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Photos by Jalen Maki



Lincoln County achieves record tourism numbers for 2023

Tomahawk, Merrill Chambers highlight successes, look to future

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – Lincoln County had a record year for tourism in 2023.

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism, on Tuesday, June 11, released economic data for 2023, showing that tourism had a \$25 billion impact throughout Wisconsin, making it the best year for tourism in state history.

Wisconsin topped a record year – in 2022, the Badger State saw a \$23.7 billion economic impact from tourism.

Lincoln County also had its best year for tourism to date. A total economic impact of \$109 million was generated by tourism in Lincoln County in 2023, beating the county's previous record of \$103 million, set in 2022.

A release from the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce said Wisconsin's historic year in tourism was fueled by economic impact growth in all 72 counties, a record number of overnight visitors for a second consecutive year and investments tourism businesses made in goods and services.

Last year, Lincoln County tourism supported 665 part- and full-time jobs across various sectors of the industry, part of the more than 178,000 jobs sustained by tourism across the state, according to the Merrill Chamber.

Tourism in Lincoln County also generated \$6 million in local and state tax revenue in 2023. Statewide, tourism generated \$1.6 billion in local and state tax revenue last year.

"Without this revenue, each Wisconsin household would pay an additional \$660.00 to maintain the current level of government services," the Merrill Chamber stated.

"We have really seen a benefit as a Chamber and Visitor's Center in developing stronger strategic partnerships with the City of Merrill, Lincoln County and the Tomahawk Area Chamber to drive tourism to our local communities," said Clyde Nelson, Executive Director of the Merrill Chamber.

The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce said in a release that it is "thrilled to see the effort of so many organizations in Lincoln County paying off."

"Lincoln County is a gateway to the Northwoods," the Tomahawk Chamber stated. "Seeing the efforts garnering a return is success in the best way. Tourism is a large portion of our economic success in the Tomahawk area. As the Chamber, we strive to support our local businesses by driving those tourism dollars to our region."

The Tomahawk Chamber added that the relationships the organization has with Tomahawk Main Street Inc. and other local partners have helped drive the success of tourism in the area, noting that without those partnerships working towards a similar goal, "these numbers would not be as high as they are."

"We share the successes within Lincoln County with the Merrill Chamber," the Tomahawk Chamber said. "Efforts by both Chambers are showing greater returns every year. We look forward to growing our partnership with the Merrill Chamber and continuing to promote Lincoln County together."

To learn more about Wisconsin tourism's record-breaking year and view the 2023 economic data, including a county-by-county breakdown, visit www.industry.travelwisconsin.com/research/economic-impact.

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Tomahawk Music on the River set to return this evening

EMBER kicks off 17th summer concert series

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk Music on the River (TMOR) is set to return for its 17th summer concert series.

The free weekly summer concert series is scheduled to begin this evening (Wednesday, June 19). Concerts will be held at Veterans Memorial Park in Tomahawk on Wednesdays through July 31 beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m.

A release from TMOR said concert attendees are invited to come by car, foot, bike or boat and bring lawn chairs, picnic suppers, coolers, family, neighbors and friends.

SARA Park's indoor arena will be used in the event of rain.

2024 lineup

EMBER is slated to kick off the summer concert series this evening.

ries this evening.

"Taking first place at the 2023 Hodag Pick-off, Ember has quickly established themselves as a crowd favorite, performing everywhere from local venues, resorts and casinos to warming up the stage for national acts," TMOR stated. "They bring a fun party atmosphere with their dance-driven renditions of popular rock and country hits."

The Jerry Schmitt Band will take the TMOR stage on June 26.

TMOR said Nashville recording artist Jerry Schmitt and his band have become known as one of the premier country artists and bands in the United States.



"A blend of modern and traditional country music with a rockabilly influence, their sound appeals to young and old alike, and their love of performing and dedication to preserving traditional country music makes each of their shows a unique experience for their fans," TMOR said.

Copper Box, a longtime TMOR crowd favorite, will

be back in Tomahawk on July 3.

"Copper Box is an accordion-fueled, roots rock party," TMOR stated. "Based in Oshkosh, they have won multiple Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) awards over the years. Threads of blues, rock, zydeco and polka are all fused together in a genre-blending celebration."

TMOR noted that on July 3, there will be a special start time of 5:30 p.m. and end time of 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the Kwahamots water ski show on the Wisconsin River.

On July 10, The Tamaracks will perform.

"Originating in Tomahawk, The Tamaracks have

made a name for themselves all around the state of Wisconsin," TMOR said. "With a brand of music that integrates rock, blues, country and Americana, The Tamaracks are finding success with their own original music and the release of their new album, *Fool Me Once*. Expect the hits you know and love, as well as some original material with flair in their set list."

Billy Bronsted Trio will take the stage on July 17.

"With two studio albums, a handful of cross-country tours and a slew of festival shows under his belt, Wisconsin-based singer/songwriter Billy Bronsted delivers his newest project – a genre-bending exploration of his musical roots," TMOR stated. "BB3 delivers the heartfelt storytelling of Billy's expansive catalog.

The music celebrates hard-working folks, the highs and lows of everyday life and the rhythms that keep us dancing."

On July 24, Santy and Son with Friends Band will perform.

"Get ready for a musical experience like no other," TMOR said. "Eileen on lead vocals can melt hearts and ignite dance parties. John on guitar has fingers that dance across the strings, conjuring up groovy chords and electrifying solos. Jeff on bass guitar lays down the foundation with his funky bass line, and Scott on drums is the heartbeat of the quartet."

Another crowd favorite, Hip Pocket, will make their TMOR return to wrap up the concert series on July 31.

TMOR said Hip Pocket is a "powerful band with striking leads and four-part harmony vocals."

"It's all about the groove," TMOR stated. "This nine-member band will be playing your favorite top 40, R&B, Latin-infusion, jazz, pop, modern and classic rock hits. From nine months to 90 years and every age in between, Hip Pocket will keep you dancing."

For more information about TMOR, contact Jessica Dittmer at 715-612-1299, email TomahawkMusicOnTheRiver@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/TomahawkMusicOnTheRiver

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Man, dog killed, woman injured in crash on U.S. Hwy. 51

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – A man and a dog were killed and a woman was injured in a crash on U.S. Hwy. 51 in Lincoln County last week.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday, June 9, at approximately 10:55 p.m., multiple 911 calls reported a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Hwy. 51, just north of Tamarack Ln. in the Town of Skanawan. Reports indicated that one of the vehicles was overturned.

Upon arrival, deputies found a silver SUV overturned in the roadway with a woman, identified by the Sheriff's Office as Alexia C. Zuk, 20, of Cranston, trapped inside.

The other vehicle involved was a white utility van, the Sheriff's Office said. The driver, identified as George Rouman, 51, of Rhinelander, was trapped inside the vehicle.

Emergency crews from the Tomahawk Fire Department, Tomahawk EMS and Merrill EMS assisted in extricating Zuk from the SUV. Zuk was flown by helicopter to Aspirus Wausau Hospital, where she was treated and later released.

