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Lincoln County's 150th anniversary celebrated with Tomahawk, Merrill festivities

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY The 150th anniversary of Lincoln County was celebrated earlier this month with festivities in Tomahawk in Merrill.

The celebration, held throughout the day on Saturday, Oct. 19, kicked off in Tomahawk with a pancake breakfast at VFW Post 2687 and a history walk.

Live music, food trucks, an old-fashioned carnival put on by St. John Lutheran Church and School, bouncy houses and displays of vintage tractors and antique cars set the scene for fun in Merrill celebration held that afternoon.



History-loving diners enjoyed breakfast at VFW Post 2687 in Tomahawk to kick off Lincoln County's Sesquicentennial Celebration, held throughout the day on Saturday, Oct. 19. Contributed photo



Jesse Boyd, Chair of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, spoke at the formal part of the Lincoln County Sesquicentennial celebration in Merrill.

Photos by Joseph Frederick



The St. John Old-fashioned Carnival was a great success at the Merrill Fairgrounds, and proceeds will be used to help build a new, expanded childcare facility in Merrill.

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Volunteers served up the hearty celebratory breakfast in Tomahawk. Contributed photo





Joan Laabs biked more than 2,500 miles in an effort to raise funds for the Tomahawk Community Theater. **Contributed photo**

Laabs bikes 2,500 miles to raise funds for Tomahawk **Community Theater**

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TOMAHAWK - A Tomahawk area resident recently biked more than 2,500 miles to raise funds for a local organization.

Joan Laabs, 77, combined her biking efforts with collecting pledges from community members, friends and relatives to raise funds for the Tomahawk Community Theater (TCT) Children's Workshop and summer performance.

Laabs was ultimately able to donate \$1,500.00 to the program.

TCT also received an additional grant of \$1,000.00 from the Laabs Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin, bringing he total contributed the group to \$2,500.00.

The funds will go towards TCT's general operating expenses, as well as specific program needs.

"Members of our Board of Directors are committed to focus on program evaluation, goal-setting and planning for the future," said TCT President Terry Bucaro.

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Laabs has biked over 17,000 miles. Laabs said her first two years accounted for nearly 5,000 miles each year on a road bike, noting that included 35 weeks in Wisconsin and southern states.

For the past three years, Laabs has ridden a threewheel recumbent trike, averaging 2,500 miles per year.

Laabs has utilized her passions for biking and volunteering to raise over \$17,000.00 to benefit five organizations in Lincoln and Oneida counties: American Legion Post 93, VFW Post 2687, Camp American Legion, Tomahawk Main Street Inc. and Tomahawk Community Theater.

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Through sidewalk project, THS students gain hands-on experience while improving campus

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TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk High School (THS) Building Trades students recently took on a hands-on project that not only honed their construction skills, but also improved their school environment.

Partnering with a local company, the students poured a concrete sidewalk, transforming a previously-underutilized area of the campus.

Instructor Andy Peissig explained that under the guidance of experienced industry professional Aaron Evans of Evans Concrete Construction, students learned essential techniques for site prep, form construction, pouring and finishing concrete.

"This project provided a real-world application of their classroom knowledge, reinforcing the importance of precision and teamwork in construction," Peissig stated. "As the students worked side-by-side with skilled contractors, they gained valuable insights into the trade's safety standards and best practices."

Peissig noted that the experience "also highlighted the significance of quality craftsmanship and attention to detail, skills that are crucial in the construction industry."

"The completed sidewalk not only enhances the school's accessibility, but also serves as a testament to the students' hard work and dedication," he said. "This project allowed us to see the direct impact of our efforts."

Peissig added that the collaboration with Evans Concrete Construction "exemplifies the importance of industry partnerships in education, providing students with practical experience that prepares them for successful careers in the building trades."

"The Tomahawk Building Trades program continues to inspire the next generation of skilled workers, fostering both community improvement and personal growth," he stated.





