing of the sport at hand isn’t really shown a whole lot, and when it is, it’s portrayed in an almost mystical fashion, utilizing slow-motion and somewhat strange yet effective lighting. The story isn’t told on the field; it’s told in meetings, and in film rooms, and from behind desks.

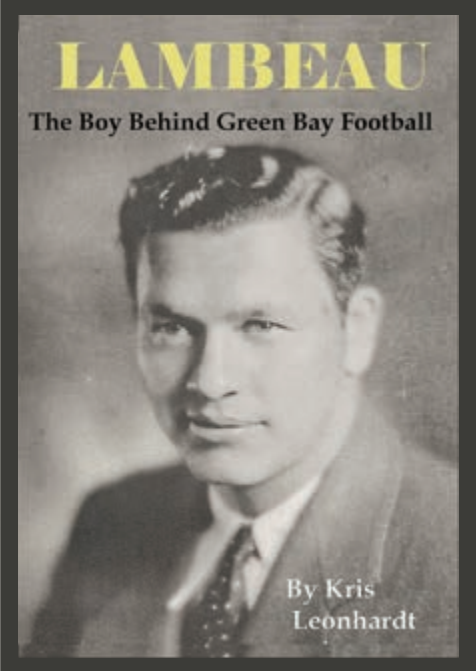
During the initial losing stretch (when Billy and Art aren’t seeing eye to eye), Billy and Peter decide the team needs some juice, and they shake things up by trading several key players. The scene pivots between brief phone conversations with a few general managers and quick one-on-one talks between Billy and Peter as they juggle several ongoing discussions

Moneyball
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“**A fascinating TALE**”

LAMBEAU

The Boy Behind Green Bay Football



By Kris Leonhardt

of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis “Curly” Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

Like the Packers, Lambeau’s story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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Mar 27	4:20AM	9:21AM	3:36PM	—
Mar 28	4:40AM	10:11AM	4:58PM	—
Mar 29	5:00AM	—	6:22PM	11:02AM
Mar 30	5:21AM	11:28PM	7:48PM	11:55AM
Mar 31	5:46AM	12:23AM	9:14PM	12:51PM
April 1	6:17AM	1:21AM	—	1:51PM
April 2	6:57AM	2:21AM	—	2:52PM

Solunar fishing chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon - Feb. 28.

Tomahawk School District

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CHILD Find

The Tomahawk School District will offer free Child Find screening for children three through five years of age whose parent or guardian has questions or concerns about developmental milestones. The screening will consider the areas of cognition, social/emotional, communication and adaptive skills.

The screenings will be at the Tomahawk Elementary School in the Early Childhood Room.

Screening Dates

April 4 • May 2

For more information and to schedule a screening call Traci Swan, Special Education Administrative Assistant 715-453-5555 ext. 5

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LCHD to offer arsenic water testing in April

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) will offer water testing for arsenic through the month of April.

“Life as we know it would be impossible without groundwater,” LCHD said in a release. “It is the world’s most used natural resource and supports our lives.”

Around 30% to 35% of Wisconsinites use private wells as a source for drinking water, according to LCHD.

“LCHD is taking time in the month of April to



remind well owners to test their water every year to prevent sickness caused by bad water,” LCHD said. “One of the most important steps to ensuring a safe drinking water source is regular testing.”

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends testing for arsenic once every five years.

LCHD said exposure to high levels of arsenic can increase the risk of certain

types of cancer, damage the nervous system, cause diabetes and may impact learning and development in children.

“The only way to know what is in your water is to test,” said Erin Ray, LCHD Environmental Health Technician. “Spring is the perfect time to test your well water.”

To test a well for arsenic, pick up a collection kit at LCHD, 607 N. Sales St., Suite 101, Merrill. The cost for a kit is \$40.00.

Samples must be collected between Monday, April 14 and Monday, April 28; or Monday, April 28 and Friday, May 2, and returned to

LCHD within 24 hours of collection.

LCHD noted that it also has a certified water lab capable of testing drinking water for bacteria and nitrate.

Grant funding is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Well Compensation Act for those whose well water is contaminated with elevated levels of arsenic. The funding may be used to treat or replace a well. Applications for grant funding are open through August.

For more information, contact LCHD at 715-536-0307.

Oneida County launches study to address housing challenges

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ONEIDA COUNTY – The Oneida County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC), in collaboration with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC), is conducting a comprehensive study to address growing concerns over housing affordability and availability in the county.

A release from OCEDC said it is seeking input from the public and local employers to “ensure a comprehensive analysis.”

“Community members are encouraged to complete the housing survey, which will play a crucial role in shaping the study’s recommendations,” OCEDC stated.

The survey will be available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGXF6RN through Friday, April 11, and results will be published in May.

“This public survey is open to anyone who lives, works, goes to school in, or spends time in Oneida County,” OCEDC said. “Responses are anonymous, and they are used to identify trends in what kinds of housing (are) needed and at what prices, along with any other housing concerns survey respondents may have. The responses help inform the housing study’s recommendations.”

Leading the study is Tony Pharo, OCEDC Executive Director, who, along with Sam Wessel from NCWRPC, will analyze market trends, collect public input and interview local employers to understand which housing types are most in demand.

The study will also identify challenges preventing an adequate supply of housing and propose solutions that individual communities can explore based on their unique needs, according to OCEDC.

“Housing affordability and availability continue to be a major concern in Oneida County,” Pharo stated. “This study will provide valuable data to guide decision-making and help create solutions that benefit both residents and local businesses.”



MONEYBALL

FROM PAGE 6

with other clubs. I know on paper this probably sounds like watching paint dry, but believe me when I tell you it is completely electrifying. It’s a glimpse into what it really looks like when a team’s roster changes. It starts with a discussion among some people in offices scattered around the country, saying, “Hey, we want your guy, and we’ll give you our guy for him.” These talks, as informal and mundane as they may be, don’t just impact names on a piece of paper, or even nine guys on a baseball field. It can be a shot in the arm for the culture of a team,

and inspire a fan base, and maybe even change a sport forever.