Rouman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Rouman was the owner and President of the Rouman Amusement Com-

pany and the Fun Factory Sweet Shoppe, both in Rhinelander. In the days following the accident, the Rouman Cinema Facebook page was filled with tributes to Rouman and the Rouman family that has been a part of the entertainment scene in Rhinelander since 1921. The cinema reopened on Friday, June 14.

A dog traveling in the SUV sustained fatal injuries.

The Sheriff's Office said preliminary investigation revealed that Zuk was traveling southbound on U.S. Hwy. 51 when, for unknown reasons, she lost control of her vehicle, went through the median and was struck by the northbound vehicle being operated by Rouman.

Traffic on U.S. Hwy. 51 was redirected for approximately eight hours.

Several agencies, including the Tomahawk Fire Department, Tomahawk EMS, Merrill EMS, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the Lincoln County Highway Department, the Lincoln County Coroner's Office, the Wisconsin State Patrol, Aspirus MediVac, Ingman's Towing Service and Lightning Towing Service, collaborated in handling the incident.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the New Berlin Police Department assisted with the process of notifying Rouman's family.

The Wisconsin State Patrol is conducting a reconstruction of the crash.

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Fern L. Juedes, age 79, of Irma, Wis., passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024. Fern was born on July 19, 1944, in Tomahawk, to the late Eugene and Lena (Wittwer) Schneider. She was married to Gary Juedes on Dec. 11, 1965; he passed away on April 13, 2022. Fern attended school at the Cloverbelt School in the Town of Skanawan and was a 1962 graduate of the Tomahawk High School. She worked for Employers Insurance in Wausau and later worked for

Weinbrenner Shoe Company and Anson-Gilkey, both in Merrill. Fern then became a farm wife, working by Gary's side with dairy farming and hobby farming raising pigs and beef cattle. She enjoyed the outdoors camping, traveling, and snowmobiling, and loved crocheting, working in her flower beds, and spent countless hours gardening. Fern was an avid NASCAR fan. She and Gary loved the hard work that went along with farming and took great pride in their land and equipment. She was a kind, caring person who cherished her family.

Survivors include her son, Eugene Juedes; her daughter, Linda Juedes (August LaCrosse); her brother, James (Lucille) Schneider; her sisters, Bonnie, Cora, and Patty; her brother-in-law, Roger (Judy) Juedes; and her sisters-in-law, Judy Stine, Sandy (Ward) Carstensen, Darlene (Bill) Evans, Bonnie Juedes, Cora Juedes, and Patty Juedes. Fern is further survived by many nieces and nephews and cherished friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Lena; her husband, Gary; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edwin and Helen Juedes.

In accordance with Fern's wishes, no formal services will be held.

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



Lenny "Lenny" Roger Henning, 91, of Tomahawk, formally of Helenville, Wis., passed away Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Riverview Nursing Home. Lenny was born March 13, 1933 in Watertown, the son of Alfred and Angeline (Thorndyke) Henning. He was united in marriage to Barbara Schultz on Aug. 24, 1996 in Helenville.

Lenny owned two restaurants, North Shore Inn and Cozy Nook. He was a member of the Helenville Fire Department.

His passion and love for fishing and hunting leaves a legacy to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Lenny will always be remembered each time we cast a line as the one that started the tradition of fishing and enjoying the great outdoors.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Barbara; sons, Scott (Charlotte) Henning, Eagle River; Mark (Dianna) Henning, Hanover; stepchildren, Ron (Kelly) Heine, Helenville; Tammy (Gary) Gunderson, Helenville; Don (Melisa Schmidt) Heine, Lake Mills; Cathy Heine, Fort Atkinson; Amanda (Andrew) Simpson, Jefferson; sister, Janice (Tony) Milbrath, Helenville; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Angeline Henning and his siblings, Frances, Marlys, Phillys, Dallas, and Glenys.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024 at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, with Pastor Mark Gass officiating. Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to time of service at church. On Saturday, June 15, 2024 Services were held at 11 a.m. at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Helenville, Wis. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was held from 9 a.m. to time of service at church. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral and Cremation Service assisted the family. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgernfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, or St. Peters Lutheran Church, Helenville, Wis.

News Briefs

God is Calling Ministry to host Minocqua pastors
God is Calling Ministry will host Pastors Gloria and Milton Mazariegos, of Foundation Church in Minocqua, at Northwoods Vineyard Church, 418 Kaphaem Rd., Tomahawk, on Saturday, June 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are invited.

Old Kindergarten Reunion

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society will host an Old Kindergarten Reunion at the Old Kindergarten Museum, 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, on Friday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The reunion will feature displays, food, old-time games and reminiscing. To share memories or photos

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Beverly J. Powers, age 84, of Tomahawk, passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at Friendly Village Rehabilitation and Care in Rhinelander, Wis. Bev was born in Wausau, Wis., on April 29, 1940, to the late Harold and Deborah (Block) Schultz. She was married to David Powers on Oct. 14, 1972; he passed away on April 12, 2023.

Bev was a dedicated homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and other needlework and spent countless hours working

on picture puzzles. She loved going to "Red Hat" outings with her sister-in-law, Judy, and was an animal lover who loved her German Shepherds, Smokey and Bailey. When able, Bev enjoyed the outdoors camping with her in-laws.

Survivors include her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tony and Judy Powers and Greg and Nancy Powers, in addition to several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Deborah; her husband, David Powers; and her brothers, Jimmy Schultz and Dave Schultz.

Private graveside services for Beverly Powers will be held at the Prairie Rapids Cemetery in the Town of Nokomis.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Bev'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.

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

Last week I talked about the changes I watched happen in America when I was in middle school and high school, the late 60's and early 70's. As I had mentioned, even though the craziness of those times died down in the late 70's, it did not totally go away, for the college kids of that time became the leaders of today, and the philosophy that shaped them, lives on through them.

One of the strange events at the time of my youth were the questions being asked by the college and university students. It was fashionable to be asking, *Who am I? Why am I here? Is there any purpose to life? Am I just the figment of another person's imagination? Is life even real?* It was presented in the news papers as almost a crisis among the college age. This became part of the drug and hippie culture, to find out *who am I*. Those same college and university students are now the *social experts* trying to explain the present, personal discord we find in the modern generation.

I had mentioned last week that I found my stability in the Bible; it told me *who I am* and *why I am here*. I remember how silly it seemed to me that these young adults (college age) did not know who they were or why they were here; I was younger and still in school, and I knew those things, because the Bible answered those questions for me. It illustrates what we are told in Ephesians 4:17-21.

In verses 17 through 19, Christians are warned to not live by their own opinions, because it will darken our ability to connect with reality and it will keep us from knowing life as the Creator intended it should be. It could even lead us into becoming the slaves of our own desires. The Bible teaches that this disconnect with reality results from reality not matching the opinions we do not want to let go of.

In verses 20 and 21, we are reminded that Christ does not teach us to live by our own opinions, because the truth is not found in us, but in Christ who created us. This, I found to be true, and it was a life-saver for me back then. And it is still true today.