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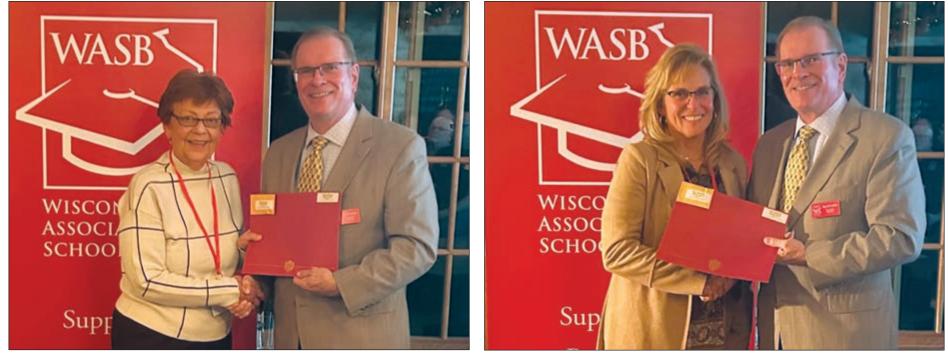
Girl Scouts receive Legion contribution

American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk recently contributed \$500.00 to local Girl Scout troops. Pictured are Girl Scouts Jackie Wendorf, Cadette Troop 7221; Adalyn Picl, Brownie Troop 7220; and Mirisah Taylor, Junior Troop 7212; Girl Scout Leader Kay Kissinger Wolf; and Legionnaires Terry Baldowsky and Tom Garrigan. Photo courtesy of Tom Garrigan



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Jameson Timothy Kahlenberg, was born to Morgan Weber and Tanner Kahlenberg, Merrill, on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024. He was born at 12:04 p.m., weighed eight pounds, ten ounces and was 20.25 inches long.



Velleux, Swenty recognized by WASB

School District of Tomahawk Board of Education members Deb Velleux (left photo) and Ann Swenty (right photo) were recently recognized by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). District Administrator Wendell Quesinberry explained that through their Member Recognition Program, the WASB honors school board members for their efforts in leadership and board development. Points are awarded to school board members for their attendance at or involvement in various WASB programs and events. Photos courtesy of Wendell Quesinberry

LaBarge charged with attempted murder, obstructing, more

BY TINA L. SCOTT MMC STAFF

MERRILL - Bradley La-Barge, age 31, of Merrill, made an initial appearance in Lincoln County Court on Monday. Oct. 21. He is charged with five crimes, the most serious being one count of attempted first degree intentional homicide with the use of a dangerous weapon.

He is also charged with one count of substantial battery, use of a dangerous weapon; one count of obstructing an officer; one count of criminal damage to property; and one count of disorderly conduct, use of a dangerous weapon.

According to the criminal complaint on file, conviction of count one carries with it a prison term of up to 60 years, plus an increase of up to five additional years for the use of a dangerous weapon.

Probable cause for the charges listed in the Complaint detail an alleged incident that occurred just after 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, on Corning Rd. in the Town of Corning, involving a male victim who alleges LaBarge slashed his tires, smashed out his windows, "jacked" him in the face, and threatened to "cut



LaBarge Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Jail

gray utility knife and said LaBarge had cut him with it "on the right side of his throat.'

When law enforcement arrived at the scene, they observed the victim's shirt "below his neckline to be soaked in blood. Victim had a large laceration on the right side of his neck below his jaw line."

The victim was subsequently transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital, where he reportedly received 11 stitches.

"Law enforcement observed what appeared to be blood on his hands," while detaining LaBarge. When questioned about it, law enforcement observed him "spitting on his hands and wiping them on the front of his pants."

A witness, who has two

The victim said he got a flat tire and pulled over to change the tire. LaBarge allegedly had called the witness 30 to 40 times, beginning at about 4 a.m. that day and tracked the victim and witness, who were together, using the "Find my iPhone" to locate the witness, arriving three or four minutes after the victim had pulled

over to change the tire. LaBarge's one-year-old daughter and three-yearold son were in the vehicle with him when he "pulled up at a high rate of speed and stopped right next to" the victim's vehicle and "flew out of the car" before pulling his knife, damaging victim's vehicle, threatening the victim, ripping his shirt, threatening "to slit his throat, cut him up and throw him in the ditch in the middle of nowhere," and then lunging at him and cutting him on the right side of his throat with the knife.

LaBarge denied the allegations when questioned by law enforcement, but the criminal complaint said "Law enforcement observed damage to the victim's vehicle consistent with victim's statements" and "medical personnel expressed the penetrating trauma victim sustained was a small distance from his jugular vein

Barge had called the victim and threatened "something along the lines of" that he would shoot him, shoot up his house and shoot his child or shoot him in front of his child, but victim said he did not report this to law enforcement at that time.

