

St. Mary's School Lenten service initiative raising funds for heart condition research

Family of five-year-old student, Forrest, seeking to support Project Bubaloo

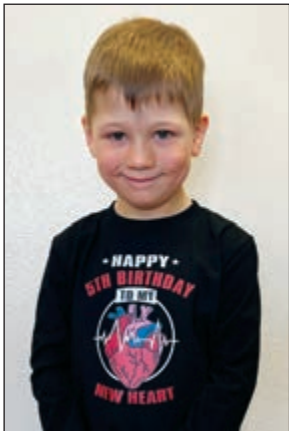
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TOMAHAWK – St. Mary's School and the family of a student impacted by a heart condition are seeking community support in raising funds for an organization that supports research into the medical condition.

Forrest, a five-year-old student at St. Mary's, is known for being sweet and kind, always using his manners and sharing a smile with those around him.

Forrest's mom, Ellen, explained that when she was 22 weeks pregnant with Forrest, doctors discovered that Forrest had a congenital heart defect.

As the pregnancy progressed, so did Forrest's diagnoses. The family traveled to a Marshfield hospital every two weeks, and



Forrest, a five-year-old student at St. Mary's School in Tomahawk, was born with a congenital heart defect. Now, Forrest and his family, along with St. Mary's, are raising funds for Project Bubaloo, a non-profit organization that helps support research of the medical condition.

weekly for the final four weeks of the pregnancy.

At 39 weeks, Ellen was induced, and Forrest was im-



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mediately taken to the Children's Wisconsin Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Forrest received his first heart catheter at 25 hours old, and he was ultimately diagnosed with pulmonary

atresia with intact ventricular septum with RV dependent coronaries.

In March 2020, when he was six years old, Forrest received a heart transplant. Ellen said Forrest sees his

cardiology team, Herma Heart, every three to four months and has yearly heart catheter procedures to monitor for rejection and heart function.

After being discharged, Forrest was on 16 medications and received tube feedings. Today, Forrest is on four medications, including a multivitamin, and he no longer has his G-tube.

Ellen said Forrest's heart "has been doing really well."

Forrest and his family are seeking to raise funds for Project Bubaloo, an organization that supports congenital heart defect research conducted at Children's Wisconsin Hospital in Milwaukee.

Project Bubaloo was started by the family of a baby named Theo, who passed away from a congenital heart defect at about six

months old.

Ellen noted that two of the doctors on the Project Bubaloo team provide care for Forrest, with one being his surgeon.

"It's a wonderful project," she stated.

St. Mary's Lenten service initiative is aiming to gather financial donations to support Project Bubaloo. Forrest's family will collect the funds and contribute them to the organization, on behalf of St. Mary's School.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to not only back this project, but also support one of our own St. Mary's families," the school said.

St. Mary's will accept cash, checks and coins through Thursday, April 17.

For more information, contact St. Mary's School at 715-453-3542.

SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Voters cast ballots in local, statewide races

City water fluoridation supported in advisory referendum; two new school board members elected

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WISCONSIN – Voters across Wisconsin headed to the polls to vote in the Tuesday, April 1 Spring Election, deciding local and statewide races.

Locally, the makeup of the City of Tomahawk Common Council will remain unchanged, while two new members will join the School District of Tomahawk Board of Education.

City of Tomahawk voters also weighed in on the fluoridation of the municipal water supply, and several southern Lincoln County townships saw competitive races for positions on their respective boards.

Badger State voters also cast ballots for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, State

Superintendent of Public Instruction and a statewide referendum regarding voter identification.

City of Tomahawk Common Council

Three incumbents will return to the City of Tomahawk Common Council after running for reelection unopposed.

Mickey Loka (District 1), Jeff Kahle (District 2) and Tadd Wegener (District 3) will each return to the council for three-year terms, leaving the makeup of the council unchanged.

School District of Tomahawk Board of Education

The School District of Tomahawk saw a shake-up in membership after last week's election.

Election Results
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Taste of Tomahawk 2025

Taste of Tomahawk returned to Inshalla Country Club last month with a "Roaring '20s" theme to celebrate the event's 20th anniversary. The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce said attendees enjoyed tastes from Wisconsin-based breweries and wineries, as well as local eateries and desserts, noting that the resounding love for desserts at the event led to the Chamber gearing up to introduce a Best of Desserts category in 2026. This year's event featured a mix of new and prior winners. Castaways Bar and Grill took home its second Best of Food title.



The Best of Beer award went to Hop and Barrel Brewing Company of Hudson.



Wausau's Lil Ole Winemaker Shoppe was awarded Best of Wine honors. Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce

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ELECTION RESULTS

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With representation on the board currently in the process of being reapportioned to better reflect population distributions throughout the district, one City of Tomahawk seat was open in last week's election. Following a declaration of non-candidacy from board member Dick Huseby and the recent passing of board member Bob Skubal, and with no declarations of candidacy filed, the open seat was decided by write-in.

According to preliminary results, Jen Black received the most write-in votes and will fill the vacant City of Tomahawk seat. Black received 242 votes, while no other write-in candidate garnered more than four.

Roughly 90 individuals received at least one write-in vote, preliminary results showed.

Incumbent Ann Swenty did not face a challenger in her bid to represent the apportioned area that en-

compasses the Towns of Harrison, King, Little Rice, Nokomis and Wilson for another term.

Steve Heinrich will fill an open seat representing the apportioned area encompassing the Towns of Birch, Bradley, Rock Falls, Skanawan and Tomahawk.

The board approved a reapportionment plan during last September's annual meeting. Under the plan, the board will move to a 3-3-3 model, with the district divided into three apportioned areas: The City of Tomahawk; the Towns of Birch, Bradley, Rock Falls, Skanawan and Tomahawk; and the Towns of Harrison, King, Little Rice, Nokomis and Wilson.

Each area will have three representatives on the board, allowing the board to retain its current nine-person membership.

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

The new makeup of the board will be put in place over the course of three years. As current terms expire over the next two years, one seat in each newly-designated area will be up for election in each of those years.

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

The board had previously utilized a "4-3-1-1" representation model since 1972. Under that model, the board was composed of nine members representing four designated areas within the district for three-year terms.

Four members represented the City of Tomahawk; three represented the apportioned area covering the Towns of Birch, Bradley, Rock Falls, Skanawan and Tomahawk; one represented the apportioned area that included the Towns of Little Rice, Nokomis and Wilson; and one represented the apportioned area encompassing the Towns of Harrison and King.

City of Tomahawk water fluoridation advisory referendum

An advisory referendum asking City of Tomahawk voters if the city should fluoridate its water supply saw majority support.

According to preliminary results from the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, 579 voters said "yes," while 519 said "no," a roughly 53% to 47% split.

Last September, the city's Board of Public Works voted to end fluoride treatments of city water, citing corrosion of a storage room that houses the city's fluoride additive and other chemical supplies. The board ultimately decided to propose an advisory referendum, a step that was approved by the City of Tomahawk Common Council in Dec. 2024.

The council will ultimately have the final say on how the city proceeds regarding fluoridation treatments.

For decades, municipalities across the country have fluoridated their water supplies in an effort to improve oral health and prevent cavities, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has pointed to the effectiveness of the treatments.

Opposition to fluoridation has been partially focused on potential fluoride toxicity, which, although potentially life-threatening, is extremely rare, according to a study shared by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Library of Medicine.

Brad Schimel to secure a 10-year term on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and maintain the court's 4-3 liberal majority.

Statewide, Crawford won by a roughly 55% to 45% margin.

According to preliminary results from the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Schimel came out on top in the county, garnering 6,363 votes to Crawford's 4,617, a roughly 58% to 42% margin. There were eight write-in votes cast, as well as 53 undervotes and one overvote.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Incumbent State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly will serve another term in the post after defeating challenger Brittany Kinser by an approximately 53% to 47% split.

Kinser was the top vote-getter in Lincoln County, tallying 5,791 (roughly 58%), while 4,214 votes (about 42%) went to Underly, according to preliminary results. The race saw 45 write-in votes, four overvotes and 988 undervotes.

State referendum

A statewide referendum asking whether or not voters should show identification in Wisconsin elections was approved by a roughly 63% to 37% margin.

The ballot measure saw strong support in Lincoln County, with 8,020 voters (about 75%) in favor and 2,695 (roughly 25%) opposed, according to preliminary results.

With the referendum's passage, the state Constitution will include a voter identification requirement.

Since 2011, Wisconsin residents have been required by state law to provide an acceptable form of photo ID at the polls.

Ivan Dorgan received 110 votes, preliminary results showed.

Town of Schley Chairperson

Timothy Klimek and Kelly Collins faced off for the Chairperson post in the Town of Schley.

Klimek ultimately came out on top with 240 votes, while Collins tallied 111 votes, according to preliminary results.

Town of Scott Supervisor

The Town of Scott saw a competitive race for its two Supervisor posts.

Preliminary results showed that Ron Lemmer (328 votes) and Gerald Engel (302 votes) will fill the seats. Jeff Krall tallied 163 votes.

Other school referendums

Several area school districts had referendums on ballots last week.

A Prentice School District referendum seeking \$950,000.00 per year for four years was approved, with about 57% of voters in support and approximately 43% opposed.