There is One who knows who we are and why we are here, because He created everything and designed us to enjoy what He had made. It is our departure from Him that creates so much confusion that need not exist. In 1 Corinthians 3:19, we are told, *the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.*

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Prayer and Meditation

Meditation is a process in which we shift from thinking to feeling. It is a **journey** from the complexity of mind to the simplicity of heart. It is a focused concentration on something that we are meditating on. Meditation **connects us to God**. Meditation **focuses our attention on God** and within. In meditation our worries, anxieties and restlessness begin to settle and the power of God begins to reflect in our conscience, just as a glass of muddy water, when kept still, becomes clean gradually, leaving the mud at the bottom.

We all think that we don't have time for God. Suppose God were too busy to take care of you? What then? Know that you are a child of God, waiting to enter into the Kingdom of God. St. Teresa of the Child Jesus says that prayer consists **"not in thinking much, but in loving much"**. Thought is subordinate to love. Although we think during meditation, our purpose is not to become more learned, but to increase our ability to love God more. When your activities are in line with prayer and meditation, then all your activities are prayers.

Restlessness cannot produce the fire of concentration. A wet match cannot be ignited, so a mind saturated with doubts and restlessness is unable to produce the fire of concentration. When you sit for meditation, choose a fixed place, make yourself comfortable, **feel the presence of God**, forgive everyone unconditionally and ask the Lord to forgive your sins. Then with a clean conscience ask the Lord to guide and lead you in prayer and meditation.

You may read **The Bible** or any other devotional books like: Lives of Saints, Imitation of Christ or Divine Intimacy, etc. to put the soul in a proper mood for conversation with God. These books act like bait to the soul. Savor the words which are read, like birds who, when they drink water, bend their heads towards the water, take a few drops and raise their heads toward the sky and swallow slowly, and then begin again. We need to do this, so that our minds may be fully impregnated with these thoughts that are read. Meditate deeply until the essence touches you and keeps you calm and peaceful. **Don't be in a hurry to get up**, but be in the same state, enjoying the presence of the Lord. Slavery to our senses is the worst enemy of our happiness and peace. Temptations may come, but don't invite or entertain any temptations. Conclude your meditation with the Lord's prayer, **"Our Father"**. Then go on your way, living your prayer in all your activities.

What you feel and experience during your prayer and meditation, you must keep it with you at all times. Don't go the old ways, but **hold on to the calm after effects of your prayer and meditation**. You may not experience all the **signs of true meditation** at once, but you will surely get it gradually as you proceed in the habit of meditation and prayer every day for at least twenty minutes. Some of the **signs of meditation are**: an increase of peacefulness during meditation; an inner experience of calmness; deepening of ones understanding of self; mental and physical efficiency in ones' life; love for meditation and prayer more than anything in the world; expanding consciousness of loving all as you love yourself and your own people; and actual contact with God.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pray and meditate, not only with my mind, but especially with my heart; teach me to reflect devoutly and lovingly that I may live always in your presence.



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Legion, Honor Guard present plaques recognizing support

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk and the Tomahawk Area Veterans Honor Guard recently recognized several businesses and organizations for their support.

Post 93 presented a plaque to Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) for its continuing support of Badger Boys State.

The Tomahawk Community Thrift Store, which backs American Legion baseball, also received a plaque.

The Tomahawk Area Veterans Honor Guard presented plaques of appreciation to John Krueger, Castaways Bar and Grill and the Loop-hole Bar and Grill for contributions towards purchasing new uniforms for the Honor Guard, which consists of members of American Legion Post 93, VFW Post 2687, Forty and Eight 1156, DAV and Am Vets Post 2000.

“Thank you to anyone who has contributed to our programs,” the organizations said.



Photo courtesy of Pat Johnson

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, June 10:

On 06/03/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of two missing juveniles in area of CTH E in the Town of Bradley. It was reported that two juveniles were looking for a ride, and they were uncertain of their location on CTH E. Deputies checked several locations and addresses on CTH E without locating the individuals. It was discovered that the juveniles had snuck out of the house when the parents went to sleep. The pair was later located on South Gate Dr. in the City of Tomahawk. Both juveniles were returned to their parents, and Lincoln County Social Services was notified of the circumstances.

On 06/03/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a report of a man

with a gun in the W4700 block of CTH C in the Town of Merrill. It was reported that a male subject was seen walking along the road in camouflage, clothing carrying what was described as an AR15 long gun. Deputies responded to the area, located the subject and made contact with him. The subject, a Merrill man, 22, told the deputies that he does Vietnam reenactments, and he was just preparing for one. The subject showed his long gun to deputies, who determined that it was not a real weapon, and he didn't have any live ammunition on him. The subject was made aware of the complaints called into the Sheriff's Office and was advised to report such activity next time before do his reenactments.

On 06/03/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of Big Eddy Rd. and Center Rd. in the Town of Pine River for a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries. Investigation revealed that a vehicle being operated by a Rothschild man, 30, was traveling S/B on Big Eddy Rd. when he failed to negotiate a curve at the intersection of Big Eddy Rd. and Center Rd. The vehicle entered a private driveway and then struck a group of trees. When deputies arrived on scene, they found the subject to be unconscious but breathing. The driver was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital. The driver was cited for failure to keep his car under control.

On 06/06/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a report of a crash

with injuries on CTH MM near Cedar Rd. in the Town of Corning. Upon arrival, deputies found that a straight truck was being operated by a man, 34, from Fargo, N.D. For unknown reasons, the vehicle left the roadway and struck a group of trees. The driver sustained serious injuries and was transported by Lifelink Helicopter to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. The truck was a transportation truck carrying Amazon packages. The crash remains under investigation.

On 06/07/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle for speeding on Wintergreen Rd. near Raspberry Ln. in the Town of Pine River. When stopped, the deputy made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 60. When making contact with the

driver, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. The driver was subsequently placed through a series of SFSTs, and as a result of those tests, he was arrested for a third offense of OWI. The male was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was turned over to corrections officers.

On 06/08/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle for lane deviation on STH 64 near Range Line Rd. in the Town of Pine River. When stopped, the deputy made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 71. When making contact with the driver, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. The driver was subsequently placed through a series of SFSTs, and as a result of those tests, he was arrested for OWI. The subject was released to a responsible party. The male was

transported to the Lincoln County Jail where he was turned over to corrections officers.

On 06/10/2024 the Lincoln County Sheriff's office received a call of a physical domestic disturbance in progress at an address on 1St. Ave. in the Town of Russell. It was reported that an Antigo man, 20, took a truck belonging to his father, a Gleason man, 55. As the younger man drove off with the vehicle, the mirror of the vehicle struck the older man in the face, and the tire rolled over his foot.

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Retiring THS staff celebrate careers

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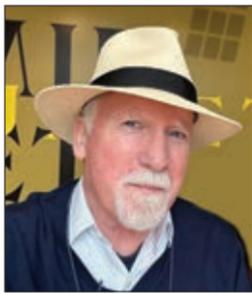
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Unveiling the Echoes of Time in Shelley's "Ozymandias"

Dear Reader,

In Percy Bysshe Shelley's poignant sonnet, "Ozymandias", the reader is transported through the annals of time, encountering the echoes of voices long silenced by the sands of desert winds. Through the juxtaposition of various voices, the poem unveils the ephemeral nature of power, fame, and human existence itself.