I won’t tell you the result of the 2002 A’s season here, but after the season is over, Billy’s contemplating what the A’s accomplishments that year mean for the game of baseball. The film concludes with what is absolutely in the very upper echelon of sports movie scenes. I won’t spoil it; in fact, the scene itself is a good enough reason to fire up *Moneyball* for the first time, or the second, or the tenth. The sequence is a simple and brilliant encapsulation of the beauty and the magic around baseball, but it also demonstrates how, even though you think

you failed, you might have actually succeeded beyond what you thought possible.

Moneyball reminds us that sometimes, you have to buck the trend if you believe it’s the right thing to do. In just about any facet of life – sports, business, film, music, fashion, food, etc. – sometimes people can’t see the forest for the trees, and it takes a fresh perspective to reimagine what can be achieved, and how.

Other teams would go on to successfully utilize Oakland’s roster building method in the years to come. Does that justify Billy and Peter’s philosophy more than, say, an Athletics World Series? Is their lasting impact on

the game more significant than what’s in a trophy case? I suppose it depends on who you ask.

There’s an almost transcendental energy around baseball; it’s hard not to let it envelop you with a childlike sense of wonder, and hope, and possibility. A good sports movie does this as well.

“How can you not be romantic about baseball?” Billy asks Peter. *Moneyball* just might make you ask this question, too.

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

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UNPACKING History



The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times and Multi Media Channels (MMC) to be highlighted for our readers. Pictured are Lumberjack Band Director Wilner Burke's shoes that he wore while directing the band and a Packers Band patch donated by Nathalie Hall Noonan in 2024. Nathalie's uncle, Herb Hall, played saxophone for the Lumberjack Band. Burke directed the band from 1939 to 1981. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader. Photo by Katie Foust

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Melvin Companies, a well-established gravel, excavation and underground utilities company in Abbotsford and Medford for 93 years, is hiring an Operations Manager to join our team. This “hands on” position involves diverse tasks such as job coordination, ensuring safety standards are met, managing regulatory compliance, handling sales, overseeing employment recruitment and training.

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DMV offering online knowledge test for teen drivers

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is now offering students ages 15 to 17 the opportunity to take DMV's knowledge test from home, with parent or guardian supervision.

A release from WisDOT said the knowledge test is a two-part exam that covers rules for the road and important road signs. The new online process is available to students who have completed the classroom portion of their training, and the driver training school notifies DMV.

Wisconsin DMV administers over 4,000 Class D knowledge tests each month, according to a release from WisDOT.

“We know today's students and families are very busy, and this option gives them flexibility to take the test when DMVs would be closed,” said DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler. “Students who pass will still need to visit a Wisconsin DMV to obtain their instruction permit, but they can be in and out in 15 minutes.”

Wisconsin DMV joins 11 other states in providing this online option through KnowTo Drive, DMV's contracted knowledge test vendor.

WisDOT said the \$10.00 fee for the online service will go to the vendor, while DMV will continue to offer the test for free in DMV Customer Service Centers. The online test will reflect the same content, look and feel as those



conducted within the DMV service centers.

“Security measures are in place to ensure the integrity of this testing method,” WisDOT stated. “KnowTo Drive uses cutting-edge fraud detection and prevention methods to ensure security. Before the test gets underway, the student will have an initial photo captured for verification purposes. Photos taken randomly throughout the test will prevent fraud or deception. Students are also not able to move off the screen or open browsers without detection.”

Using a link on the Wisconsin DMV website (www.wisconsin.gov/dmv/test), or by visiting KnowTo Drive's site directly at www.knowtodrive.com/wisconsin/, users will:

- Agree to the rules and verify their technology meets requirements.
- Register and provide information about their parent or guardian overseeing the exam.
- Respond to identity verification questions.
- Provide payment information.
- Take a control photo of the applicant to be used as the baseline during the exam process.

- Receive test result and/or completion certificate via e-mail.
- Print completion certificate(s) and visit any DMV customer service center to apply for their instruction permit. DMV staff will review each applicant's on-line test results.

WisDOT said the program is limited to two attempts online. To pass, the applicant must receive a final score of 80% or better. If an applicant fails either or both exams, they may re-attempt one more time in-home. The \$10.00 fee will be required each time.

“Upon passing and completing the test(s), a certificate of completion is emailed,” WisDOT stated. “This, along with other required documents, should be taken to a DMV Customer Service Center for testing validation and to receive their instruction permit. DMV recommends all applicants schedule a service appointment with DMV to receive expedited service. Information related to appointments and required documents is provided to those who pass their exam online along with their passing certificate.”

WisDOT added that the new online service joins Wisconsin DMV's extensive online offerings.

Eligible and interested students should visit Wisconsin DMV's website for more info or inquire with their Driver Training School regarding this option.

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Tomahawk High School (THS) Small Engines students started the teardown and preventive maintenance processes on their small engine projects.



Tomahawk Middle School Concepts of Design students last week began drawing out their templates for their CO2 dragster designs.



THS Automotive Maintenance students practiced what they learned about the exterior washing of a vehicle.



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PRICE COUNTY Veterans Service Officer

Price County is accepting applications for the position of County Veterans Service Officer in the Price County Veterans Service Department. This position plans, directs, and organizes efforts to assist Veterans, their families, and survivors regarding benefits available to them through the Federal Veterans Administration, the Wisconsin State Department of Veterans Affairs, and county and local resources.

This is a management position in which the employee plans for the daily operations of the office, supervises the support staff in implementation, applicable benefit preparation, and maintains a flow of information and services to the Veteran community of Price County. This includes coordinating benefits with other departments, local, state and federal. The County Veterans Service Officer serves as the Veterans and their dependents advocate to local, state, and federal programs and benefits. This position takes direction from the County Administrator and the Executive Committee.

This is a full-time, exempt position with a starting annual salary of \$64,209.60 (Grade 9), and full benefits package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.95% employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a zero deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at www.pricecounty.wi.gov, by emailing a request to hroffice@pricecounty.wi.gov or by calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications must be received by the Price County Office of Administration by April 9, 2025, to be considered for this position.

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Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballots
(April 1, 2025)

OFFICE OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in Lincoln County on April 1, 2025, at which the officers 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, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, 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*
- 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.