School District of Rhinelanders voters, by a roughly 54% to 46% split, voted to increase and extend their current referendum, which will now allow the district to exceed revenue limits by \$7 million per year from next school year through 2028-29.

About 64% of voters in the Three Lakes School District voted to approve a pair of questions asking for roughly \$20 million for updates to buildings and facilities.

A five-year, \$40 million referendum was narrowly rejected by Wausau School District voters.

More than 80 school referendums appeared on Wisconsin ballots last week.

School District of Tomahawk voters in February approved a spending request allowing the district to continue to exceed its revenue limit by \$3.25 million each year for four years, starting with the 2025-2026 school year and ending in 2028-2029.

The district is currently operating under a three-year, \$3.25 million referendum that got the thumbs up from voters in April 2022 and will expire at the end of the current school year.

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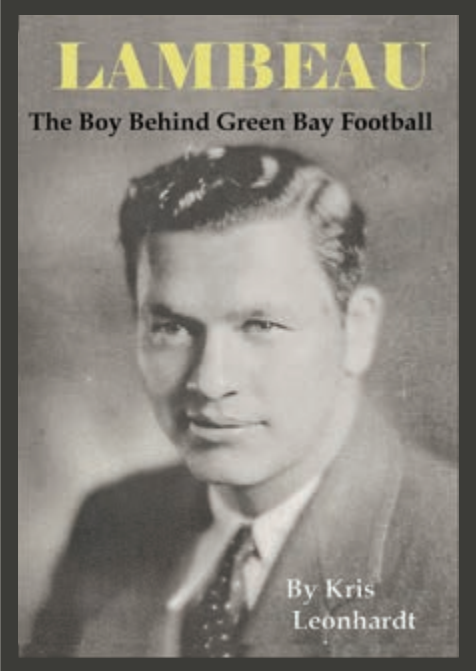


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The Boy Behind Green Bay Football

By Kris Leonhardt

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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Historical Society accepting donations for museum updates, expansion

Three-phase plan underway

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TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is continuing to accept donations towards its efforts to update and expand its museum campus.

Currently, the campus includes the Old Kindergarten Museum on E. Washington Ave., as well as the Log Museum, the On Target boat and locomotive displays across the street in Washington Square Park.

The Historical Society last year launched a three-phase plan that will ultimately see additional historical offerings added to the campus.

Phase one of the plan will involve the creation of an Antique Print Museum that will feature a rare operational Linotype and other related equipment that would be found in a working letterpress print shop.

The museum will be housed in an existing garage building already on the E. Washington Ave. property. Work on this phase is already underway – the structure has been cleaned out, its roof has been replaced and some nearby invasive trees have been removed.

“We need to add electric-



An existing garage building will be renovated to house an Antique Print Museum.

ity, remodel the interior, replace one garage door and remove two others, move and install the heavy equipment from Louie Heuser’s shop in Nokomis and complete the historical displays, hopefully yet this summer,” the Historical Society stated.

A Boat Museum will be the focus of Phase 2.

This museum, which will be constructed adjacent to the print museum, will contain vintage watercrafts from the former Tomahawk Boat Company, according to the Historical Society.

Phase 3 will include work on the existing schoolhouse museum to add storage space and meeting rooms.

“Upon completion, we will have a very attractive and comprehensive museum complex that showcases Tomahawk’s proud history,” the Historical Society said.



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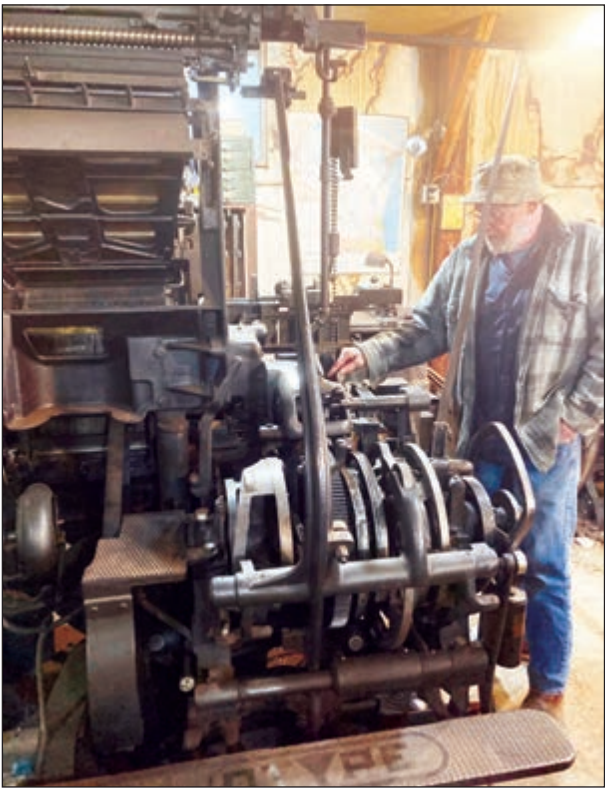
Work on the structure is already underway.

The Historical Society thanked those who have already backed the group’s efforts through last year’s Shoe Drive fundraiser, brat fry events, financial contributions and donations of time and material.

“We are now in the process of developing a fundraising plan to help meet our goals,” the Historical

Society stated. “And, we need your help.”

To help support the Historical Society’s work to update and expand its museum campus, mail a tax-deductible donation to Tomahawk Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 655, Tomahawk, Wis., 54487, with “Print/Boat Museum” in the memo line.



The museum will house local printer Louie Heuser’s Linotype machine and other printing equipment.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Monday, March 31:

On 3/24/2025 deputies were sent to an address in the N1000 block of Four Mile Dr. in the Town of Tomahawk for a reported disturbance in progress. The disturbance was between an 80 year old woman and a man, 71, both of Tripoli. As deputies investigated the report, the woman was consistently uncooperative, interrupting the deputies, and placing all the blame on the argument on the male party. Deputies instructed her to stop interrupting and allow them to talk with the man, which she refused to do. Deputies arrested the woman for domestic disorderly conduct and

transported her to the Lincoln County Jail.

On 3/29/2025 deputies were sent to the area of STH 64 and STH 107 and CTH E in the Town of Scott for a reported hit-and-run crash with no injuries reported. The reporting party, a Merrill man, 64, stated he was traveling in the area when he reported the suspect vehicle struck his vehicle. The man stated that the suspect was traveling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, and after the collision, the suspect left the scene, traveling N/B on CTH E. Investigating officers did a search of the area and were unable to locate the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle is described as red, and possibly a Nissan with Illinois registration.

The suspect vehicle would have sustained substantial front end damage. The Sheriff’s Office would appreciate the public’s assistance in keeping an eye open for this vehicle. Anyone with information concerning this crash or the whereabouts of the suspect vehicle is urged to call the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office at 715-536-6272. Following the on-scene investigation, the crash was listed as an injury crash due to the R/P stating that he was sore from the crash.

With last weekend’s winter

weather, the Sheriff’s Office dispatch center took 14 weather-related calls reporting various problems such as trees down, power transformers blowing or roadways that were damaged or blocked. Dispatch took another nine calls reporting power lines down.

Deputies conducted 29 traffic stops and 33 security checks. Deputies responded to four car vs. deer crashes.

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John (Johnny) Albert Stahmer, born in Minocqua, Wis., on Feb. 26, 1978 at 7:09 p.m. to a beaming mother, Jane Oemichen Stahmer and proud father John Wesley Stahmer, passed away unexpectedly on March 17, 2025, vacationing in Costa Rica with his family. He was preceded in death by grandparents Albert Henry Stahmer, Margaret Lemke Stahmer, Jane Montaba Oemichen, Marlyn Frederick Oemichen and his beloved father John Wesley Stahmer.

Johnny is survived by his wife Shannon Becker Stahmer, daughter Blair Weddington Becker, son Weston Hayes Stahmer, mother Jane Oemichen Stahmer, brother Christopher Henry Stahmer, sister-in-law Christie Leigh Stahmer, nephew Henry James Stahmer and niece Lane Ruth Stahmer. Johnny grew up with his family on Clear Lake (in a black house) in Tomahawk, where he enjoyed summers with his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many lake friends. Favorite activities included swimming, not fishing, arguing (but not too loud because the neighbors might hear), go-karting, and water sports (preferably requiring the consumption of endless gallons of gasoline in various outboards, Sea Doos and MasterCrafts), and countless hours of water-skiing, courtesy of the Lemke family Power Cat.

He was a fan of many sports, but a true fanatic of the Green Bay Packers. A knowledge base, backed by a secretly crafted Excel spreadsheet, that was once shared with esteemed Journal Sentinel beat writer who asked, “How do you possibly know all of this?” Johnny won the Culver’s Packer Pregame trivia (before search engines) so many times, including the grand prize lunch with a Packer, that he was politely instructed to stop competing, so others would have a chance at winning.

When Johnny wasn’t enjoying life on Clear Lake or watching the Packers, he was also a member of the Kwahamot Water Ski Team where he did the figure-eight slalom and barefoot acts.