The poem begins with a traveler's narrative, setting the scene of a vast, desolate landscape where only remnants of a once mighty civilization remain. The traveler recounts encountering a colossal statue, a monument to the arrogance and grandiosity of Ozymandias, a powerful ruler of ancient Egypt. Here, the voice of the traveler serves as a conduit, guiding the reader through the ruins of a forgotten empire.

Embedded within the traveler's narrative is the voice of the sculptor, whose artistry breathed life into the visage of Ozymandias. Through his craftsmanship, the sculptor immortalized the hubris and vanity of the ruler, capturing the essence of his reign in stone. Yet, even the most masterful of works cannot withstand the relentless march of time.

Central to the poem is the inscription on the pedestal, bearing the command of Ozymandias: "Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!" This declaration, once intended to instill awe and fear in the hearts of onlookers, now serves as a poignant reminder of the folly of human ambition. The voice of Ozymandias himself echoes across the ages, a testament to the transience of power and the fleeting nature of fame.

At its core, "Ozymandias" speaks to the brevity of our existence within the vast expanse of time. Like Ozymandias and his once-great empire, we too are subject to the relentless passage of years. Our triumphs and achievements, like the shattered visage of the statue, are destined to crumble into dust, mere footnotes in the chronicles of history.

Yet, amidst the ruins of empires, there is a profound beauty in the impermanence of human endeavors. It is a reminder that true greatness lies not in the accumulation of power or wealth, but in the enduring legacy of compassion, empathy, and understanding that transcends the confines of time.

In "Ozymandias," Shelley invites us to confront our own mortality and to ponder the legacy we leave behind. Through the voices of the traveler, the sculptor, and the enigmatic Ozymandias himself, we are reminded of the fragility of power, the transient nature of fame, and the eternal march of time. It is a testament to the enduring power of poetry to capture the essence of the human experience and to illuminate the truths that bind us across the ages.

PATRICK J. WOOD
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Grace Lutheran blood drive

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

Lincoln County road construction

Lincoln County Interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that road construction will take place on the following roads through Monday, July 15: County Rd. K from Larson Lake to U.S. Hwy. 51; Tug Lake Rd. in the Town of Rock Falls from Woodenware Rd. to Resort Ln.; and County Rd. A from the City of Tomahawk to U.S. Hwy. 8. Roads will be closed to through traffic. Local traffic only. Expect lengthy delays.

Lincoln County chip sealing

Lincoln County interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that the following roads will be closed for chip sealing operations from Monday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 3, weather permitting: County Rd. B, from State Hwy. 17 to County Rd. D; County Rd. H, from County Rd. D to County Rd. A; County Rd. A, from U.S. Hwy. 51 to the Wisconsin River; County Rd. A, from Mail Route Rd. to the Lincoln County Line; County Rd. Q, from County Rd. K to Joe Snow Rd.; and County Rd. Z, from County Rd. Q to Fairview Rd.

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

Lac du Flambeau man to serve 15-plus years in prison for domestic violence

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – A conviction on several counts in Oneida County Court in April was the final of three cases tried against a Lac du Flambeau man.

Last week, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) announced that Frank R. Schuman, 30, had been sentenced to a total of 15.75 years of confinement, followed by 11 years of extended supervision, for convictions of 11 counts of domestic violence.

On Friday, April 26, Schuman was found guilty by a jury in Oneida County of strangulation and suffocation with a domestic abuse enhancer, false imprisonment with a domestic abuse enhancer, substantial battery – intent to cause bodily harm with a domestic abuse enhancer, second degree recklessly endangering safety with a domestic abuse enhancer and battery.

Schuman was previ-



Schuman

ously found guilty of additional domestic violence charges in Vilas County and Outagamie County for abuse against three different people.

"This sentence sends a clear message that individuals who commit violent crimes like those the defendant has been convicted of face a long time behind bars," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "Thank you to those who have worked to hold the defendant accountable."

"We are proud to be part of a partnership with other criminal justice professionals who are committed to work-

ing beyond jurisdictional boundaries to keep victims safe, hold defendants accountable and seek justice," said Outagamie County District Attorney Melinda Tempelis.

"We are grateful to have done our part to help keep this community safe from a violent domestic abuser," said Vilas County District Attorney Karl Hayes. "The Vilas County District Attorney's Office will continue fighting to protect vulnerable victims of domestic violence."

DCI, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the Vilas County Sheriff's Office investigated this case with assistance from the Forest County Sheriff's Office, Minocqua Police Department, Lac Du Flambeau Police Department, Woodruff Police Department and Appleton Police Department.

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Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
4	Groundwater	77	Active
5	Groundwater	75	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact Glenn Hanna at (715) 453-2404.

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.036	0.034 - 0.036		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)		10	10	1.90	1.90		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	25.00	23.00 - 25.00		No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.1800	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.80	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)
PFBS (ppt)		450000	1.83	1.40 - 2.00	
PFHXS (ppt)		40	1.43	1.20 - 1.60	
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	7.43	6.00 - 8.10	
PFOS (ppt)		20	3.73	2.60 - 4.40	
PFOA (ppt)		20	15.60	9.70 - 20.00	
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)		20	19.33	12.30 - 24.40	

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	0.6	0.1 - 0.6	2/25/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)		3	3	0.0	0.0 - 0.0		No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

Health effects for any contaminants with MCL violations/Action Level Exceedances/SMCL exceedances/PHGS or HAL exceedances

Contaminant	Health Effects
PFOA	Scientists are still learning about the health effects that various PFAS can have on the body. To date, studies among people have shown that high levels of certain PFAS can increase cholesterol levels, decrease antibody levels in response to vaccines, and decrease fertility in women. People can reduce their risk of health effects by reducing their exposure to PFAS.
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL	Scientists are still learning about the health effects that various PFAS can have on the body. To date, studies among people have shown that high levels of certain PFAS can increase cholesterol levels, decrease antibody levels in response to vaccines, and decrease fertility in women. People can reduce their risk of health effects by reducing their exposure to PFAS.