Using the DS200 Optical Scan Voting Machine

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

A	Lincoln County	B	State of Wisconsin	C	April 1, 2025
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which he or she intends 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 the **electronic ballot marking device “ExpressVote”**, to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select 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 or use the tactile pad to select “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “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 initiated 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 **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors’ initials on the outside do show. The voter shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

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 insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box 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 Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 1, 2025

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 initiated by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Town of Bradley Wards 1-5 Municipal	Town of Harrison Wards 1-3 Municipal	Municipal Cont.	Municipal Cont.	Municipal Cont.
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2
	○ Kevin Koth	○ Brian Hanson	○ Brian Oppер	○ Susan Fisher	○ Joseph Dorava
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			○ write-in:	Town of Schley Wards 1 & 2 Municipal	
		Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ write-in:		○ write-in:
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Town Board Supervisor Vote for 1	○ Tom Daigle	Town Clerk Vote for 1	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town Clerk Vote for 1
State Superintendent Vote for 1	○ Joan Hilgendorf	○ Gary Goes	○ Amanda Herdt	○ Timothy Klimek	○ Loyetta K. Gitter
○ Brittany Kinser	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ Kelly Collins	○ write-in:
○ Jill Underly	Town of Corning Wards 1 & 2 Municipal	○ write-in:	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	○ write-in:	Town Treasurer Vote for 1
○ write-in:	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	○ Donna Oppер	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ Jean M. Zoellner
Judicial		○ Matt Boyle	○ write-in:	○ Mark Leopold	○ write-in:
Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1	○ Chad Kottke	○ write-in:	Town Constable Vote for 1	○ Craig Brown	Town of Somo Ward 1 Municipal
○ Brad Schimel	○ write-in:	Town of King Wards 1 & 2 Municipal	○ Marilyn F. Zastrow	○ write-in:	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1
○ Susan Crawford		Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ Corey Marheine
○ write-in:	○ Greg Kleinschmidt	○ Terry Weise	Town of Rock Falls Ward 1 & 2 Municipal	Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ write-in:
Court of Appeals Judge District 3 Vote for 1	○ Brian Literski	○ write-in:	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	○ Becky Dallman	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2
○ Lisa K. Stark	○ write-in:	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ Mike VanDeWeerd	○ write-in:	○ Cody Hawkins
○ write-in:	○ write-in:	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ write-in:	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	○ Steven Isaacson
Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Branch 2 Vote for 1	Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ David Dyer	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ Susan Podeweltz	○ write-in:
○ Rickey Hass	○ Rickey Hass	○ write-in:	○ Kurt Niersel	○ write-in:	Town Clerk Vote for 1
○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ Randal Swan	Town of Scott Wards 1 & 2 Municipal	○ Heather Marheine
Jessica Fehrenbach	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ write-in:	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	○ write-in:
○ write-in:		Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ write-in:		Town Treasurer Vote for 1
Town of Birch Ward 1 Municipal	○ Katie Giese	○ Lori Weber	Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ Randy Detert	○ Jody Isaacson
	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ Diane Chambers	○ write-in:	○ write-in:
Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town of Harding Ward 1 Municipal	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	○ write-in:	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	Town of Tomahawk Ward 1 Municipal
○ Debra Gano	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	○ Julie Allen	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	○ Gerald Engel	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1
○ write-in:		○ write-in:	○ Cindy Frisch	○ Jeff Krall	○ Gary Jaecks
Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ Kurt Blanchette	Town of Merrill Wards 1-5 Municipal	○ write-in:	○ Ron Lemmer	○ write-in:
○ write-in:	○ write-in:	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town of Russell Ward 1 Municipal	○ write-in:	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2
○ Terry Lokemoen	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ Anthony Baumann	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ Walter Bandura
○ Ross Karaba	○ Jason Ament	○ write-in:	○ Robert Kressel		○ Shelley Wolf
○ write-in:	○ Darrell Oestreich	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ write-in:	○ Bonny Graap	○ write-in:
○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ Darrel Dengel	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	○ write-in:	○ write-in:
Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ write-in:	○ Matthew Leder	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	Town Clerk Vote for 1
○ Megan Webb	Town Clerk Vote for 1	○ write-in:	○ Marty Sosnovske	○ Ann Krueger	○ Jesse Hoffman
○ write-in:	○ Kristy Ament	○ write-in:	○ Ivan Dorgan	○ write-in:	○ write-in:
Town Treasurer Vote for 1	○ write-in:	Town of Pine River Wards 1-4 Municipal	○ Lori Studinski	Town of Skanawan Ward 1 Municipal	Town Treasurer Vote for 1
○ Lynn Ross	Town Treasurer Vote for 1	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	○ write-in:	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	○ LuAnn Jahn
○ write-in:		Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Town Clerk Vote for 1		○ write-in:
	○ Carrie Hintz	○ Steve Uttech	○ Amy Brown	○ Benjamin Mehring	Publication ballot continues on the next page. ►
	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	○ write-in:	
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<div>Town of Wilson Ward 1 Municipal</div> <div>Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1</div> <div><div><div></div></div>Fran Pflum</div> <div><div><div></div></div>write-in:</div>
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
School District of Tomahawk
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Tomahawk on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Office	Incumbent(s)	Candidacy Papers Filed
One member from the apportioned areas of King, Harrison (Ward 1), Nokomis, Wilson, and Little rice, for a 3-year term.	Ann Swenty	Ann Swenty
One member from the City of Tomahawk for a 3-year term.	(none)	(none)
One member from the apportioned areas of Bradley, Birch (40 acre parcel Ward 1), Skanawan, Rock Falls (Ward 2), & Tomahawk, for a 3-year term.	(none)	Steve Heinrich

Electors will vote in their polling places. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

March 26, 2025
School District Clerk Deb Velleux

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES
At the General Election to be held on April 1, 2025, in Lincoln and Oneida County, the following are the designated polling places:

PRECINCT	POLLING LOCATION
Town of Birch 1	Town Hall, W4762 County Rd H
Town of Bradley 1 - 5 Bradley	Town Hall, 1518 West Mohawk Dr
Town of Harrison Ward 1	Town Hall, N10095 County Road B
Town of King 1 – 2	Town Hall, W4450 County Road A
Town of Rock Falls Ward 2	Town Hall, W5895 Rock Falls Dr
Town of Skanawan 1	Town Hall, N8506 County Road H
Town of Tomahawk 1	Town Hall, Inter. Hwy 86 & Hwy. O
Town of Wilson 1	Town Hall, N10802 County Road CC
Little Rice	Town Hall - 3737 Highway Y Ward 1
Nokomis	Town Hall - 2541 Lake Nokomis Rd. Wards 1 & 2
City of Tomahawk Wards 1 - 6	SARA Park Activities Center, West Somo Avenue

Contact your municipal clerk if you have any questions concerning your polling place.
All polling places will open 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.
All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots
April 1, 2025

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Lincoln and Oneida counties on April 1, 2025, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. 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, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, 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*
- 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.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

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 (“Automark”)* to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends 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 his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “no” if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

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

Spoiling 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.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Ballot ID: 2107

Town of Little Rice, Ward 1

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 1, 2025

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).