LaBarge appeared in court by video from the Lincoln County Jail, and was represented by Tim Osicka, special attorney for LaBarge at his initial appearance. Osicka suggested the victim's injury was selfinflicted and that the victim had reason to lie and questioned the allegations; however, in light of the seriousness of the allegations and charges, Judge Galen Bavne-Allison set bail for LaBarge at \$200,000.00 cash.

Should LaBarge post the bail and be released from jail, the Judge also set additional conditions. to include, but not limited to, GPS monitoring of La-Barge and no contact with the victim or witness and staying 1,000 feet away from the residence or place of employment or education of both the witness and the victim in this case, and that any visitation with the children must go through a third party.

A preliminary hearing in

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him up and stab him" with a knife.

The alleged victim called 911 and "told dispatch that Bradley pulled a knife and was chasing him." He identified the weapon as a

young children with La-Barge, was with the victim and had been with the victim for several hours prior to the incident, driving around with him, according to the Criminal Complaint.

or carotid artery, which are life threatening injuries."

According to the victim, "he and witness have been talking for about eight or nine months" and approximately two months ago, Lathe matter has been set for Thursday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

This case has not been concluded. Unless a judgment of conviction is entered, LaBarge is presumed innocent of all charges.



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Patricia Ann Heiner, 61, of Reedsburg, passed away peacefully at her home Satur day, September 21, 2024. She was born August 28, 1963, Patricia was a beloved wife mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

On August 31, 1985, Patricia married Martin Heiner, the love of her life, in Fremont California. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising two sons and later cherishing the joy of helping raise their two

granddaughters. A member of Prince of Peace Church in Tomahawk, WI, for many years, Patricia's faith was a cornerstone of her life.

Known for her thoughtfulness, Patricia had a special gift for designing heartfelt greeting and birthday cards, which brought joy to many. Indeed, she was a keeper of birthdays. She also found happiness in tending to her garden, where her nurturing spirit flourished.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Martin; her loving sons Andrew and Ryan; her cherished granddaughters, Autumn and Emmalee; and her siblings, Steve, Carolyn, Greg, and Liz. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacqueline and Glen.

A memorial service to celebrate Patricia's life will be held November 3, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Turnpoint Pentecostal Church in Reedsburg, with Rev. Edward Herman officiating. Those who wish to send memorials or sympathy cards are invited to send them directly to Grasse Funeral Home at 312 N Park St., Reedsburg, WI 53959.

Patricia brought warmth, light, and kindness into every room. Her sweetness and thoughtfulness touched all who knew her. She will be remembered for her pure, kind heart and the love she shared so freely. Online condolences may be made at www.grassefs.com. Grasse Funeral Service in Reedsburg is serving the family.



Thomas W. Grygo, age 80, of Nekoosa, Wis., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 at Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov.

8, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Nekoosa, Wis. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Rev. John Swing will officiate the service.

Thomas was born on May 27 1944 in New Jersey to the late

Joseph and Mercedes (Griffiths) Grygo. He married Marilyn LaCoste on May 28, 1968 in Ames, Iowa. After receiving his bachelor's degree in horticulture from Delaware Valley College, Thomas went on to earn a master's degree in landscape architecture from Iowa State University. Thomas worked for the State of Wisconsin with the DNR for many years. After his time with the DNR, Thomas was self-employed, and worked doing numerous projects with Parks and Recreation including creating and designing campgrounds. He was a member of the Saratoga Town Board Planning Commission Knights of Columbus, and always enjoyed volunteering for the DNR with hunter's safety and the game camera program Thomas always had a passion for conservation, and cared deeply about nature. In his spare time, Thomas enjoyed pho tography, gardening, landscaping, and woodworking, specifi cally wood turning. Thomas was an excellent mentor and teacher. He always enjoyed working with his children and grandchildren on different projects and teaching them many skills along the way.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn; daugh ters, Andrea Grygo, and Sarah (Michael) Withers; and grand children, Logan, Carter, and Mason Withers.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mercedes Grygo; grandparents; and aunt, Zelma Uken.