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Tomahawk Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

LEGALS

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APPLICATION NOTICE
Town of Wilson
Notice is hereby given that the following applications for licenses to deal in intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages have been filed with the Town of Wilson Clerk for the licensing

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period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 all according to Section 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.
Somo Lake Resort
N10750 Somo Lake Dr. Tomahawk, WI
Jessica Decker

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N10750 Somo Lake Dr. Tomahawk, WI
Gordo's Garage Motel Bar and Grill LLC
W9095 US Hwy 8, Tomahawk, WI
Sally Radloff
3743 S. Milton Shopiere Road, Janesville, WI
Somo Fish and Game Club
W8420 County Road CC, Tomahawk, WI
Jeff Darrin
W8420 County Road CC, Tomahawk, WI
Brantwood Co-op Park
N11192 Co-op Park Road, Tomahawk, WI
Linda Hanke
135529 Highland Drive, Marathon, WI
Jane Kaczmarek, Clerk
Town of Wilson
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liens and encumbrances.
3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
4. Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.
PLACE: MAIN LOBBY OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 E. MAIN STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452
Property description: LOT TEN (10) IN BLOCK TWO (2) OF WOLF RIVER LUMBER COMPANY'S ADDITION TO MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
Tax Key No.: 25131061510113
Property Address: 1202 MATHEWS STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452
Shannon K Cummings
State Bar No. 1033710
Attorney for Plaintiff
633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 408 Milwaukee, WI, 53203
Phone: 312-541-9710
Mailing Address:
30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, IL 60602
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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07/12/1942 and date of death 12/25/2021 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 8956 N. Bellvue Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487.
3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office, before Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar, on 07-11-2024 at 10:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 09-13-2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
DATE SIGNED: May 29, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar
Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
Form completed by:
Attorney Victoria M. Karcher
Habush Habush & Rottier, S.C.
126 E. Davenport Street
Rhineland, WI 54501
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Legals 7700

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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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Lincoln County Maintenance Department is requesting proposals for the following work. Work associated with reroofing a portion of the Lincoln County jail. The portion of the roof to be reworked is the flat roof over the jail kitchen. Request for Proposals may be obtained 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM on Monday through Friday (except legal holidays) at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office or from Maintenance Director, Patrick Gierl, at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill WI 54452 upon request and on the Lincoln County website www.co.lincoln.wi.us, under Announcements or RFP's.

The Lincoln County Maintenance Department will accept sealed proposals for the following at the Lincoln County Maintenance Department or the Lincoln County Clerk's office, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 205, Merrill, WI 54452, until 1:00 p.m., July 11, 2024. Bids will be opened and publicly read in the Maintenance Office (Room 146-Lower Level) at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452 at 1:30 pm, July 11th, 2024.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all quotations or to accept any quotation or portion thereof they deem most advantageous to Lincoln County.

BY ORDER OF THE

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE
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REQUEST FOR BIDS TOWN OF SCHLEY – LINCOLN COUNTY

The TOWN OF SCHLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY, will be accepting sealed bids for approximately 2,000 cubic yards of ¾ inch road base gravel to be placed on various roads.

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

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

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

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

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

Remember to Recycle Becky Dallman, Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, CIVIL DIVISION
LINCOLN COUNTY

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR SASCO
MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST 2007-WF2
Plaintiff

Vs.
ESTATE OF GEORGENE L.
OESTREICH
Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. 2023 CV000144

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 25, 2024, in the amount of \$44,257.87, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: July 8, 2024 at 10:00 am

TERMS:

1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARGARET A. SCHULZ
Date of Death: 12/25/2021

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022-PR-5

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth

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

A public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bradley, at the Bradley Town Hall, located at 1518 West Mohawk Drive, Tomahawk, WI 54487, on **July 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**, to discuss approving the Resolution altering/widening the highway known as Half Moon Lake Road.

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

Dated this 13th day of June 2024.

TOWN OF BRADLEY
Kari Kiser, Clerk

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LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTIES FOR SALE – July 2024

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

CITY OF MERRILL	MINIMUM BID
PROPERTY #1-24: The North One-half (N 1/2) of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block Two (2) of the Map of McCord and Wright's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (119 N State St), P.I.N. 251-3106-113-0049 Potential purchasers must contact the City of Merrill's Building and Zoning Department for additional conditions and requirements that must be met by the purchaser of the property. An existing water leak must be repaired by the purchaser prior to water service being reestablished. Darin Pagel (715) 536-4880.	\$50,000
PROPERTY #2-24: The West One-half (W 1/2) of Lot Two (2) and the South Ten feet (S. 10') of the West One-half (W 1/2) of Lot One (1), Block Three (3) of the Map of Lawrence's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (817 Superior St), P.I.N. 251-3106-112-0187 Potential purchasers must contact the City of Merrill's Building and Zoning Department for additional conditions and requirements that must be met by the purchaser of the property. Darin Pagel (715) 536-4880.	\$25,000
TOWN OF SOMO	
PROPERTY #3-24: All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) and Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE¼ SE¼), Section Four (4), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Four (4) East, Town of Somo, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of said Section; thence N 18° 27' W, 72 feet to an iron pipe on the Northeasterly line of the 66 foot easement road; thence N 45° 44' W, 120 feet along the Northeasterly line of said easement road to an iron pipe, being the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said Northeasterly line N 45° 44' W, 660 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 37° 39' W, 590.3 feet to an iron pipe near the Easterly bank of the Big Somo River; thence along the Easterly bank of the River S 4° 54' E, 336.7 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 37° 23' E, 248.2 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 60° 32' E, 105 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 44° 45' E, 136.6 feet to an iron pipe; thence leaving said Easterly bank N 34° 07' E 831.2 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above lateral lot lines extend to the River. Also Known As Lots Twenty (20) & Twenty-one (21) of Unrecorded Plat of Somo View. Together with the right of ingress and egress to the Town Road over the 66 foot wide easement road about 660 feet from the River (as to Lot 20) and 620 feet from the River (as to Lot 21). Subject to the 66 foot wide easement road adjoining the north-easterly line of this parcel (about 660 feet from the River as to Lot 20 and about 620 feet from the River as to Lot 21), for ingress and egress to the Town Road for parcels to the east and north, as originally created in Warranty Deed, recorded January 20, 1077 in Volume 333 of Records, Page 594 as Document No. 243876. Subject to an easement for telephone and electric power lines. (Garvin Pl), 12.80 acres, P.I.N. 028-3504-041-9990	\$20,000
PROPERTY #4-24: That part of Fractional Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¼ NE¼), Section Three (3), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Four (4) East, described as follows: Beginning at a found cotton spindle at the North quarter corner of said Section 3; thence along the North line of said Northeast quarter S 89° 56' 32" E 485 feet; thence S 01° 58' 24" E 103.21 feet to a set ¾" by 24" iron rebar; thence S 01° 58' 24" E, 346.17 feet to ¾" by 24" iron rebar; thence N 89° 56' 32" W, 433.22 feet to a set ¾" by 24" rebar; thence N 89° 56' 32" W 51.78 feet to a point on the North-South quarter line of said Section 3; thence along said North-South quarter line, N 01° 58' 24" W, 449.38 feet to the Point of Beginning. Town of Somo, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (W10677 US HWY 8), P.I.N. 028-3504-031-9994	\$7,500

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

Bids must be submitted on Lincoln County's Bid and Purchase Agreement Form.

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

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

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

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No: 23 CV 142
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Plaintiff

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

Defendants

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

TIME: July 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM

TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff sale, prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms:

- 1.) 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
- 2.) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
- 3.) Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax from the proceeds of the sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

PLACE: Main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452

DESCRIPTION: LOTS SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) AND THE NORTHWESTERLY 20 FEET OF LOT NINE (9), BLOCK TWO (2), CHAMPAGNE AND WOODLOCK'S ADDITION TO MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 20 FEET OF SAID LOT SEVEN (7), TOWN OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 607 Wisconsin Street, Merrill, WI 54452

TAX KEY NO.: 251-3106-113-0470

Phillip A. Norman, P.C.
Kelly M. Smith
State Bar No. 1067970

17035 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 150 Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 314-6564

Dated this 13th day of May, 2024.