General Instructions	Municipal	School District	
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/> To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/>	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	Tomahawk School District School Board Member Towns of King, Harrison (Ward 1), Nokomis, Wilson and Little Rice Vote for 1	
	<input type="radio"/> Richard L Bertram		<input type="radio"/> Ann Swenty
	<input type="radio"/> Steven Margitan		<input type="radio"/> write-in:
	<input type="radio"/> write-in:		
	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	School Board Member City of Tomahawk Vote for 1	
	<input type="radio"/> Ted Albright		
	<input type="radio"/> write-in:		
	<input type="radio"/> write-in:		
		School Board Member Bradley, Birch (40 acre parcel Ward 1), Skanawan, Rock Falls (Ward 2), & Tomahawk Vote for 1	
		<input type="radio"/> Steve Heinrich	
		<input type="radio"/> write-in:	

Judicial
Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1
<input type="radio"/> Brittany Kinser
<input type="radio"/> Jill Underly
<input type="radio"/> write-in:
Court of Appeals Judge District 3 Vote for 1
<input type="radio"/> Lisa K. Stark
<input type="radio"/> write-in:

Continue voting at top of next column.	Continue voting at top of next column.	Continue voting on back of ballot.
Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡		

Referendum
To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: <input type="radio"/>
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: <input type="radio"/>
State
QUESTION 1: “Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?”
<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 1, 2025 for Town of Little Rice, Ward 1 Oneida County Ballot ID: 2107	Ballot issued by _____ _____ Initials of election inspectors	For Official Use Only		
	Absentee ballot issued by _____ _____ Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk	Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade: <input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
	Certification of Voter Assistance I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance. _____ Signature of assistor	If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____	If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____	_____ Initials of inspectors who remade ballot
	Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡			

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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 4:30 PM:
District Meeting Room, 1048 E King
Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Present: W. Quesinberry, R. Huseby, J.
Lauber, S. Bolder, M. Schommer, (4)
staff members, (2) students and (4)
community members.
I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called
the meeting to order at approximately
4:30 pm
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call: Present: L. Calhoun, D.
Huseby, S. Kirsch, K. Kissinger Wolf, D.
Long (in @ 4:31), A. Swenty, D. Velleux,
R. Zimmerman
IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R.
Zimmerman declared there was a
quorum.
V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by S.

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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 on
a variety of topics including the February
18th referendum vote, the School
Perceptions Survey, and Title IX policy
changes. No official action was taken.
VII. Consent Agenda Items
A Approve the Minutes from the
Regular Meeting on January 14,
2025.
B Approve Minutes from the Closed
Sessions of the Regular Meeting on
January 14, 2025 and the Personnel
Committee meeting on Wednesday,
February 5, 2025
C Approve the Minutes from the
Policy Committee meetings on
January 15 and 27, 2025

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D Approve the Minutes from the
Personnel Committee meeting on
Wednesday, February 5, 2025.
E Approve the Minutes from the
Operations and Finance committee
meeting on Friday, February 7, 2025
F Approve the Invoices from January
2025
G Employment/Contract Adjustments
1. Replacement Staff
Adam Spiegel, Special
Education/Pupil Services Director,
Start Date March 31, 2025
2. Retirement
James Krueger, High School Science
Teacher, Patrick Steffen, High School
English Teacher
3. Above Pay
Sean Totch, High School Golf Head
Coach
H Donations
Rondele Ranch, \$2,500 to High
School FCCLA
Molly & Nicholas Amelse, \$500 to
High School Boys Swim Program
Tomahawk Community Thrift Store,
\$1,500 to Middle School WEB
Program
Sacred Heart Foundation, \$200 to the
High School Choir
Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by
A. Swenty to approve the consent
agenda items. Motion carried
unanimously.
VIII. Strategic Planning Spotlight: W.
Quesinberry highlighted the Strategic
Planning Spotlight and explained how
the Board can access the information.
No official action was taken.
IX. Staff Reports
A Community Education Program
Update, Taylor Remington
Taylor Remington presented an update
of the Community Education Program to
the Board. No official action was taken.
X. AGR Report by Sheri Woodall: M.
Schommer presented the AGR Report
to the Board on behalf of S. Woodall. No
official action was taken.
XI. Finance Report
A Capital Projects List Update: W.
Quesinberry presnted the Quarter 2
Financial report and the Capital Projects
List Update. Motion by D. Huseby and
seconded by L. Calhoun to approve the
Finance report. Motion carried
unanimously.
XII. Annual Building and Grounds
Priority Project List Approval and
Update: Motion by K. Kissinger Wolf and
seconded by D. Long to approve the
Annual Building and Grounds Priority
Project List. Motion carried unanimously.
XIII. Approval of Introduction to
Education -Dual-Credit High School
Education Course Offering for 2025-26:
R. Huseby and J. Baalke presented the
Introduction to Education -Dual-Credit
High School Education Course offering
for 2025-26. Motion by S. Kirsch and
seconded by L. Calhoun to approve
Introduction to Education -Dual-Credit
High School Education Course, to begin
in the 2025-26 school year. Motion
carried unanimously.
XIV. Update on High School Math
Sequencing Changes
A Transition Statistics Course to
Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics: M.
Schommer updated the Board on a
Transition from Statistics Course to
Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics. No
official action was taken.
XV. Approve changes to the 2025-26
District Calendar: Motion by A. Swenty
and seconded by D. Long to approve
changes to the 2025-26 District
Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.
XVI. Approve the first readings of the
following policies:
A po1241 - Non-Renewal or Termination
of the District Administrator's Contract
B po3281 - Personal Property of Staff
Members
C po4124 - Notice of Reasonable
Assurance of Employment
Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by L.
Calhoun to approve the first readings of
the aforementioned policies. Motion
carried unanimously.
XVII. Approve the second reading of the
following policies:
A po3120.02 Nepotism - NEW - 2nd
Reading
B po4120.02 Nepotism - NEW - 2nd
Reading
C po8600 Transportation - NEW - 2nd
Reading
Motion by D. Velleux and seconded by
D. Huseby to approve the second
readings of the aforementioned policies.
Motion carried unanimously.
XVIII. Approve the revisions to the
following policies:
A po1100 - District Organization
B po1130, po3230, po4230 - Ethics and
Conflict of Interest
C po2210 - Curriculum Development
D po2270 - Religion in the Curriculum
E po2271.01 - Start College Now
Program
F po2416 - Student Privacy and
Parental Access to Information
G po5113 - Open Enrollment Program
(Inter-District)
H po5330 - Administration of
Medication/Emergency Care
I po5512 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine
by Students
J po6231 - Budget Implementation
K po6235 - Fund Balance
Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by
D. Long to approve the revisions to the
aforementioned policies, with the
change from "7th and 8th grade"
(po2210-Curriculum Development, letter
L) to "Middle School". Motion carried
unanimously.
XIX. Approve the following policies to be
deleted:
A po5341 - Emergency Medical
Authorization
B po5611 - Due Process Rights
C po5710 - Student Complaints
D po2264 Nondiscrimination on the
Basis of Sex in Education Programs or
Activities
Motion by D. Long and seconded by L.
Calhoun to approve the rescindment of
the aforementioned policies. Motion
carried unanimously.
XX. Approval of Academic and Technical
Excellence Scholarship
Recommendations and the Alternates
Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by K.
Kissinger Wolf to approve the Academic
and Technical Excellence Scholarship
Recommendations and the Alternates.
Motion carried unanimously.
XXI. Public Comment: (1) student and
(2) parents spoke to the Board