As a connoisseur of shopping, aspirations demanded a miscellany of jobs over the years. Most notably Mr. G’s resort as chief dock hand, water skiing instructor and jet ski pilot with other “Up North” favorites including scooping ice cream at The Windmill Ice Cream Shoppe (for much longer than his brother if you were wondering), Hardee’s, tour guide at Journey into the Wild, Tomahawk Disability Center, and not to forget, a Sandwich Artist at Subway.

As a pupil of the Tomahawk School District, not only did he enjoy his father as junior high school principal but also as his spirited high school principal. Although in the same building, his dad always insisted on kissing both him and his brother goodbye every morning before school. Despite the allure of having your father as your principal, Johnny opted for a new experience and transferred to Wausau Newman his junior year where he developed lifelong friendships and flourished in football starting on both offense and defense.

Post graduation, Johnny attended UW-Stout where he majored in Marketing and played on the Rugby team. Summers were filled as a camp counselor for the U.S. Department of Education through the Upward Bound program (an advocacy program for high school students). UW-Stout made a lasting impression on him. Eventually, being nominated as a proud member of the UW-Stout Board where he served as Vice President.

Post undergraduate, he attended Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul, Minn., and UW Madison School of Law. He became a member of the Wisconsin Bar, where he practiced as a public defender in northern Wisconsin advocating for those in need of a voice.

Shifting gears, Johnny pursued another passion, a master’s degree in finance from the University of Arizona’s Eller College of Management. His introduction to business included work in the public sector for the State of Arizona – as deputy director of the Department of Fire Building and Life Safety. Wanderlust led him to California to pursue new dreams, where he found the love of his life, Shannon. In stride, he was honored to be “Step-In Dad” to daughter Blair and celebrated a dream wedding on a snowy December day at Chicago’s Drake Hotel. Marriages create personal growth in more ways than one, as their beloved son Weston, joined a proud older sister, on the 23rd of September 2017.

Professionally, he transitioned into the private financial sector, landing his dream job as Managing Director at Flat Rock Global. It was a job he loved, championed and where he found his professional niche with whom many would call co-workers, but who Johnny called friends.

As a proud father, husband, businessman and loyal Tomahawk native, Johnny enjoyed the fruits of decades of inextinguishable drive while celebrating the accomplishment of five years of sobriety in February of this year. With inner peace and purpose, as an advocate for those struggling to find the same, a small-town boy, growing up on a road named after his family, Johnny accomplished big dreams. With eternal love, by those who will forever miss him.

Consider donating to his scholarship at UW-Stout to give the next kid with big dreams a shot.

Funeral services for Johnny Stahmer were held on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 2 p.m., at the United Methodist Church. Rev. Lisa Weaver officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family.

Bunsen Gipple, 88, of Tomahawk, WI passed away Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Oconto Falls. Bunsen was born January 8, 1937 in Merrill, the son of Edwin and Dorothy (Plautz) Gipple. He was united in marriage to Joan Fleischfresser January 17, 1959 in Merrill and she preceded him in death in October of 2008. Bunsen worked at the Paper Mill where he retired in 1999. Surviving are his daughter, Kim (Dean Wold) Chase, Oconto; grandchild, Brian (Katie) Chase and great-grandchildren, Molly and Nolan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joan; son, Kerry Gipple; brothers, Edwin “Burr” Gipple, 2 infant brothers and a sister-in-law, Marlene.

Honoring Bunsen wishes there will be no services. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family.



Julia “Julie” A. Benner, age 68, of Tomahawk, went home to be with Jesus on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025. Julie was born in Summit, N.J., on Dec. 27, 1956, to the late William and Caroline “Carlee” (Rathbun) Hillman.

Julie attended the Meadowbrook Elementary School in Eatontown, N.J., where she was a talented trumpet player and a member of the Eatontown Drum and Bugle Core. She was a 1975 graduate of the Shawnee High School in Medford, N.J., and began working in the food industry thereafter. She was an excellent cook and followed this path her entire career. In 1981, Julie married Carmen Rongione and they had one daughter, Nicole; they later divorced. She met Brad in the food industry and were married in 1989. Together, they had two children, Crystal and Adam. They later moved to Wisconsin owning and operating the Junction Restaurant in Tomahawk for 12 years. Julie and her family spent many summers visiting her parents in Cape May, N.J., where she loved the beach and ocean. Her energetic personality always added excitement to the extended family vacations and are fondly remembered. Always an animal lover, Julie loved taking care of her pets, especially her parakeets. Above all, Julie cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren and truly adored being a grandma.

Survivors include her husband of over 35 years, Brad Benner, of Tomahawk; her children, Nicole (Daniel) Schaff, of Edison, N.J., Crystal Benner, of Tomahawk, and Adam Benner, also of Tomahawk; her grandchildren, Riley and Brantley Benner; her sister, Patricia (Paul) Peck, of Las Vegas, Nev.; her brothers, David (Michelle) Hillman, of Falmouth, Mass., and Bill (Kathy) Hillman, of Richmond, Va.; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lloyd and Lorraine Benner, of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; her sister-in-law, Linda (Steve) Atchley, of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; and her brother-in-law, Greg (Melissa) Benner, of Chippewa Falls, Wis. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Carlee; and her brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Manuella Benner.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Generations Funeral Home, at 12 p.m. Pastor Alex Lindsay will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of services at 12 p.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Julia’s obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem, which is just a few days before He is crucified. It is not called Jesus’ triumphal entry because He had overcome those who opposed Him, but because the people welcomed Him as their long awaited Messiah. His entry into Jerusalem was exciting, but ended in His crucifixion a few days later. There were four groups of people in the crowd that welcomed Jesus that day.

The first group was the enemies of Jesus Christ. They were the priests, the religious teachers, and politicians. Fairly early in Jesus’ earthly ministry they had decided to not believe Jesus to be the Messiah God had promised them, even accusing Him of getting His power through Satan (Mark 3:6). Eventually, they considered Jesus a threat to the security of the nation and therefore, must die (John 11:47-53).

The second group was the circus crowd. We read in John 12:9,17,18 that many people were there because they had heard that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11) and wanted to see both Jesus and Lazarus. This was a big enough group, the religious leaders wanted to kill both Lazarus and Jesus, so the miracle would be forgotten (John 12:10,11).

The third group was those who hoped Jesus would be the promised Messiah (John 12:12,13). They were the ones who laid the palm branches and articles of clothing in the road to honor Jesus, and applied the different titles for the Messiah to Him. Many from the second group joined with them in hailing Jesus as the long awaited Messiah. But in John 12 we read that even these people were not ready to commit themselves to Jesus as their Messiah.

In verse 37 we are told that even though Jesus had done so many miracles, they still would not commit their lives to Him (*believed not on Him*). There were also many among the religious leaders who had set their hopes on Jesus, but they would not commit themselves because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God (John 42,43). So we see these three groups of people who greeted Jesus as He came to Jerusalem that day: those who openly opposed Him, those who were curious, and those who hoped in Jesus was the Messiah, but would not commit themselves. They were not any different than people today when it comes to the question of who is Jesus Christ.

And then there was a fourth group, those who believed Jesus to be the Son of God and followed Him. They have always been in the minority when it comes to Jesus Christ, even today. Each of us must decide which group we belong to, a decision that only has two options: to believe Him or not believe Him.

Pastor Charles Scheele
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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Little Bursts Of Happiness

Dear Reader,

In a world bustling with deadlines, distractions, and the unrelenting hum of routine, it’s easy to overlook the extraordinary in the ordinary. Yet, it’s in those fleeting moments — at the checkout line, on a flight, or in a quick business transaction — where we hold the power to create something profound: a little burst of happiness.

It doesn’t take much. A smile, a kind word, or a genuine question like, “How’s your day going?” can transform an interaction from transactional to meaningful. Sometimes, though, a small token — a physical reminder of goodwill — can spark a ripple effect of positivity. My favorite? A \$2 bill.

The \$2 bill is iconic, rare enough to feel special but common enough to be accessible. Handing it to someone with a simple message — “This is for luck, and I hope it brings you good fortune” — does more than exchange paper. It says, I see you. You matter. I’ve passed them to retail clerks who look weary from hours of scanning barcodes, to pilots who ensure our safe passage through the skies, and to business associates navigating the grind. The reactions vary — some are puzzled, others light up with surprise — but almost always, there’s a smile.

What happens next is where the magic begins. That \$2 bill becomes a conversation starter, a keepsake, or maybe even a nudge toward dreaming bigger. It’s not about the monetary value; it’s about the gesture, the reminder that hope and good fortune are still within reach. The beauty of these small acts is how they inspire us to try harder, be better, and dream more. They remind us that life, for all its unpredictability, holds space for kindness. And perhaps, with enough of these little bursts of happiness, we can create a world where the ordinary feels extraordinary.

So, the next time you find yourself face-to-face with someone in the course of your day, take a moment. Pass along a smile, a kind word, or even a \$2 bill. You never know how far that spark of hope might travel or how brightly it might shine.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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



Associated Clergy of Tomahawk “Pastor’s Corner”

Last week was a tough week. I was exhausted and still had Sunday services to tend to. Now, don’t get me wrong – I love Sunday worship – but when you’re worn out, you’re just worn out. Then someone gave me a pot of chili and a loaf of bread so I wouldn’t have to cook supper – not because I told them I was exhausted but because they already knew I would be. That’s love, that’s compassion, that’s service.