Sheriff Ken Schneider
Lincoln County Sheriff

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
The Estate of Jeffrey Gehring,
Deceased

Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 23-CV-000133

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 29, 2024 in the amount of \$117,875.72 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: July 11, 2024 at 10:00 am

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

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

DESCRIPTION: Lot Four (4) and the East One-Half (E 1/2) of Lot Five (5), Block Eight (8) of the Plan of G.L. Park's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1305 E 6th St Merrill, WI 54452-1524

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

Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert J. Wagner

Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 IN 003

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/14/1951 and date of death 11/06/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W7420 Wagner Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 09/13/24.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

DATE SIGNED: June 3, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

Form completed by:
Attorney Sarah J. Kons
Hooper Law Office, LLC
2 N Systems Drive, Appleton, WI 54914
Phone 920-993-0990
Bar No. 1059497
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CLASSIFIEDS

Announcements 7005

WCAN (Wisconsin Community Ad Network) and/or the member publications review ads to the best of their ability. Unfortunately, many unscrupulous people are ready to take your money! PLEASE BE CAREFUL ANSWERING ANY AD THAT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! For more information, or to file a complaint regarding an ad, please contact The Department of Trade, Agriculture & Consumer Protection 1-800-422-7128 (WCAN)

Rummage Sales This Week 7200

TOMAHAWK- 21 Chandler St. Fri., June 21, 8-5 & Sat., June 22, 8-3. Sleeper sofa, home decor, xmas items, collectibles & much more.

Yard Sale. 303 N. Kyes St., June 19, 20, 21, 22 from 8AM-5PM. some items for sale: Corelle dishes, men's 3XL, 4XL dress shirts, t-shirts, dress pants, rag rugs, assorted jackets & misc. items.

Antiques and Collectibles 7214

Antiques on Spirit

3 E. Spirit Ave (corner of S. 4th St & Spirit, Tomahawk) 715-453-4085

Open 11am to 1pm, closed Tue & Fri or by appointment only.

Many items are at half price.

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2024 THS spring sports summary, part two

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

TOMAHAWK – Last week, we took a look back at the 2024 baseball, softball and golf seasons at Tomahawk High School (THS).

This week, we'll review boys' and girls' track.

Boys' track

Coaches for boys' track were Kurt Cordova in his sixth year as head coach, assisted by Carmi Pietila-Cleary, Adam Maki, Dane Borchardt, Jake Wiedemeier, Paula Flynn, Connor Ahrens and Stephanie Ahrens.

Team members were Ryan Larson, Tiegan Sarazin, Tyler Sundquist, Michael Samundsen, Zach Larson, Jack Amelse, Beau Stromberg, Sam Zastrow, Jerome Morrison III, Jeremiah Johnson, Dominic Boos, Nathan Rosenmeier, Elliot O'Connor, Dane Schoenenberger, Zach Germano, Mason Riebe, Lorenzo Silenzi, Kael Oates, Kaiden Kapellusch, Jack Derleth, Patrick Samundsen, Tristin Bridges, Caden Gustafson, Presley Gutbrod, Skylar Harper-Dahlvig, Mason Towle, Andrew Voermans, Matt Walbeck, Sam Zastrow, Mason Jaecks, Bruce Peetz and

Ethan Gibeault.

Season results were a 7th of eight teams at the Ashland Invite, 4th of seven teams at the Lakeland Invite, 5th of eight teams at the Eagle River Invite, 3rd of nine teams at the Marathon Invite, 10th of ten teams at the Little Chute Invite, 9th of ten teams at the Medford Invite, 3rd of nine teams at the Eagle River Invite, 3rd of eight teams at the Eagle River Boys' Throwers Event, 5th of seven teams at the Three Lakes Invite, 9th of 11 teams at the Otto Bacher, 1st of six teams at the Tomahawk Invite and 8th of 11 teams at the Hodag Invite.

At the conference meet in Medford, co-champions Eagle River and Lakeland had 127, followed by Medford 124, Rhinelander 119, Mosinee 82, Tomahawk 58 and Antigo 43.

All-Conference honors went to Patrick Samundsen, 1st Team All-Conference in the shot put; the 4X800m relay team of Jeremiah Johnson, Jerome Morrison, Beau Stromberg and Samuel Zastrow, 1st Team All-Conference; and the 4X100m relay team of Dane Schoenenberger, Ryan Larson, Zach Germano and Mason Jaecks, honorable mention All-Conference.

At the Rice Lake Regionals, Tomahawk placed 8th of nine teams with 38

points. Rice Lake won the Regional with 129.5 points. Advancing to sectionals were Presley Gutbrod in the high jump with a 2nd-place finish, Dane Schoenenberger in the 200m by placing 3rd, Presley Gutbrod in the 200m with a 4th-place finish and the 4X400m relay team of Presley Gutbrod, Dane Schoenenberger, Beau Stromberg and Mason Riebe with a 4th-place finish.

At Sectionals, Tomahawk was led by the 4X400m relay team of Presley Gutbrod, Dane Schoenenberger, Beau Stromberg and Mason Riebe, which placed 11th.

Girls' track

Our final sport is girls' track.

Once again, Kurt Cordova was head coach, and he was assisted by Carmi Pietila-Cleary, Adam Maki, Dane Borchardt, Jake Wiedemeier, Paula Flynn, Connor Ahrens and Stephanie Ahrens.

Team members were Elise Gibeault, Alicia Voermans, Nadia Schoone, Faith Derleth, Halle Derleth, Siennah Calkins, Alli Palmer, Reese Molitor, Elizabeth Lee, Robin Schmidt, Abbie Rosenmeier, Lydia Shaney, Kambyl Matke, Kaylynn Sandry, Naomi Nelson, Mariah Sparbel, Mya Kromm, Payton Harling, Paige DeKiep, Kailynn

Hanse, Jennie Frederickson, Norah Mann, Aarwen Alber, Elizabeth Arnott, Ayla McCormick, Kinsley Lange, Liam Dickrell, Rachael Reilly, Exxie Walbeck and Shelby Borowski.

Season results were 2nd of eight teams at the Ashland Invite, 3rd of seven teams at the Lakeland Invite, 1st of seven teams at the Eagle River Invite, 1st of nine teams at the Marathon Invite, 4th of ten teams at the Little Chute Invite, 8th of ten teams at the Medford Invite, 2nd of nine teams at the Eagle River Invite, 1st of four teams at the Eagle River Girls' Throwers Event, 2nd of six teams at the Three Lakes Invite, 1st of 11 teams at the Otto Bacher (Elise Gibeault set a new school record in the 400m dash in a time of 58.71 sec. and a new school record in the 200m dash in a time of 26.53 sec.), 1st of six teams at the Tomahawk Invite and 1st of 11 teams at the Hodag Invite.