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regarding the qualifications for
Valedictorian.
XXII. Board Referrals: A. Swenty, K.
Kissinger Wolf, and R. Zimmerman
spoke on the WASB State Convention.
Several Board members thanked those
who made public comments.
Acknowledgements for the (2) staff
members who submitted retirement
letters. D. Velleux was recognized for
her role on the Lincoln County Opiod
Task Force. D. Velleux acknowledged
W. Quesinberry for his presentation at
the WASB State Convention. No official
action was taken.
Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by L.
Calhoun to move into a 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." Motion carried
unanimously in a roll call vote.
A Approve Administrative and Support
Staff Contracts
B Personnel
XXIII. Return to Open Session to vote
on Closed Session items:
Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by
D. Velleux to approve the hiring of a full-
time special education paraprofessional
to service a student requiring 1:1
support, contingent upon the student's
enrollment. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by K.
Kissinger Wolf to approve administrative
and non-union contract extensions.
Voting yes: L. Calhoun, S. Kirsch, K.
Kissinger Wolf, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R.
Zimmerman. D. Huseby: Abstention D.
Long: Absent Motion carried.
XXIV. Adjourn : R. Zimmerman
adjourned the meeting at approximately
5:58 pm

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
Douglas R. Reimert
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 24-CV-000085
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of
a judgment of foreclosure entered on
August 19, 2024 in the amount of
\$68,240.33 the Sheriff will sell the
described premises at public auction as
follows:

TIME: May 1, 2025 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: LOT TWELVE (12)
OF SUNSET BOULEVARD SECOND
(2ND) ADDITION TO THE CITY OF
TOMAHAWK, LINCOLN COUNTY,
WISCONSIN.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1250 E King
Rd Tomahawk, WI 54487-2003

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.
Published March 26, April 2, 9, 2025

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Notice To Creditors7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD PAUL THUSIUS
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025IN17
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 1-
12-1939 and date of death 1-31-
2025, was domiciled in Lincoln
County, State of WI, with a mailing
address of N11445 County Road A,
Unit 19, Tomahawk, WI 54487.
3. All interested persons waived
notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim
against the decedent's estate is June
20, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln
County Courthouse, Merrill,
Wisconsin, Probate Office.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 4, 2025
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Dennis Thusius
N9994 Deer Path Lane
Tomahawk, WI 54487
262-227-9261
Published March 12, 19, 26, 2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Sonja M. Belling
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)

Notice To Creditors7735

Case No. 2025 IN 22
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
December 30, 1952 and date of
death October 4, 2024, was
domiciled in Lincoln County, State of
Wisconsin, with a mailing address of
W4490 Henrich Road, Tomahawk,
Wisconsin 54487.
3. All interested persons waived
noticed.
4. The deadline for filing a claim
against the decedent's estate is June
27, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln
County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main
Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, 54452,
Probate Office.
DATE SIGNED: March 13, 2025
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Attorney Seven H. Thompson
Anderson O'Brien, LLP
1257 Main Street,
P.O. Box 228
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Telephone: 715-344-0890
Bar Number: 1101426
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Timothy Charles Prebeg
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025IN
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
1/12/1959 and date of death
3/10/2025, was domiciled in Lincoln
County, State of WI with a mailing
address of N10138 Kings Rd.
3. All interested persons waived
notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim
against the decedent's estate is 07-
11-2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln
County Courthouse, Merrill,
Wisconsin, Office of the Register in
Probate.
BY THE COURT:
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2) Pledge of Allegiance
3) Financial Report
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5) Citizen’s input
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After winning State title, Hatchet hockey team receives commendation from Lincoln County board

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Tomahawk High School hockey team has been officially recognized by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors for its recent State championship.

The Hatchet skaters won the program's first State title earlier this month, after which, the team received a municipal commendation.

The county-level commendation was approved during the board's meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on

Tuesday, March 18.

The commendation came in the form of a resolution, which was read aloud during the meeting.

"It is fitting that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors should recognize the young people of the county who excel in activities that bring great pride

to the Lincoln County community," the resolution said. "The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors takes honor in congratulating and commending the Tomahawk High School Hockey team for winning the 2025 WIAA Division 2 State Hockey Championship title."