Maureen M. Newborg, age 85, of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024 surrounded by her family, at Riverview Health Services under the care of Moments Hospice. Maureen was born in Tomahawk to the late Charles and Hilga (Kall) O'Rourke on June 1, 1939. She was married to Norman Newborg on Aug. 21, 1958; he passed away on Jan. 31, 1997. Maureen was a 1957 graduate

of the Tomahawk High School After high school, she entered

the workforce where she was the produce manager at various grocery stores including Kall's IGA, Jack's Super, and Lee & Jan's. Maureen was an avid Wisconsin sports fan, follow ing her favorite teams, the Brewers, Packers, and Badgers She enjoyed her visits to the casino and loved shopping. In her younger years, she spent time bowling and playing golf. Maureen cared deeply for the many dogs she owned during her life, especially her Labradoodle, Bailey.

Survivors include her daughter, Dana (Jason) Thompson; her grandchildren, Dustyn (Holly) DuPlayee, and Jayleigh Thompson (fiancé Dawson Scholz); her great-granddaughter Adelaide DuPlayee; the Sundquist family, Lynne, Terri (Bob), David (Adrienne - and their daughter, Eva), and Mike Jenna), who became her family and she loved them as such her very special friends, LouAnn, Jane, and Sharon; along with extended relatives and friends.

Maureen was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Hilga; her husband, Norm; her brother, Donald (Rona) O'Rourke; and her nephew, Dan Newborg.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Aspirus Tomahawk, NP Fidelis, Dr. McCool, the staff at Riverview Health Services, and the nurses with Moments Hospice, Kelly, Cassie, and Holly. Lastly, thank you to Lynne...her selfless dedication and love in taking care of both Norm and Maureen has made a significant impact in our lives.

The family will hold a private celebration of life gathering at a later date.

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

Local news online – www.TomahawkLeader.com



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

In less than a week, we will be electing our own leaders. What kind of leaders will we choose? We will never agree on everything, because we will never be all that we should be, but we are given the opportunity to elect those we agree with. So we must ask, What kind of leaders will we choose?

This privilege of electing our leaders begs us to vote wisely. What kind of people do we want to be our leaders, what is their belief about morality, will they serve the people, and can we agree with their views on the issues our culture is facing? When we vote, do we consider what God says about the issues? Maybe we don't; perhaps that is why we see the country so divided and our culture sliding into moral confusion. Do we care what the God who created us says is right?

The Bible tells us that God is the One who established the principles of government and lends to human leaders the authority they have. What is God's purpose for government?

The Bible tells us in Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Peter 2:13,14 that the purpose of government is to protect the innocent, and bring judgment and fear to those who behave selfishly and do wrong. Government is to create a situation where the individual can succeed or fail based upon their choices and how diligently they pursue the opportunities they have.

The Bible makes it clear that some people will fail



State Superintendent Jill Underly proposes universal free meals for Wisconsin students

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly last week proposed increasing access to meals at school by providing all Wisconsin students access to nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost to families.

A Friday, Oct. 25 release from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) said Wisconsin students continue to struggle with food insecurity.

Joined by staff in the Kenosha Unified School District and education partners, Underly called for universal free meals as part of her 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request during a news conference.

Underly's universal free totaling proposal, nearly \$294 million, expands access to nutritious school meals to all Wisconsin students, according to DPI. Under the proposal, the DPI would create a new supplemental nutrition aid program, offsetting costs to students and families for meals received while at school both breakfast and lunch. One in four (25.4%) Wisconsin high school students reported hunger due to a lack of food in their home, data from the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows (www. tinyurl.com/yufjbaf7). "Access to food is one of the most basic human needs, and yet many Wisconsin kids are telling us they don't know when – or if – they will have their next meal," Underly said. "When we make sure all our kids are properly nourished, we are nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

My budget proposal makes sure that every kid, no matter their background, has access to the nutrition they need to succeed at no cost."

According to DPI, in addition to the universal free meals proposal, Underly's 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request will:

· Fund the School Breakfast Program at a reimbursement rate of \$0.15 per meal and expand participation to include independent charter schools, the state's residential schools and residential childcare centers (\$6.1 million over the biennium).