At the conference meet in Medford, the Lady Hatchets won their ninth conference tournament title in school history and the first since 2014. Scores were Tomahawk 146, Eagle River 125, Medford 107, Rhinelander 106.5, Lakeland 97, Antigo 57 and Mosinee 53.5.

First Team All-Conference honors went to Elise Gibeault in the 200m and

400m (Elise set a new school record and new conference record with a time of 58.44 sec.) and the 4X200m relay team of Faith Derleth, Halle Derleth, Siennah Calkins and Alicia Voermans. Second team All-Conference honors went to the 4X100m relay team of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Rachael Reilly and Alicia Voermans; the 4X400m relay team of Rachael Reilly, Abbie Rosenmeier, Norah Mann and Siennah Calkins; the 4X800m relay team of Robin Schmidt, Lydia Shaney, Rachael Reilly and Alli Palmer; Kaylynn Sandry in the high jump; Alicia Voermans in the pole vault; and Ayla McCormick in the discus. Honorable mention All-Conference honors went to Alli Palmer in the 3200m, Faith Derleth in the 200m, Elise Gibeault in the high jump and Siennah Calkins in the triple jump.

Kurt Cordova, Carmi Pietila-Cleary, Adam Maki, Dane Borchardt, Jake Wiedemeier, Paula Flynn, Connor Ahrens and Stephanie Ahrens were voted Great Northern Conference (GNC) Coaches of the Year.

At the Rice Lake Regionals, Tomahawk was 4th of nine teams with 91 points. Rice Lake won the Regional with 152 points. Advancing to Sectionals were the 4X200m relay team of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Ali-

cia Voermans and Elise Gibeault with a regional title, followed by second-place finishes by Elise Gibeault in the 400m, the 4X400m relay team of Faith Derleth, Halle Derleth, Alicia Voermans and Elise Gibeault, Alicia Voermans in the pole vault and Ayla McCormick in the disc. Advancing by means of a third-place finish were Alicia Voermans in the 100m and the 4X800m relay team of Robin Schmidt, Rachael Reilly, Lydia Shaney and Alli Palmer. Placing fourth and also advancing were Faith Derleth in the 200m, Siennah Calkins in the triple jump and Ayla McCormick in the shot put.

At Sectionals, Tomahawk was 12th of 32 teams with 20 points. THS was led by the 4X200m relay team of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Alicia Voermans and Elise Gibeault with a Sectional title in the time of 1:46.55 min. for a new school record. Elise Gibeault also qualified for State in the 400m with a third-place finish in a time of 58.77 sec. Ayla McCormick completed her high school career with a toss of 124' 2" in the disc.

At State, the 4X200m relay team of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Alicia Voermans and Elise Gibeault was 8th in a time of 1:46.76,

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Tomahawk's Mya Pankow wins 2025 Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo Queen title

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MERRILL – Mya Pankow, of Tomahawk, was recently named the 2025 Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo Queen.

Pankow earned the recognition on Sunday, June 9 at the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo in Merrill.

Madilynn Skic, of Gleason, earned the Rodeo Princess title.

The Rodeo Queen is selected based on performance in several areas: riding and horsemanship, public speaking, interviews, rodeo knowledge, poster creation and rodeo ticket sales.

In the upcoming year, Pankow and Skic will represent the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo and the rodeo sport at various Midwest rodeos and local community events.

Pankow has been riding since she was three years old. She started barrel racing and pole bending in 2014 and in 2020 was named the Wisconsin Barrel Horse Association District 4 Outstanding Youth.

In 2022, she joined the Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association, expanding her events to include barrel racing, pole bending, break-away roping and team roping.

Pankow also runs her own horse training and riding lesson business, Ascent Equine.

Pankow is a senior in Wausau Area Virtual Education. After she graduates in Dec. 2024, she will attend Five Star Horseshoeing School in Oklahoma to become a farrier, certified by the American Farrier's Association. In Aug. 2025, Pankow plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and earn a bachelor's degree in equine science while continuing to compete in rodeo.

Skic is a senior at Merrill High School. She participates in Future Farmers of America, showing market animals and horse judging.

After graduation, Skic plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College to study farm business and production management.

"I am passionate about the equine and rodeo industries and think that an encouraging, knowledgeable and welcoming role model, such as a rodeo queen, is important in growing the sport and encouraging people to participate as competitors or spectators," Pankow said.

Pictured are Rodeo Princess Madilynn Skic (left) and Pankow.



2025 Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo Queen Mya Pankow and her horse, Katie. Photos courtesy of Dianne Lazear



Pankow and Katie participated in the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo in Merrill earlier this month.



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while Elise Gibeault was 10th in the 400m with a time of 1:00.36.

I would like to congratulate Ryan Flynn on an outstanding job with our co-curriculars. He often goes beyond what he has to do

to help our programs to be successful. He has made it a point to respect the past individuals who gave everything to our present success. His hard work is appreciated.

Former THS athletes who have passed

Last, but not least, I

would like to pay respects to former THS athletes who have recently passed.

They are Eugene Schreiber, Class of '53; Darwin Kluball, Class of '55; Roger Goldbeck, Class of '63; and Joe Pickett, Class of '68. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends.



Bradley Boat Landing dock upgrade

The Friends of the Jersey Flowage Lake Association (FOJF), in an effort to find ways to build community while helping the waterways on the Tomahawk River and the Jersey Flowage, recently upgraded the Bradley Boat Landing dock, located off Kauffman Rd. near County Rd. U. Members of FOJF, who also assist with upkeep of the landing, used their annual dues for the project. Pictured are members Brian Donnell, Larry Horn, Rick Chaney, Kevin Rick, Scott Jennejohn, Steve Heinrich and Mike Stieber. Photo courtesy of Renee Heinrich

Fishing Report: Lulls in action should end with return of warm weather

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Once again, we have been toyed with by the weather, as a couple of big cold fronts and some cold rain came through earlier this month. When the cold fronts hit, the fish that are near the shorelines take a pause and go deeper to wait for it to warm up again.

It looks like things will be warming up again, so whatever lull in action that anglers might have experienced should turn around again.

We were seeing water temperatures hanging in the mid-60s as of last week. Weed growth has been getting good, and we now have some pretty good weed beds on most lakes. You'll want to center a lot of your fishing around that new weed growth now.

Walleye fishing has been good, despite the cold. To find fish on the Chain – and just about everywhere else – find weeds; the thicker the better. If you can locate the musky cabbage, this is by far your best choice. The walleye are in these weeds all day, and we're seeing a lot of fish being caught on those deep weed edges, especially with this cold. Jigs and minnows are still the way to

go, with many anglers using weedless jigs, such as Jacks Jigs, to deal with the weeds. We soon will have to deal with the dreaded mayfly hatch, which had started but seemed to have slowed with the cold. Weed walleye fishing will last in part through the whole summer.

Northern action has been great, per usual. These fish are also in weeds, both in the shallower weeds, but also in that deep grass that you'll find on many lakes. If you are targeting them, use larger sucker minnows for the best results. They will hit almost any artificial also, with spoons or spinnerbaits working great.