Fishing Report: Bite is still good

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – While the ice fishing season is hanging on, the winter storm over the weekend and the several inches of fresh snow have made conditions a little trickier.

Travel on the lakes will be messy, especially in the afternoons, but thanks to consistently cold nighttime temps, mornings will still offer firmer footing – just plan accordingly.

As always, caution is key this time of year! The shorelines are really changing quickly, especially on those sunny and windy days.

We're still seeing good

ice thickness across most lakes, ranging from 15 to 25 inches, but warm days ahead and heavy wet snow mean runoff and slush are increasing fast. Be especially careful near inlets, outlets and anywhere current flows through – like the channels on the Chain – where ice can thin quickly.

The upside? The bite is still good!

Crappies are staying active along shallow weed edges in shallow water of about five to eight feet. Mornings and evenings continue to produce best. Small, bright and flashy vertical jigs tipped with waxies or crappie minnows

remain the top choice.

Bluegills are being found a bit deeper, but we're also hearing of good shallow action as the fish move up to those shorelines for the increased oxygen from melting snow. Use light tackle and a small jig tipped with waxies or red spikes for best results.

Perch fishing is solid, and we're seeing more movement into the shallows. Larger rosy reds are still the bait of choice if you're targeting size over quantity. Deeper mud flats are still productive, but shallower water is heating up – literally and figuratively.

This week's snow cover may actually prolong the ice season just a bit by insulating the surface and slowing melt-off. Still, it's officially ice transition season, so check conditions often and avoid solo ventures.

Now's also a great time to prep for open water. Start going through your rods and reels, change out old line and repair any gear that took a hit last year. With any luck, we'll be on the water not long after we're off the ice. If you're going out to grab those last-of-the-season panfish, be careful!

Good luck and good fishing!

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Bonus turkey harvest authorizations available

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now selling bonus harvest authorizations for the 2025 spring turkey season.

Previously known as left-over permits, bonus harvest authorizations will be available online through the Go Wild (www.gowild.wi.gov/) license portal and at all license sales agents. Sales begin at 10 a.m. and run through midnight each day. Anyone still seeking harvest authorizations may purchase bonus authorizations at this time.

Hunters are encouraged to check the turkey zone map and spring turkey bonus harvest authorization availability to see if harvest authorizations are avail-



Bonus turkey harvest authorizations are now available.

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able for the time period and zone they intend to hunt.

Bonus harvest authorizations are \$10.00 for resi-

dents and \$15.00 for nonresidents. Both residents and nonresidents have equal opportunities to purchase

authorizations. Each zone will have a designated sale date. Hunters can purchase bonus authorizations at a

rate of one per day until the zone and time period are sold out or until the season closes. Bonus harvest authorization purchases will not affect preference point status for future spring drawings.

The Go Wild system will use an online queue to randomly assign numbers to customers who enter the site between 9:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. each day. There is no advantage to entering the site before 9:45 a.m. Customers who join after 10 a.m. will enter the queue in the order of arrival.

All spring turkey hunters must have a valid spring turkey license, a 2025 wild turkey stamp and a valid turkey harvest authorization. If they have not already done so, hunters must purchase their spring turkey license and

stamp authorization when purchasing a bonus harvest authorization.

The spring turkey season is comprised of six distinct periods, each seven days long and running Wednesday through the following Tuesday. A total of seven zones will be open for turkey hunting in 2025. The 2025 spring turkey season dates are as follows:

- Youth Hunt: April 12 – 13
- Period A: April 16 – 22
- Period B: April 23 – 29
- Period C: April 30 – May 6
- Period D: May 7 – 13
- Period E: May 14 – 20
- Period F: May 21 – 27

For more information regarding turkey hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's Turkey Hunting and Management webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 226

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports trivia question per week, provided by the late Bob Skubal, 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 225 question: During the 1983-84 THS boys' hockey season, Tomahawk played in four overtime games. Who was the fourth overtime game against: Wausau West, Wausau East or Rhinelander?

Week 225 answer: The fourth overtime game in the 1983-84 THS boys' hockey season was against Rhinelander. Tomahawk defeated the Hodags 3-2, with Dave von Gnechten scoring the winning goal.

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

Week 226 question: In the first match of the 1983-84 wrestling season, Tomahawk defeated the defending Class A state champions 38-17. What school did Tomahawk defeat: Rhinelander, Antigo or Merrill?

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New invasive pest discovered in Wisconsin

BY ART KABELOWSKY
DNR OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS,
FITCHBURG

Last year, a new invasive insect – the elm zigzag sawfly (Aproceros leucopenia) – was detected in Wisconsin for the first time.

In the months following the initial Wisconsin discovery, in Portage County on July 4, the pest was subsequently detected in at least 20 additional Wisconsin counties.

Samples sent to the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed the Portage County detection to be elm zigzag sawfly. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection reports that there are no current or planned federal or state quarantines for elm zigzag sawfly.

The pest feeds only on elm trees (Ulmus spp.). In many cases, the feeding causes only minor



An adult elm zigzag sawfly discovered in Oshkosh on July 26, 2024.

Photo by Bill McNee, Wisconsin DNR

cosmetic damage. However, the insect does have the potential to cause significant defoliation in some localized cases. Repeated severe damage can weaken trees and lead to branch dieback, potentially impacting the long-term health and value of landscape and forest trees.

A distinctive trait of elm zigzag sawfly (EZS) is the meandering zigzag pattern chewed by young larvae in elm leaves. Older larvae consume a greater amount of leaf material, creating large notches in leaves.

Elm zigzag sawfly, na-

tive to parts of East Asia, was first detected in Europe in 2003 and in North America in 2020 (in Quebec, Canada). It was first found in the United States in Virginia in 2021 and has been moving westward, with detections confirmed in at least 10 states.

The EZS population consists entirely of females. They reproduce through parthenogenesis, laying viable eggs without mating.

The insect can create multiple generations in a single year, and each generation can contribute to the defoliation of a single tree. One to four genera-

tions in a single year have been reported in eastern states. Each generation can contribute to the defoliation of a single tree.

Adults are capable of long-distance dispersal and have been observed moving up to 56 miles per year. Cocoons are sticky and can attach to man-made items such as vehicles and outdoor furniture, creating a nuisance and further facilitating long-distance movement.