We are in the middle of Lent, the season in the church that starts with Ash Wednesday and ends with celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. In John 13, we find the disciples and Jesus sharing a meal together. It was customary for the host to provide for the guest’s feet to be washed. In this passage, however, Jesus gets up from the supper table and takes a basin of water and begins to wash the disciple’s feet.

This is a humbling act – the Teacher and Lord washing the feet of his students. What message was Jesus trying to convey to his disciples and to us today?

Jesus said, “You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” John 13:13-15

The call from Jesus, then and now, is to serve. Serve one another. Care for one another. Be willing to put self aside for a moment and give of yourself to help someone else. We are called to serve – to be Christ to the world. We start with the ones we live with and go to school with and the ones we work with and worship with. However, we are not to stop there. We are called to move on to our neighbor and to the stranger.

Maybe this Lenten season, instead of trying to give something up for Lent, like chocolate or your favorite latte, maybe we do something good for someone else. Like, help a stranger clean up their lawn for spring, or donate time or food to your local food pantry, or maybe even make a pot of chili and give it away.

Celebrate Easter by celebrating each other.

Pastor Lisa A. Weaver
Spirit and Tomahawk
United Methodist
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Area veterans to take Never Forgotten Honor Flight

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Numerous area veterans are slated to take next week’s Never Forgotten Honor Flight (NFHF) to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials that honor their service.

The flight, which will take place on Monday, April 14, was organized by the Wausau-based NFHF organization, which serves veterans in Barron, Clark, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Rusk, Taylor, Vilas and Wood counties.

The flight marks the Wausau-based NFHF organization’s 51st flight since the first took place in April 2010.

A total of 104 veterans – 103 from the Vietnam era and one from the Korean era – will take the flight.

Among those listed to take the trip are Vietnam-era veterans Tom Wyles IV, Irma, Navy; and Lawrence Gedemer, Tripoli, Air Force.

Veterans from other communities throughout northern and central Wisconsin, including Antigo, Eagle River, Medford, Merrill, Phillips and Woodruff, are also listed on the flight roster.

The veterans will be accompanied by 66 guardians on the one-day round trip that departs Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA)



in Mosinee at 6:30 a.m. and is scheduled to return at approximately 10 p.m.

The public is invited to CWA to welcome the veterans home.

As part of NFHF, veterans receive a free round-trip flight, and guardians pay \$500.00 for the opportunity to accompany up to three veterans on the trip.

Veterans and guardians interested in taking a future Honor Flight can complete an application at www.neverforgottenhonorflight.com or contact the organization at 715-573-8519.

All veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War eras are encouraged to submit an application. The only criteria for veterans to qualify for an Honor Flight is to have served (active duty, reserves or National Guard) prior to May 7, 1975, regardless of where they served.

Completed applications for veterans and guardians also can be mailed to Never Forgotten Honor

Flight, 4404 Rib Mountain Dr., #234, Wausau, Wis., 54401.

NFHF said the veterans are selected based upon the order in which their applications are received and the conflict they served in.

“Preference is given to World War II veterans, then Korea Veterans, and then Vietnam era veterans,” NFHF stated. “Veterans who are terminally ill, regardless of when they served in those three eras, are given top preference. Guardians should be 18 to 69 years old and able to lend physical assistance to the veterans.”

As of the next week’s flight, NFHF will have flown 4,977 veterans to Washington, D.C.

North Central Wisconsin’s NFHF is the nation’s 77th regional hub and one of five Wisconsin Honor Flight hubs. The Wausau-based organization was certified by the National Honor Flight Network office in Springfield, Ohio on Dec. 11, 2009.

Dabbs appears in court on charges related to February shooting incident

**BY TINA L. SCOTT
MMC STAFF**

MERRILL – Bobby Dabbs, age 27, of Trenton, Tenn., made his initial appearance in Lincoln County Court on Monday, March 31, via Zoom video from the Lincoln County Jail.

Dabbs is charged with multiple felony counts related to a shooting incident that occurred in the early morning hours of Friday, Feb. 7 at X to C Golf Course, which left a Gleason-area man hospitalized in critical condition.

Dabbs was taken into custody on Monday, March 17 by local law enforcement in Tennessee and subsequently extradited to the Lincoln County Jail. The arrest came after a nationwide warrant was issued by Lincoln County Judge Galen Bayne-Allison following an extensive investigation by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office in cooperation with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Gibson County Sheriff’s Office in Tennessee.

During Monday’s hearing in front of Judge Robert Russell, an amended criminal complaint was filed. District Attorney Kristopher Ellis explained that based on new information from the investigation, the charges were modified to include attempted first degree intentional homicide.

“When the case was first charged, it was believed that the defendant and the victim were more wrestling around on the ground, and then a firearm was involved and there was an accidental discharge, and the victim was injured due to that,” Ellis told the court.

However, Ellis stated that after speaking with the victim’s physician, investigators noted inconsistencies with the original story. The bullet had entered the victim at a downward angle, which didn’t align with claims of an accidental discharge during a scuffle.

Ellis said law enforcement traveled to Tennessee, where they interviewed a witness who changed his original statement. According to Ellis, the witness now claimed “that



Bobby Dabbs appeared in Lincoln County Court via Zoom from the Lincoln County Jail.
Photo by Tina L. Scott

the witness had separated the victim and the defendant... the witness was between the two of ‘em while he was facing the victim. And the defendant was behind him, and then the firearm discharge came from behind witness and then hit victim in the neck.”

The victim was reportedly paralyzed in the incident and has only recently regained the ability to speak, though with difficulty.

Jessica Fehrenbach, who made a special appearance for the defendant and anticipates the Public Defender’s Office will handle the defendant’s defense going forward, argued for a lower bond, noting that Dabbs had been allowed to return to Tennessee after the initial investigation without being detained.

“By all accounts, he wasn’t fleeing, he was not hiding, he was not avoiding anything. He was let go by law enforcement,” she said.

After considering arguments from both sides, Judge Robert R. Russell set a cash bond of \$100,000.00 with conditions including no contact with the victim or the witness, and no possession of dangerous weapons.

Fehrenbach also filed a motion to dismiss counts one, two and three of the amended complaint, arguing the complaint lacked probable cause. She pointed out that “the word accident is used five times in the complaint... where intentional is used

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REPORT OF UNPAID PARCELS FOR TAX YEAR 2022 STATE OF WISCONSIN)) ss LINCOLN COUNTY) NOTICE is hereby given that the following described tracts and lots of land sold for the taxes due and unpaid for the year 2022 on the First day of September, 2023, are unredeemed in the office of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County, Wisconsin: That opposite the description of each tract or part thereof in the following list, is the amount charged to that parcel of land for the above year. Now, therefore, unless the said lands be redeemed on or before the Fifteenth Day of November, 2025 they will be conveyed to the county in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided. Dated at the Office of the County Treasurer, Lincoln County, Merrill, Wisconsin, this 1st day of April, 2025. Robbin Gigl County Treasurer of Lincoln County, Wisconsin Lands will be described as follows: NE 1/4 means Northeast Quarter NW 1/4 means Northwest Quarter SW 1/4 means Southwest Quarter SE 1/4 means Southeast Quarter In the description for the Townships the listing shows parcel description, and amount due as of November 15, 2025 TOWN OF BIRCH Carl J Zobel Sr PCL of land In SW cor of SW1/4SE1/4 \$69.49 TOWN OF BRADLEY Kevin A Krueger Prt of NE 1/4 SW1/4 cm at S1/4 Sec 35- N ODG 04°52' W 1980' to POB \$ 229.52		Paul Schmutzer Lot 3 Ladick Nokomis Sub division \$176.93 Lot 2 Ladick Nokomis Sub division N11886 Klade Rd \$4,346.11 Charles O Mielke N11488 Cottage Rd Lot 13 Musky Bay Vista \$1,650.86 VJM North Properties LLC N11122 Tannery Rd Prt of SE1/4NW1/4 and NE1/4SW1/4- CM at W1/4 CR to POB \$4,487.69 Tomahawk Tissue Corp Prt of NW ¼ NE ¼ \$19.13 SW ¼ NE ¼ \$160.21 Jeffrey M Fisher-Lorna R Fisher W7097 County Rd CC NW1/4NE1/4 Ex Prt for Hwy \$2,605.40 TOWN OF CORNING Anthony 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The City of Tomahawk is accepting proposals for the hauling of approximately 1,000,000 gallons of liquid sludge. A proposal specification packet can be obtained at the City Clerk-Treasurer’s Office or on the city website. Sealed proposals will be received in the City Clerk-Treasurer’s Office until 1:00 p.m. on April 18th. 2025. Proposals may be delivered in person or by mail to Office of the Clerk/Treasurer, 23 N 2nd St, PO Box 469, Tomahawk, WI 54487 and marked on the outside of the envelope: Sludge Hauling Proposal.

454007

Town of Nokomis
OPEN BOOK AND
BOARD OF REVIEW

April 22, 2025 at the Nokomis Town Hall from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The assessment roll will be available for you to look at and a Bowmar Appraisal Inc consultant will be present to answer any questions.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Nokomis will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m. Bowmar Appraisals, Inc will be present. Call Wendy Smith, Clerk for an appointment. 715-612-4103.