· Strengthen local food supply chains by creating a new program encouraging school districts to buy directly from local farmers and producers and incorporate fresh, high quality, locally-grown foods into school meal and snack programs (\$10 million over the biennium). • Fully fund the School Day Milk Program so more Wisconsin students have access to milk while at school (\$458,900.00 over the biennium). • Create a new grant program to allow schools to purchase milk coolers or equipment to convert to bulk milk dispensers (\$150.000.00 over the biennium). "These nutrition provisions add up to an additional \$311 million in investment in nutrition for kids," DPI stated. "The DPI's budget request, to be released in full in November, will propose additional significant investments in K-12 public education."

because they make selfish choices, and some fail because of circumstances beyond their control. But the role of government is to create an environment where those who try will not be prevented from succeeding by those who do wrong. Romans 13:4 even says that government is to be God's tool in bringing judgment against the wicked. So, when government stops a thief from invading my home or an enemy from invading the country, it is doing its God appointed responsibility. But what if those in leadership do not share God's view on what is right - what then?

The Bible teaches that leaders borrow their authority from God, who will one day judge us. When leaders step outside of their God-appointed responsibility, when they promote what God says is wrong, or when they punish people for doing what God clearly says is right, then they are stepping outside of the authority God loaned to them and are no longer the blessing God intended them to be. The Bible teaches that such leaders will become a rottenness to the people they lead and bring sorrow (Isaiah 5:20-24).

God has given us the privilege in this country to elect our own leaders; we have the opportunity to replace those who fail in their responsibility. Our elected leaders are a reflection of the character of the people who elect them. In the end, we will get the leaders we deserve as a people. What will those leaders say about us?

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One-act play headed to Sectionals

The Tomahawk High School (THS) Drama Department's one-act play will be taking part in next month's Sectionals competition. After hosting and performing during the WISDAA District 2 one-act play competition in the THS auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 19, the cast and crew of "Ten Actors in Search of a Cell Phone" will travel to Oconto Falls to perform at Sectionals next week. Pictured, back row, from left: Julia McGovern, Urijah Malchiodi, Alena Cerkas, Maddie Long, Finn Colburn; middle: Landon Plantenberg, Aubrey Graeber, Galen Schmidt, Sadie Ruder, Sarah Kallerud; front: Johnathan Feltes, Cedar Hoffman, Evelyn Brennan, Exxie Walbeck, Caroline Klesmith, Phoebe Hrdina. Not pictured: Greta Kurth, Emma Schiltz, Tamara Stenberg. Photo courtesy of Michele Balda

Two Merrill residents killed in head-on collision on Hwy.

BY TINA L. SCOTT MMC STAFF

TOWN OF MERRILL -Two Merrill residents died in a head-on collision on State Hwy. 17 on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Kathleen A. Wegner, 79, and Lee G. Wegner, 82, died when the SUV they were traveling in was struck head-on.

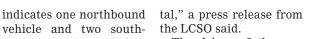
The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reports the 911 Dispatch Center received multiple reports of a three-vehicle traffic crash on Hwy. 17 near the intersection of Barnes Creek Ave. in the Township of Merrill, with multiple injuries.

A preliminary investigation into the accident

vehicle and two southbound vehicles collided. First the northbound pickup truck crossed the center line, crashing into a southbound SUV head-on. Then the second southbound vehicle another pickup truck - struck the first [originally northbound] pickup truck. The crash remains under investigation.

Kathleen A. Wegner and Lee G. Wegner were pronounced dead at the scene by Lincoln County Coroner Valerie Caylor.

The 23-year-old driver of the northbound pickup truck "sustained critical (though not believed to be life threatening) injuries and was transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospi-



The driver of the second pickup truck, age 32, was treated for minor injuries and released at the scene.

The highway was closed for nearly six hours for crash scene investigation

and cleanup.

In addition to the LCSO, the Merrill Police Department, Merrill Fire Department, Lincoln Coun-

ty Highway Department, Wisconsin State Patrol and Wisconsin Department of Transportation also assisted at the scene.