Elm trees produce an abundance of leaves and can generally tolerate some insect feeding without any concern. In many cases, doing nothing to control an elm zigzag sawfly infestation may be an appropriate course of action. Management may be warranted to help preserve the health of high-value trees.

Larvae can be blasted off leaves with a stream from a garden hose, or can be squashed, hand-picked or scraped into a

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NEW LISTING: Lot 1 Eagle Waters, Spirit River Flowage: Nice wooded lot on the Spirit River Flowage. There are some ridges on the lot that may work for a walk out basement if that is what you wish. The property is in a great area for all the Northwoods rec activities such as fishing, ATV, and snowmobiling. **\$46,900**

NEW LISTING: Lot 8 Acorn Lane on Maud Lake, Rhinelander: Pretty wooded Northwoods setting! 150 ft of fisherman frontage on 65-acre Maud Lake and is conveniently located between Rhinelander, Tomahawk and Minocqua. Property is located within walking distance of 1000's of acres of Oneida County Forest Land and much of the shoreline is undeveloped. There are even a couple of state-owned islands on the lake you can explore. Fish, canoe or kayak or just kick back, relax and enjoy the peace & quiet of this property and neighborhood. Electric at the road. **\$36,900**

INVASIVE PEST

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container of soapy water. However, these labor-intensive options are most appropriate for small landscape trees.

Organic and reduced-impact spray options can include insecticidal soap, horticultural oils, pyrethrins, Spinosad and azadirachtin—the same options commonly used to control other sawfly pests. Multiple applications will likely be needed to maximize effectiveness, and these options could be most appropriate for smaller trees that can be sprayed more easily.

In many infestation situations, it may be best to consult a certified arborist to assess tree health and discuss management options.

Visit the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension website (www.tinyurl.com/59tdc3wy) for more information about the species, including management options.



Chinese elm trees in the City of Waupaca show moderate to heavy defoliation from elm zigzag sawfly infestation. The invasive pest was discovered last summer, its first detection in Wisconsin. **Photo by Jordan Westrick, Wisconsin DNR**

Natural Connections: Heaven in the Northwoods

BY HEAVEN WALKER
EDUCATOR/NATURALIST,
CABLE NATURAL
HISTORY MUSEUM

Note from Emily Stone: I'm so excited that Heaven has joined our Museum team! In between teaching MuseumMobile programs in schools, organizing spring field trips, and leading Junior Naturalist Programs, Heaven will be guest writing for Natural Connections about once a month. I'm looking forward to following her journey of discovery in the Northwoods!

The wonders of nature have fascinated me from a young age. Now I strive to understand the intricate natural workings of each place I live or visit. Cable, Wisconsin, is my newest place of interest. As the new Educator/Naturalist at the Cable Natural History Museum, I will get to use my fascination with the environment to connect both myself and the public with Northwoods nature.

From the rolling hills of southern Iowa where I grew up, to the Black Hills of South Dakota, and the coasts of South Carolina where I've worked, I strive to know the ecosystem in which I live. What new trees and wildflowers can I learn? Where can I find a new natural community to explore? What new animals can I observe? How do the animals interact with their natural habitat, and how do the local people interact with them? I love being a student of the land, connecting with the organisms who live there, and discovering how they all come together.

Now, in the Northwoods, I am itching to get out and start exploring. Guidebooks and online resources are fantastic for supplying information, but to really get to know a place you need to immerse yourself



Heaven Walker, Educator/Naturalist at the Cable Natural History Museum, will be guest writing for Natural Connections about once a month. **Photo by Emily Stone**

in it. That is exactly what I plan to do here.

For example, through reading I learned that bogs are acidic because of the sphagnum moss that grows there. This acidity results in a unique assemblage of carnivorous plants, cotton grass, and stunted black spruce. I cannot wait to get out and see the sphagnum moss that carpets the floor and search for the bug-eating pitcher plants, sundew, and bladderworts.

I am most eager to get to know the native trees who inhabit the Northwoods. One way I have been introduced to the tree species here is by working on the upcoming exhibit "Becoming the Northwoods" for the Museum. The Northwoods are the transition zone between the boreal forests of the north, and the deciduous forests of the south. Here, conifers like balsam fir who are at the southern extent of their range, mix with deciduous species like sugar maples in their northern reaches. This gives the Northwoods a beautifully unique blend of trees.

In contrast, my southern Iowa childhood was full of deciduous trees, while the only conifers I grew up with were red cedars. I was excited to see all the pines as

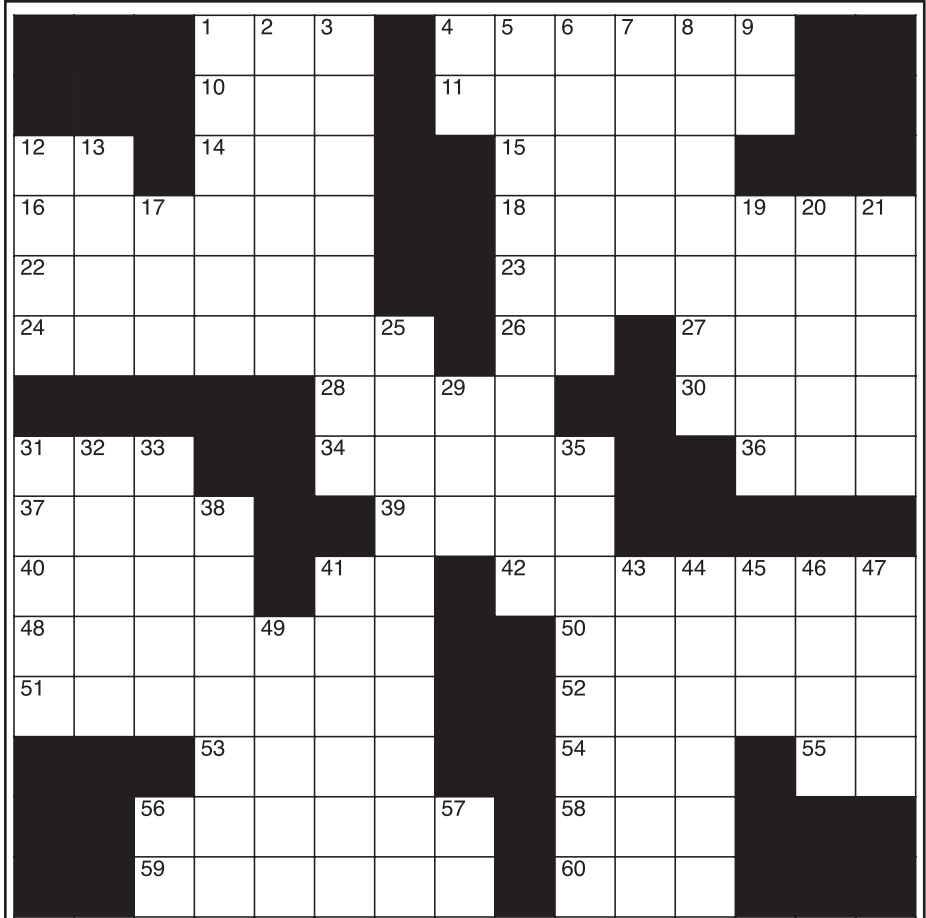
I moved to the Northwoods! Now I am eager to meet them all, and to understand their place within this community.