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NOTICE

The Town of Cassian is accepting sealed bids for the paving of approximately 72 ft. from HWY 51 intersection of Rocky Run Road west approximately 1.2 miles (6280 ft.) to new existing blacktop by 10047 Harshaw Gun Club.

All bids need to be received by the Town Board meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7pm at the Cassian Town Hall. Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk @ Cassiantownclerk282@zohomail.com

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NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK
AND BOARD OF REVIEW

FOR THE TOWN OF SKANAWAN,
LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **OPEN BOOK** for the Town of Skanawan will be held at the Town Hall Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and the **BOARD OF REVIEW** shall meet from Tuesday, May 13, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Town Hall **by appointment only.**

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

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and, specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s.73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Skanawan has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.*The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s.19.35 (1), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in it's discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.
Notice is hereby given this 30th day of March, 2025
Loyetta Dennis, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For:
City of Tomahawk
Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application
City Hall
23 N. 2nd Street, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
5:00 pm

The Board of Public Works of Tomahawk will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities (PF) program funds. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, provide input on community development and housing needs, and comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

Agenda for the public hearing:

1. Identification of total potential funding available
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs
4. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
5. Review of any potential residential and non-residential displacement
6. Resident input regarding community development and housing needs, the proposed CDBG project, and other CDBG activities

Residents of the City of Tomahawk, including residents with low and moderate incomes that may be impacted by the project, are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is ADA accessible.

Persons needing additional accommodations should contact Amanda Bartz, City Clerk/Treasurer at telephone number 715-453-4040 or email: abartz@tomahawkwi.gov.

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Town of Wilson

Open Book and Board of Review

April 24, 2025

Open Book 10:30am – 12:30pm

May 1, 2025

Board of Review 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Town of Wilson Town Hall N10802
County Road CC

Todd Anderson will be present to
answer Any questions.

Call Jane Kaczmarek 715-906-6090

Clerk for an appointment or stop by
the town hall to answer any questions.

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Legals7700

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.

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Notice To Creditors7735

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
Gene Allen Malnory

X - Amended
**Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)**
Case No. 2024IN53

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04-23-1956 and date of death 11-14-2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W7448 County Road O, Tomahawk, WI 54487.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 11, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, The Office of the Register in Probate.

**BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 14, 2025**
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Register in Probate
1110 E. Main Street
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-0342
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Name Change7730

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Juan Hernandez Guizar

**Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing**
Case No. 25CV35

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] Juan
[Last] Hernandez Guizar

To: [First] Juan
[Last] Hernandez Juedes

Birth Certificate:
[First] Juan
[Last] Hernandez Guizar

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison
Place: Lincoln County Courthouse-
BR 1 Courtroom
1110 E. Main St. Merrill, WI 54452
Date: 05-05-2025
Time: 9:45 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0319 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 03/25/2025**
/s/ Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison
Circuit Court Judge, BR 1
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Classifieds

Announcements 7005

IF YOU HAD KNEE OR HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY and suffered an infection due to use of a Bair Hugger (Blue Blanket) between 2020 and the present time, you may be entitled to compensation. Call attorney Charles H. Johnson 800/535-5727

Notice To Creditors7735

**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:
DATE SIGNED: March 14, 2025**
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Joyce Prebeg
N10138 Kings Road
Tomahawk WI 54487
Phone: 715-908-0729
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Estate Sales7208

Friday, 4/11,9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, 4/12,9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 4/13,10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Estate Sale 2800 Thielman St Unit 7A, Merrill, WI April 11 - 13, 2025. MCM Pennsylvania House Q 4 pc bedroom set, dresser w 2 twin beds, dining room set. Q and twin box spring/mattress, lift chair, coffee table, curio cabinet, Christmas decorations, 100's of Vtg Hallmark ornaments, China dolls, name brand women and men's clothing, Worldly collectibles, Pewter, China, Jewelry, Bedding, Pictures. No early sales. 2800 Thielman Street Unit 7A

Firewood7244

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DPI launches new map to track federal funding impact on Wisconsin libraries

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction last week announced that it has created a new interactive map of federal funding resources for public library systems in the state.

A release from DPI said that along with highlighting congressional districts, the new map illustrates the impact of federal funding on each of the 15 library systems in Wisconsin, including:

- The number of libraries in each library system.
- Amount of public library system state aid and federal aid through the Library Services and Technology Act each system receives.
- Federal aid as a percentage of the system's total funding.

There are 35 public libraries, branches and/or bookmobiles within the



Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS), including the Tomahawk Public Library, the T.B. Scott Free Library in Merrill and the Rhinelander District Library.

According to DPI, in 2025, WVLS is expected to receive \$1,376,908.00 in state aid, with \$127,737.00 of that allocation coming from federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act.

Federal dollars account for 9% of WVLS's 2025 funding allocation.

DPI said federal funding and programs are “vital to supporting the libraries and the lifelong learning journey of all those residing in Wisconsin.”

“These resources empower Wisconsin libraries

Wisconsin DOJ provides resources for teens, parents amid rise in sextortion cases

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is providing resources for online safety with tips for talking to kids about safe online practices as sextortion cases increase throughout the country, including in Wisconsin.

A release from DOJ said sextortion is a form of sexual exploitation where the offender receives sexually explicit material from the victim and then threatens to release the compromising material unless the victim sends money, gift cards and/or additional sexual content, or engages in sexual activity.

“Children are particularly vulnerable to this type of crime,” DOJ stated. “The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has seen a dramatic increase in online enticement, which is a broad category that includes sextortion cases, being reported to the CyberTipline.”

DOJ said financial sextortion, where the offender demands money from the person, is becoming more prevalent, and teenage boys have been the most common targets in recent cases.

“Sextortion can have tragic consequences for victims including mental health crisis and suicide, although the data is not tracked nationally,” DOJ stated. “If you or someone you know is in crisis, the National Suicide Hotline is 988. You can call or text to reach a mental health professional.”

According to DOJ, as of mid-March, the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force had received 103 cybertips related to sextortion. In 2024, the task force received 237 cybertips related to sextortion, up from 176 in 2023. These numbers do not include cases reported directly to local law enforcement agencies, DOJ noted.



“Sextortion is a heinous crime targeting teens around the country,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “By learning how to help prevent this crime and how to respond effectively when it occurs, members of the public can help keep kids safe.”

DOJ provided the following tips for teens who may be victims of sextortion:

- Remember, it's not your fault.
- Even if you made a choice you regret, it's never too late to get help.
- Tell a parent or trusted adult right away.
- Do not pay money or comply with the blackmailer's requests.
- Report the account through the platform's safety feature.
- Block the suspect, but do not delete the messages or your profile.
- Report the crime to law enforcement or at www.Report.CyberTip.org.

The following tips for parents and guardians are informed by NetSmartz and the NCMEC:

- Get involved.
- Actively participate in your children's digital lives.
- Regular check-ins about online interactions should be the norm.
- Set online and offline behavioral expectations.
- Remind your child that if they are a victim of sextortion, that you are a trusted adult and it is never too late to get help.
- Talk about relationships.

to best serve their communities,” DPI stated. “They help fund important initiatives like interlibrary loan, summer reading programs, workforce development and more. In addition, federal funding supports consulting services to libraries throughout the state, cultivation of regional, statewide and national collaborations, and innovative pilot programs aimed at improving library service for the people of Wisconsin.”

DPI said it encourages library leaders, educators and community members to “utilize these resources to better understand the crucial role of federal funding and communicate its importance to their communities.”

To access the map, and to find more information on the impact of federal funds on Wisconsin's schools and libraries, visit www.dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/federal-funding.

- Have regular discussions about your family's expectations and values regarding relationships. Discuss the characteristics of healthy relationships, such as having and respecting boundaries and practicing consent. Explain that both pressuring someone and being pressured into uncomfortable or unsafe sexual behaviors is not okay. Help children understand that they should never forward sexts they may receive from others, as limiting the image's spread reduces the risk of it falling into dangerous hands.

- Empower your child.
- Provide resources that your child can reach out to, such as www.NCMEC.org and www.CyberTipline.org.
- Teach your child how to report someone.

- Remind them that sextortion is a crime, it is not their fault and you are here to help them.

If you or someone you know has information on potential child exploitation, you can report it to NCMEC online at www.report.cyber-tip.org/ or by calling 1-800-843-5678.

Reports can also be made through Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO), a 24/7 statewide confidential reporting system run by DOJ's Office of School Safety. Reports can be made online at www.speakup.widog.gov/, by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or by texting “SUSO” to 738477.

About the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force

The Wisconsin ICAC Task Force offers a variety of services including investigation and prosecution of offenders of internet crime, investigative and prosecutorial assistance for police agencies and prosecutors, victim services, training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors and coordination of internet safety education for parents, teachers and community members.

Leader Sports & Nature

Marshfield Clinic Research Institute seeking ticks for second year of study

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Marshfield Clinic Research Institute is once again asking Wisconsin residents to send in ticks they find this year.