Bass fishing is creeping up on spectacular now, as the smallies are surveying the shorelines getting ready to spawn, and the largemouth are doing the same in bullrushes and softer bottom areas. Look for the smallies on rocky shorelines (and in sand on the lakes with few shoreline rocks). Now is a great time to bust out a good old Whopper Plopper in the color of your choice – they're working great right now. Remember when throwing these that it helps to keep your rod pointed upward – or

put a swivel between the lure and the line – to keep your line from twisting. It's always good practice to treat these fish with extra care during this time of the year and get them back in the water quickly to finish their spawn.

Musky action has been pretty darn good, too. We saw a lot of fish caught during the Spring Classic on the Eagle River Chain last weekend, with some nice-sized fish, too. It is still a good idea to use smaller baits for them, like Mepps #5, small Suicks and twitch baits. You can find these fish feeding in the weeds on a daily basis, and some fish in deeper water resting. People have started to use Bulldawgs and Medussa's in that deeper water for them.

Panfish action was good between the cold fronts, with both crappies and bluegills in the shallows for the most part; minnows for the crappies and worms for the 'gills. Perch are in the weeds acting like small walleyes and will hit both leeches and minnows well, along with worms.

Get out there and have some fun – the warm weather is coming back!

Good luck and good fishin'!

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 187

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

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

Week 186 question: In the 1978 football season, THS held Hurley to

how many total yards: 33, 43 or 53?

Week 186 answer: In the 1978 football season, THS held Hurley to 43 total yards, defeating them 27-7.

Congrats to Ann Zacharias for being the first to correctly answer last week's question!

Week 187 question: During the 1978-79 THS hockey season, Tomahawk defeated Rhinelander 10-4. How many goals did Craig Madlung score in the game: Four, five or six?

Sports Briefs

Pow Wow Days Fun Runs

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

Natural Connections: Flowers from Stone to Sand

BY EMILY M. STONE
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Scraggly jack pines flew past the windows while I took one hand off the steering wheel to scratch a mosquito bite. My wildflower hike to the North Country Trail Hardwoods State Natural Area a few days prior had been absolutely lovely, but there had been bugs. Now I was heading out for another adventure – checking on the pink blossoms of bird’s eye primrose I’d spotted on Artist’s Point in Grand Marais, Minnesota, earlier in the spring.

In this section of my drive, north of Barnes, Wisconsin, I knew I was miles from any gas station. So, when the need for a pit stop arose, I simply turned off on a forest road. Soft, sandy anthills shifted under my feet, and the lovely smell of warm pine needles rose up from beneath the trees. A little serviceberry shrub with floppy white flowers glowed on the edge of the dim shade.

Then some brighter white flowers caught my eye. With five symmetrical petals joined in a rosy center and a cluster of anthers bursting from the heart like fireworks of golden pollen, I knew this was a member of the Rose Family, just like the serviceberry. A closer look at how the flowers attached to the stem in small groups, the glossy leaves, and knee-high stature told me that this was sand cherry, *Prunus pumila*.

As their name implies,



The narrow lobes of birdfoot violet leaves reminded someone of avian toes. These big blossoms prefer sandy soil.

Photos by Emily Stone

sand cherry prefers sandy, well-drained soil. They spread by horizontal underground stems called rhizomes, which help to hold loose soil in place. Although the plants themselves are much smaller than other types of cherries, the shiny black fruits of sand cherry are bigger! An ant crawled over one blossom while I snapped some photos. They are just one of many species of insects who visit this plant, including moth and butterfly adults and larvae, beneficial flies, and native bees. Forty species of birds, plus foxes, coyotes, skunks, mice, and humans also eat the cherries.

As I bounced from one cherry stem to another to find the best light for photos, some purple on the roadside caught my attention, too. Soon I was looking at a clump of dusky blue violets with unusually large flowers. A tight bundle of orange stamens in the center of

each blossom – with a runway of linear nectar guides pointing right to them – perfectly complimented the blue.

It was the leaves at the base of the flowers that gave them away. Instead of the normal broadly heart-shaped leaves, I found leaves divided into three graceful, narrow lobes, not unlike the toes on a bird’s foot. This, of course, was birdfoot violet. They need sandy soil to keep their feet dry and avoid rot. And they are programmed to bloom when the days reach a certain length in spring. Occasionally you’ll find one blooming in the fall, too, as day length revisits the same milestone on our way to winter.

Once the violet flowers are pollinated by bees or butterflies, the seeds that form each come with a little packet of fatty goodness attached to the outside. Ants love these elaiosomes and carry the seed back to their nest

to nibble them off, then toss the clean seed in their compost pile. Elaiosomes are essentially a bribe for the ants’ seed dispersal services.

A splash of apricot orange among the short grasses next caught my eye. Each flower in the cluster was composed of five petals who met in the center and formed a little tube. Upon close examination, the round, yellow buds and skinny, blunt leaves were covered in downy hairs, giving them a silvery, “hoary” look. The hairs of hoary puccoon can provide both warmth in early spring, and shade from a glaring Sun – a good adaptation for this open, dry habitat. Puccoon is the misspelling of a Powhatan or Algonquian word that means a plant who can be used to make dye. The long taproot, which likes to wiggle down into sandy or silty soil, produces a purplish juice.

As I climbed back into my car with a camera full of more lovely wildflower photos, I smiled at my good luck.

Here in Wisconsin and Minnesota, we have quite a variety of habitats and soil types in a relatively small area. I can explore rich soils and maple forests filled with trilliums, wild oats, and large-flowered bellwort one day, then delight in the bedrock home of bird’s eye primrose (and a not-yet-booming mystery plant) the next. And now here I was enjoying prairie flowers in a barrens!

What do we have to thank for these riches? Why the glaciers, of course! The trillium’s rich soil developed from glacial till. The primrose enjoys bedrock scraped clean and exposed by the powerful ice. They also take advantage of climate control provided by the cold waters of Lake Superior – whose basin was deepened by the glaciers and filled with melt. The drought tolerant cherries, violets, and puccoons benefit from a huge pile of glacial outwash debris, in a landscape called the Northwest Sands.

Even though we’ve taken

down our geology exhibit at the Museum, I won’t stop noticing how geology underlies everything! If you want a refresher on that topic, you can find a link to a PDF with all the text and diagrams from our geology exhibit at www.cablemuseum.org/exhibit/. Here in the Northwoods, geology is the foundation for flowers as well as fun!

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

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

USDA, DNR: Wolves depredate beef calf, injure adult cow in Lincoln County

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Wolves recently depredated a beef calf and injured an adult cow on a farm located in the Town of Pine River in Lincoln County, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife

Services verified the depredation and injury on Saturday, June 8.

DNR said non-lethal abatement options are being discussed with the livestock producer.

DNR partners with USDA Wildlife Services to investigate reported conflicts with wolves.

Interactive maps, past reports and damage pay-

ment information are available on the DNR’s website at www.tinyurl.com/f89rsbw5.

Livestock producers who suspect a wolf or bear has depredated or is harassing livestock can contact USDA Wildlife Services at 1-800-228-1368 (northern Wisconsin) or 1-800-433-0663 (southern Wisconsin).

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