Though the abundance of new plants I have yet to discover is exciting, the thought of getting to occupy the same place as wolves and black bears is thrilling. In Iowa, European settlement and expansive agriculture have pushed many wildlife species out of the state. Pre-settlement, black bears and wolves both roamed the prairies and forests. However, it is highly unlikely black bears or wolves will ever inhabit Iowa again; there are not enough wild spaces.

But up in the Northwoods, the vast forested areas have allowed wolves and black bears to cohabit alongside people. I am eager to learn all the ins and outs of sharing their space. I would consider myself lucky to get to see them.

My life in the Northwoods will bring a new adventure at every turn, and present numerous opportunities to learn. I am excited to discover this wonderful place and everything it has to offer. From hiking trails to wildlife encounters and interesting ecosystems, I am eager to get outdoors and learn about my new home. Let's just hope the mosquitoes don't carry me away!

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum's current exhibit "Anaamaagon: Under the Snow" is open through March 11. The Museum will be closed for construction March 12 through April 30. Our Winter Calendar is open for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.



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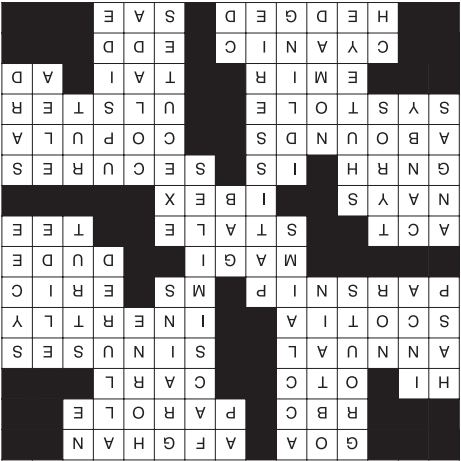
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- 4. Pashto
- 10. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 11. Supervised release from prison
- 12. Greeting
- 14. Type of drug
- 15. __ Sagan, astronomer
- 16. Every year
- 18. Nasal cavities
- 22. Nova __, province
- 23. In an inactive way
- 24. Cream-colored root
- 26. Nervous system disease
- 27. Guitarist Clapton
- 28. Three came to see Baby Jesus
- 30. Lebowsky's nickname
- 31. Play a role
- 34. Not fresh
- 36. Where golfers begin
- 37. Negatives
- 39. Wild goat
- 40. Releasing hormone
- 41. Makes up
- 42. Fastens
- 48. Exists in large numbers
- 50. A connecting word
- 51. A phase of the heartbeat
- 52. Northern Ireland county
- 53. An independent ruler or chieftain
- 54. Pacific sea bream
- 55. Commercial
- 56. Azure
- 58. Doctor of Education

- 59. Protected oneself against loss
- 60. Car mechanics group

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pastes for filling crevices
- 2. Acquire
- 3. Heralds
- 4. News group
- 5. Exact copies
- 6. Particles
- 7. Noted 20th C. performer
- 8. Tempted
- 9. Midway between north and east
- 12. Slotted, hinged metal plate
- 13. South American hummingbird
- 17. Neither
- 19. Walk with confidence

- 20. Omit when speaking
- 21. Imperial Chinese currency
- 25. A bakery specializing in French pastry
- 29. Talk incessantly
- 31. Ethnic group of Nigeria
- 32. Longtime NY Times film critic
- 33. Beginners
- 35. Makes a trade
- 38. Sleep
- 41. Not moving
- 43. Popular drink: Pina __
- 44. Potential benefits
- 45. A place you can get stuck in
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Chalcedony
- 49. Rover
- 56. Digraph
- 57. Investment vehicle



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DNR: Check fire conditions before burning

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCOSIN – Spring wildfire season is here, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging the public to check fire danger before conducting outdoor burning activities.

Nearly 170 wildfires have burned over 450 acres already this year, according to the DNR; four times more than a typical year at this time.

The main cause of wildfires this time of year is burning brush and leaf piles, and debris burning continues to be the number one cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas anytime the ground is not completely snow-covered. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and needles and are designed so that burning is done safely with minimal wildfire risk.

Permits are free and can be obtained online or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876).

Once a burn permit has been obtained, the individual must call or go online after 9 a.m. on the day of the planned burn to check daily burn restrictions, such as the legal burning hours, size limitations or if burning has been suspended for the day. Small campfires for warming or cooking do not require a burning permit.

DNR noted that some areas of the state are not regulated by the DNR, so it's important to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions.



Wisconsin DNR is reminding the public to check conditions before burning – debris burning continues to be the number one cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

“Sparks from recreational equipment, campfires and hot ashes from fireplaces are also contributing fire causes,” DNR stated. “Smoldering embers can remain hot for days, even weeks. If using a wood stove or fireplace, empty the ashes into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid or dump them onto bare soil. Then, drown the ashes with water and stir until the embers are completely cold. The same goes for campfires, burn barrels and burned leaf and brush piles. Before leaving the area, drown the ashes, stir and keep adding water until all heat and smoke is gone.”

Check current fire danger, wildfire reports and burning restrictions on the DNR's website at www.apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/BurnRestrictions.