In 2024, the Research Institute launched the Tick Inventory via Citizen Science (TICS) (www.tinyurl.com/bdfjb387) in an effort to identify the ticks that are found in the state.

A release from Marshfield Clinic said this information can be used to assess risk of encountering a tick-borne disease and to learn more about who is being exposed and diagnosed with tick-borne diseases.

More than 6,000 ticks from nearly every Wisconsin county were submitted in 2024, according to Marshfield Clinic.

“We had overwhelming support from people who are curious and invested in helping better identify the health threats associated with ticks,” said Jennifer Meece, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute Executive Director. “We had many calls last year from people who told us about the impact tick-borne disease had on their lives.”

Of the ticks collected in 2024, about 4,200, or more than 70%, were the American dog (wood) tick, and the majority of the remainder were the deer (blacklegged) tick.

Marshfield Clinic noted that much of that difference is likely due to the larger wood ticks being easier to spot than the smaller deer ticks.

“The deer tick’s small size and greater likelihood of carrying illnesses like Lyme disease is what makes it critical to perform tick checks after spending time in wooded or brushy areas,” said Alexandra Linz, Marshfield Clinic Re-

search Institute Associate Research Scientist.

“Deer ticks carry pathogens that may cause diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis and babesiosis,” Marshfield Clinic stated. “The large number of ticks submitted allowed the research team to detect an influx of ticks from typically warmer climates, including the lone star tick that spreads ehrlichiosis and could cause Alpha-gal Syndrome (also known as the meat allergy), and Brown dog ticks that spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever.”

“With new tick species becoming more prevalent in Wisconsin, the risk for potential newly introduced diseases increases,” Meece said. “We are trying to determine the extent and significance of this spread and the potential health effects.”

How to request a kit

Tick collection kits are available at the George Mead Wildlife Area Education Center, Castlerock Veterinary in Marshfield and many Marshfield Clinic locations.

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

Parks and nature centers interested in having kits available for their visitors also are encouraged to contact Marshfield Clinic Research Institute.

“Once the tick, dead or alive, has been placed in the collection kit, just drop it in the mail to submit using the provided kits,” Marshfield Clinic said. “Any tick found on people or pets is appreciated. Each kit will come with a unique identification number that people can use

to look up, via an online dashboard, the species of ticks they submitted.”

New this year inside the kit will be additional survey questions. Marshfield Clinic said optional questions include the types of precautions the person is taking to avoid ticks, if they’ve ever been diagnosed with a tickborne disease and if the Research Institute can follow up with the person for potential future studies.

“We are interested in learning more about the diseases and how they affect people,” Meece stated. “Tick-borne diseases are complex to diagnose, and sometimes, complex to treat. Having a better understanding of the people affected can better help us in future research.”

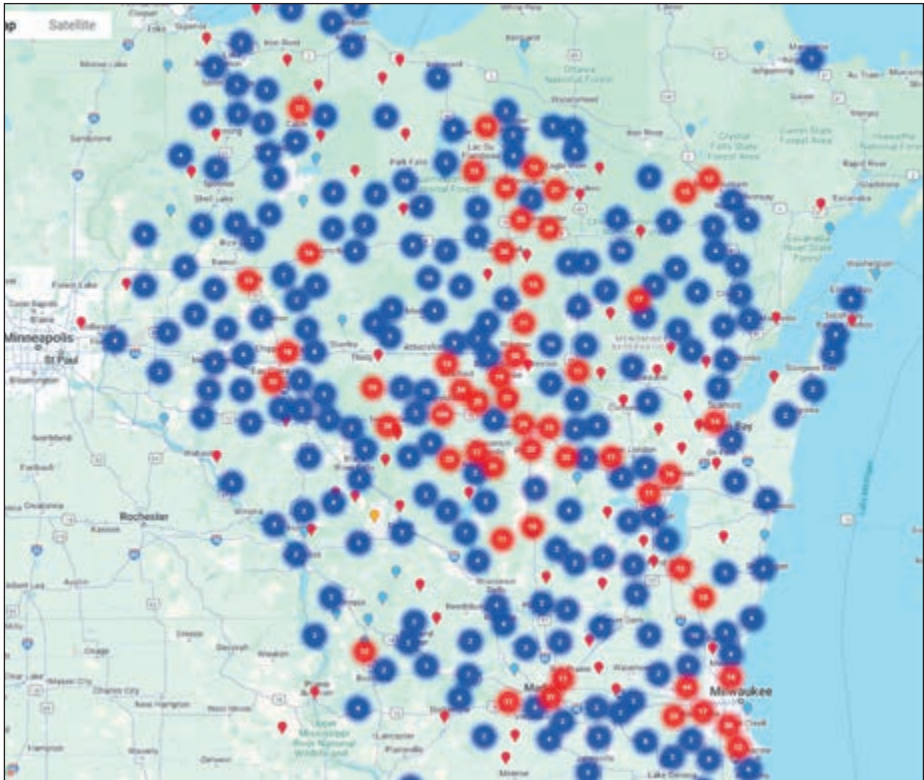
Marshfield Clinic said tick submissions from all over Wisconsin are encouraged, regardless of if the person is a Marshfield Clinic patient.

Marshfield Clinic highlights ‘serious health consequences’

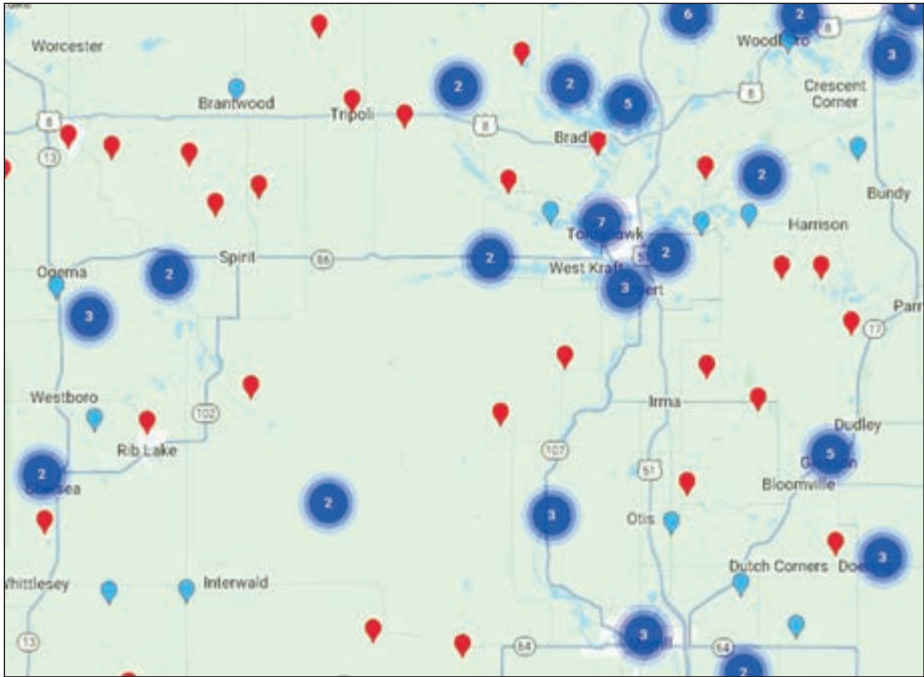
Symptoms of illnesses resulting from a tick bite can include rash, fever, joint pain and fatigue.

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

“Lyme disease is by far the most common tick-borne illness in Wisconsin,” said Dr. Thomas Boyce, a Pediatric Infectious Disease Physician with Marshfield Clinic Health System. “Testing is important, because early treatment is highly effective in preventing later stages of the disease from developing. If you remove a deer tick that is attached and engorged, a single dose of an antibiotic (doxycycline) can reduce the risk of contracting



Pictured is map of Wisconsin showing where ticks have been collected and sent to Marshfield Clinic Research Institute for identification.



Many ticks have been submitted from Tomahawk and surrounding areas. Photos courtesy of Marshfield Clinic

Lyme disease ten-fold (from 3% to 0.3%).”

“To reduce the risk of tick bites, spray insecti-

cide such as permethrin on clothing, sleeping bags and tent fabric,” Marshfield Clinic stated. “Wear cloth-

ing that covers your skin. Finally, have someone help you check for ticks after time spent outdoors.”

Fishing Report: Open water season around the corner

While there may still be some “good” ice on a few lakes up here, for all practical purposes the ice season is done. We’re shifting from ice fishing to open water. While there were still some ice anglers going out last weekend, most are hanging up the auger and turning their attention to boats, gear, and early season game plans. We’re all looking forward to that first Saturday in May at this point...this year, May 3rd.

Now’s the perfect time to get prepped for open water:

- Tackle Check: Go through your tackle boxes—clean out the rust, sharpen hooks, and restock on essentials like jig heads, plastics, and crankbaits.
- Line Swap: Old line gets brittle over winter. Respool your reels with fresh mono, fluoro, or braid to avoid heartbreak on your first big fish of the season.
- Rod & Reel Maintenance: Give your gear a good once-over. Oil the reels, check rod guides for cracks or wear, and make any needed repairs now.

- Boat Prep: If your boat’s been stored all winter, it’s time to start checking batteries, electronics, and motor systems. Make sure everything’s charged, fueled, and ready to go once the landings open up.
- As soon as ice is fully out, crappies and perch will move into the warming shallows, especially in dark-bottom bays and channels. These spots heat up fast in the spring sun, drawing in panfish in search of food and comfort. Look for 2-6 feet of water near downed trees or emerging weeds. Small

jigs under floats tipped with plastics or minnows will be go-to presentations early on.

Don’t overlook the importance of scouting this time of year. Even before you launch, walk shorelines, check temps, and watch for signs of activity like birds, minnows, or surface swirls.

Get ready—open water season is just around the corner. Although this week has some cold temperatures predicted, there’s also some warm coming.

Good luck and good fishin’!

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 228

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 227 question: The 1983-84 THS wrestling team won the conference tournament by 72.5 points. What school finished second: Park Falls, Medford or Ashland?

Week 227 answer: Park Falls finished second in the 1983-84 conference wrestling tournament.

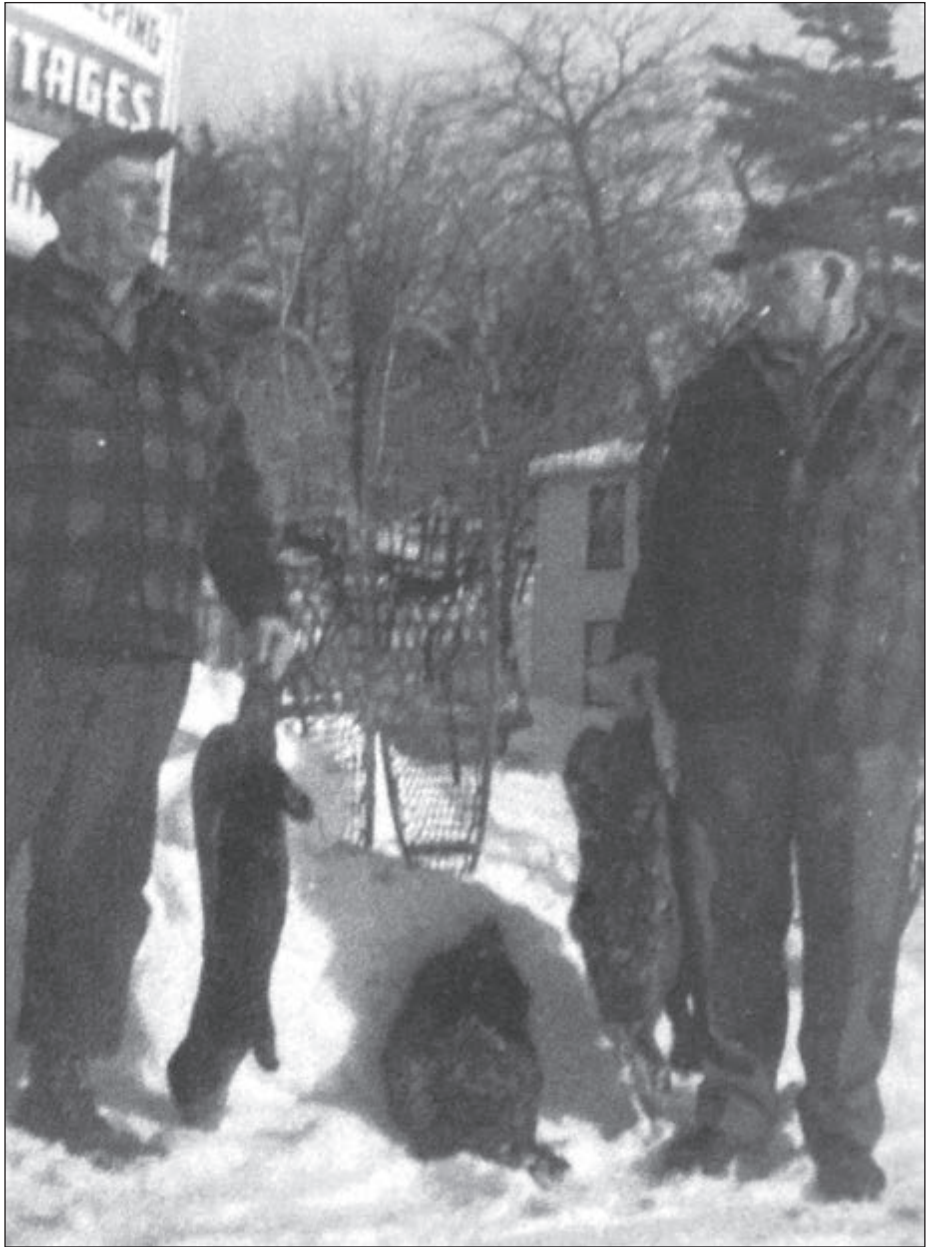
Congrats to Patricia Feind for being the first to correctly answer last week’s question!

Week 228 question: Bob Garrou was a 1984 Regional wrestling champion. He defeated Rick Sherman for the title. Where was Sherman from: Medford, Ashland or Park Falls?



Ed Pierce

Pictured is Ed Pierce, a mill pipe-fitter and avid outdoorsman. Pierce's maternal grandson, John Hofmann, explained that Pierce lived in a house he built in West Kraft in the 1940s. He often trapped and sold minnows to Ed Barton at his bait shop, along with trapping beavers, otters, mink and weasels for fur. Also a fisherman, Pierce assembled his own fly rod and frequented remote streams and marshes. In his later years, after a serious heart attack, he hand-soldered cookie cutters in his shop, using tin from Wesson oil cans, and gave them to his daughters and daughters-in-law at Christmastime. Pierce made ice fishing tip-ups for the men in the family. Hofmann noted that he still has his dad's tip-up.



Pictured are Ed Pierce and Bob Hickey. Photos courtesy of John Hofmann
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Data on water quality of lakes, streams, rivers sought

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking data on the water quality of the state's lakes, streams and rivers.

Along with DNR data, submitted data will be used to assess the quality of our state's water resources and pinpoint problem areas.

"The DNR requests Wisconsinites and interested groups submit their biological, chemical and physical surface water data every two years as part of the surface water quality assessment process," a release from the DNR said. "In accordance with the Clean Water Act, the DNR uses these assessments to prepare a statewide Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes an updated list of impaired waters."

Data will be accepted through Thursday, April 24.

The DNR said it is especially interested in data that:

- Documents improvement due to implementation of pollution control practices.
- Documents healthy waters.
- Supports planning for restoration or protection of waterbodies.
- Identifies public health risks.
- Is from waterbodies in the Fox River (IL) basin.
- Could be used for water quality criteria development in addition to assessments.

Data must be submitted electronically, and the information must be submitted in specific Excel spreadsheet formats, along with quality assurance documentation.

Required elements include:

- A Quality Assurance Project Plan.

- Data in the specified Excel spreadsheet format (template provided).
- Locational information in specified spreadsheet format (template provided).
- General information about the submitter.

Templates and further instructions are available on the Surface Water Public Participation webpage at www.tinyurl.com/ajy46naa. Data received as PDF files or in other hard copy formats will not be accepted.

Guidance on minimum data requirements and how the DNR evaluates data is available in the 2024 Wisconsin Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (WisCALM). More details are available on the DNR website at www.tinyurl.com/2umvk5t7.

Contact DNR staff with any questions at DNRWYWaterbodyAssessments@wisconsin.gov.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Garden tool
- A way to preserve
- Gratitude
- Domestic sheep
- Simpler
- Cavities containing liquid
- Large fish-eating bird
- Ocular protection index
- Phil __, former CIA
- Icelandic poems
- Pop
- Device
- Actor Rudd
- A pituitary hormone
- Focus on an object
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Young women's association
- Not shallow
- Doctor
- Furniture
- Hindu male religious teacher
- Highly spiced stew
- A way to communicate
- Almost last
- Astronomer Carl
- Small horses
- A slender tower with balconies
- A disrespectful quality
- Fully shaded inner regions
- Short convulsive intake of breath

CLUES DOWN

- Popular Sunday dinner option
- Oil cartel
- Agile
- Greek goddess of discord
- Genetically distinct variety
- Indicates badly
- Popular Mr. T character
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Within
- Palm trees
- Fungal disease
- Tall, slender-leaved plants
- Affirmative! (slang)
- A passport is one
- Two outs in baseball (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Deferential

- Where a bachelor lives
- Portable computer screen material
- A crying noise of a bird
- Sticky, amorphous substance
- Starchy dish of dried tubers
- Type of acid
- Partner to "Ma"
- 16 ounces
- The Bay State
- A well-defined track or path
- Substitution
- Defined period
- Group of toughs
- Region
- Famed Scottish Loch
- Blood relation
- Not around
- Recipe measurement
- Father to Junior

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DNR seeking volunteers for frog, toad calling surveys

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers for the annual Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey to help document frog and toad breeding calls throughout the state this spring and summer.

A release from the DNR said the long-running survey, formally launched in 1984, helps the DNR follow trends in Wisconsin frog and toad populations.

“Over the years, volunteers have helped DNR conservation biologists better define the distribution, status and population trends of all 12 frog and toad spe-

cies in Wisconsin,” the DNR said.

“Our volunteers, lovingly known as ‘froggers,’ are important advocates for frogs and toads in Wisconsin,” said Andrew Badje, DNR conservation biologist and Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey Coordinator. “They are the beating heart of frog monitoring and conservation in Wisconsin. They are why this survey is the longest-running community-based frog calling survey in North America.”

The DNR said volunteers can participate in three ways:

- **Traditional Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey:** Volunteers will drive a pre-set route for three total



The DNR’s Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey is the longest-running community-based frog calling survey in North America. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

nights, once each in early spring, late spring and early summer. Volunteers make 10 stops per night, listening for five minutes at each site, documenting the species heard calling and the relative abundance of each species.

- **Mink Frog Survey:**

Mink frogs are only found in northern Wisconsin and often call in the daytime. In June and early July, volunteers will listen once during the day and once at night, along routes targeting ideal mink frog breeding habitat.

- **Phenology Survey:** Volunteers for this survey help monitor when frogs and toads first start calling each spring. Phenology volunteers will choose one wetland to monitor throughout the frog calling season and record data as often as possible for five minutes per night

Learn more about each survey at www.wiatr.net/inventory/frogtoadsurvey/.

Dates for each survey vary, and some depend on

the changing seasons. Volunteers will receive more details on timing after contacting the survey teams.

“Since the survey began, volunteers have collectively spent more than 10,500 nights surveying 103,400 sites across the state,” the DNR stated. “Volunteers are continuing to document increasing trends for American bullfrogs and Blanchard’s cricket frogs since the survey began, an encouraging sign for each of these species. Volunteers are also contributing substantial knowledge into the unique calling patterns and distribution of mink frogs throughout the Northwoods.”

Public encouraged to ‘keep wildlife wild’ this spring

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – As warmer weather approaches, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding the public that wild animals and their young will be on the move across Wisconsin.

Knowing what to do before you find a young wild animal can make all the difference in the moment to protect it and keep it in the wild with its parents.

“Springtime brings a flurry of inquiries from concerned residents about the wildlife they are encountering,” said Jenna Fastner, DNR Captive Wild-

life Health Specialist. “You can help reserve space at wildlife rehabilitation centers for wild animals truly in need by always calling the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator before assuming an animal needs help. In Wisconsin, you must have a license to conduct wildlife rehabilitation, and you should never try to care for a wild animal yourself to protect their health and yours.”

For many species, it is perfectly natural for young wild animals to be left alone for extended periods of time. While alone, they will often lie quietly and still to avoid attracting predators. Drawing attention to a



Never try to care for a wild animal yourself. If you find a young wild animal, leave it alone and keep children and pets away to reduce stress on the animal. Photo by Jay Watson

young animal’s location can tip-off predators or keep its mother away longer than she would like. You can help by keeping people and

Some common young wild animals you may encounter this spring include:

- Cottontail rabbit kits can be encountered anytime from spring through fall. They open their eyes at one week old and begin exploring outside the nest for short periods to nibble on grasses after about two to three weeks.
- Eastern gray squirrels raise their young in leaf nests, called dreys, tree cavities and man-made structures such as attics. Litters typically consist of two to four young, called kits, and by seven weeks old, they will begin to explore outside the nest area.
- Raccoon kits are 12 to

14 inches long and capable of walking, climbing and exploring by six to eight weeks of age. When they’re at the exploring stage, they can be seen active during the day without their mother.

The DNR has various resources to help determine when a young wild animal needs help and when it’s best to leave them in their natural environment. Visit the DNR’s Keep Wildlife Wild webpage at (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/orphan) for species-specific tips on how to decide if a young wild animal is truly orphaned or in need of help.

Natural Connections: A Home for Wood Ducks

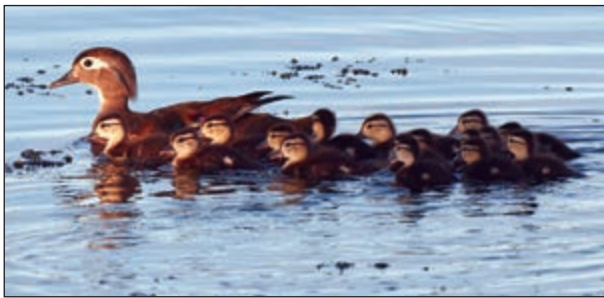
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The sun was setting on a warm afternoon by the time I arrived home. Although the lake was still frozen, and there were several inches of snow in the forecast, I took advantage of temporarily bare, dry trails for a short walk.

Soggy leaves and green moss were my most interesting observations until I emerged into the clearing around what will soon be a frog pond. Ice still locked up the tangle of alder stems in the center of the pond, but black water reflected twiggy treetops around the margin.

As I approached, an explosion of sound and movement from the far side made me smile and think of Christmas. That’s an odd association for early spring, but the rising woooo-eeek calls of wood ducks have always reminded me of the sound that scissors make when I run them along the red and green curling ribbon while wrapping presents. The shimmering green head and other bright colors on the male wood duck reinforce that association for me.

But listening to a pair of wood ducks explode from a tiny patch of open



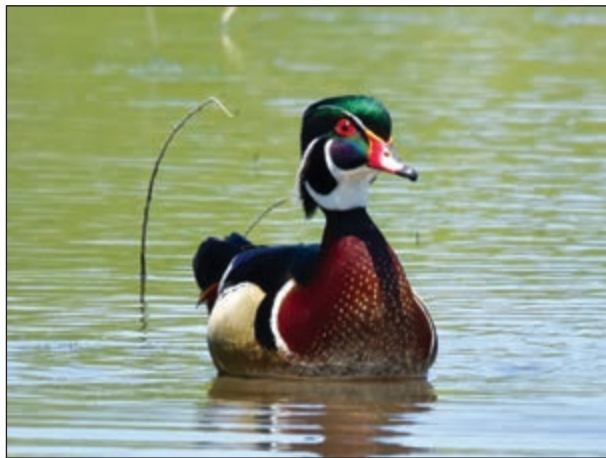
Sometimes wood duck females will dump extra eggs into the nest of another female. This can result in surprisingly large broods of chicks. This happens more often in nest boxes that are highly visible and close together. Photo by Jim Hudgins

water in a woodland pond and woo-eeek through the woods is a distinctly springtime experience. Wood ducks are uniquely adapted for life in the forest, with strong claws on their webbed toes that allow them to perch on tree branches. Their short, narrow bill is adapted to picking up acorns and other seeds—which their gizzard can grind up—and foraging for the starchy bulbs of wetland plants. They also eat plenty of aquatic insects, especially when young.

Scaring up a pair of wood ducks together is common, because these ducks find a mate on their wintering grounds and arrive home together. The male sticks around until all the eggs are laid and then takes off. In the southern part of U.S., that might happen in February, but up here, nesting can take place through June.

As far as I know, I’ve never had a pair of wood ducks nest near this little frog pond, but their cavity nests are not always easy to find. They usually choose a tree more than two feet in diameter, with a hole where a broken branch fell off and heart rot excavated a cozy space.

Once a nest cavity is chosen, the female will lay one egg per day for six to 15 days, and then, once they are all ready, she begins incubating them. This synchronizes development within the eggs so that the chicks hatch at about the same time. After just a day in the nest, the chicks are ready for action. They use their clawed toes to climb up the inside of the nest cavity, then perch with trepidation on the rim for their first view of the big, wide world. You’ve probably seen videos of the downy fluffballs bravely leap-



Male wood ducks provide a beautiful splash of color when they return in early spring. Photo by Tom Koerner

ing out of their nest cavity and windmilling tiny wing nubbins on their 60-foot fall to the ground. Ideally, Mom and Dad will have chosen a nest with a water landing, but soft leaf litter works fine, too.

In some cases, 20, 30, or 40 chicks may emerge from a single nest! It’s not possible for all of those chicks to belong to one female, they are a result of egg dumping. Sometimes a female wood duck who couldn’t find a cavity of her own, or lost her nest to a predator or in a storm, or who is young and inexperienced may lay her eggs in the nest of another wood duck. Sometimes a duck with her own nest will spread some eggs around to hedge against failure in her own nest.

With such specific requirements for a nest

cavity, it’s easy to understand why there might not be enough to go around. That’s why many people build and install wood duck nest boxes. You’ve probably seen these big plastic or wooden structures on metal poles or attached to trees over the water. Along with protections against overhunting, these nest boxes have allowed wood duck populations to recover from seriously low numbers in the early 20th century. Habitat protection, and an increase in beaver numbers and beaver ponds also helped with their recovery.

Nest boxes mounted on metal poles replace absent tree cavities and reduce the number of predators who can eat the eggs and chicks, but nest boxes are not without risk. When

nest boxes are placed out in the open and close together, egg dumping becomes more common. But one female can’t effectively incubate a whole pile of eggs, and not all may survive. She may even become overwhelmed and just give up, resulting in the loss of a lot of potential reproduction.

Nest boxes that are tucked away and spread out to a more natural density in the habitat are the most valuable for wood duck conservation. And a pair who finds a naturally well-hidden nest cavity is the luckiest of all.

Turning back toward my own house in the gray of evening, I wished my frog pond pair well in their search for a home.

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

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Our Summer Calendar is open for registration! The Museum is closed for construction until May 1. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.