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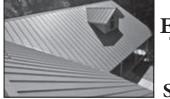
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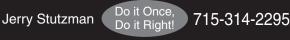








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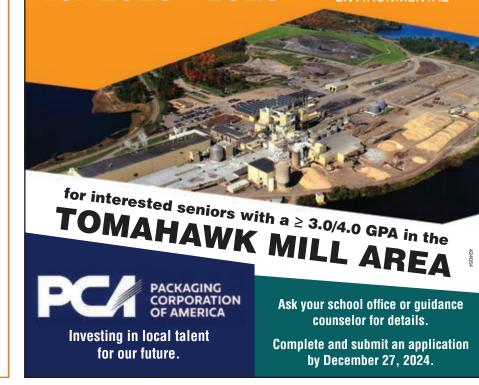
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nool lunch fund donation

The Harrison Hills ATV Club recently donated \$500.00 to help cover student lunch debts at the School District of Tomahawk. Earlier this year, an account was established at Park City Credit Union to allow for donations to help with this effort. Photo courtesy of Tammy Marion

City of Tomahawk Fall Yard Waste **Clean-Up Week**

The City of Tomahawk Streets Department has designated this week, through Friday, Nov. 1, as Fall Yard Waste Clean-Up Week. Only brush and yard waste will be accepted. Brush should be neatly piled with cut ends of limbs facing the curb. The only acceptable containers for leaves are plastic bags. The items should be set out no later than 7 a.m. each day.

necessary. To schedule an nial (Branch of Service, appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcross*blood.org.* A photo ID or a Red Cross ID is required.

National Wreaths Across America ceremony

National Wreaths Α Across America ceremony will be held at Northwoods National Cemetery, 4520 Lakewood Rd., Harshaw, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. The program will include the Ceremo-

News Briefs Veterans Ceremony UGC

POW/MIA, Organization) Wreath laying, followed by grave-specific wreath placements by family and friends and remaining wreath placements. A complimentary hot sandwich and dessert social will be held at Rondele Ranch, 8959 County Rd. K, Harshaw, after the ceremony. Group ceremony sponsors are American Legion Riders District 11 and

Inc. For information on group sponsorship, sponsoring a wreath for a veteran's grave and/or to volunteer to place a wreath, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/WINWNC or contact Location Coordinator Mary at 715-612-2196. If your organization would like to place a wreath during the ceremony, contact Mary no later than Friday, Dec. 6.

Donations to cover student lunch debts being accepted

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

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

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



Grace Lutheran blood drive A blood drive, sponsored

by the American Red Cross, will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not



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Date	Мо	rning	Eve	ning
(CDT)	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Oct. 30	4:58AM	10:09AM	4:10PM	10:29PM
Oct. 31	6:02AM	10:50AM	4:27PM	
Nov. 1	7:09AM	11:11PM	4:47PM	11:32AM
Nov. 2	8:17AM	11:55PM	5:12PM	12:18PM
Nov. 3	9:26AM	12:43AM	5:44PM	1:08PM
Nov. 4	10:32AM	1:34AM	6:26PM	2:01PM
Nov. 5	11:33AM	2:28AM	7:19PM	2:56PM
Nov. 6	12:23PM	3:24AM	8:24PM	3:52PM
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The Tomahawk School District will offer free Child Find screenings for children three through five years of age whose parent or quardian have questions or concerns about developmental milestones. The screening will consider the areas of cognition, social/emotional, communication and adaptive skills.

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

creening Dates

November 8, 2024 • December 6, 2024 January 3, 2025 • February 7, 2025 March 7, 2025 • April 4, 2025 • May 2, 2025

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

The Tomahawk School District is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, and homeless children. The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities is known as Child Find. The Tomahawk School District will conduct developmental screening for preschool children at least one time per academic year as scheduled above.

TOMAHAWK LEADER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF TOMAHAWK, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Tomahawk, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET of the Town of Tomahawk, Lincoln County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the town clerk's home by appointment. Telephone 715-254-4651.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF TOMAHAWK, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024, Immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 budget which begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Tomahawk, a special meeting of electors is called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes by the Town Board for the following purposes will be held:

- 1. To approve the total 2025 highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2. To adopt the 2024 Town Tax levy to be paid in 2025 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The monthly town meeting will be held following the above-mentioned items being completed.

> Dated this 23rd day of October, 2024. Jesse Hoffman, Clerk

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LINCOLN COUNTY TIMBER SALE November 11, 2024

Lincoln County is offering 15 Timber Sales on 851 acres

- 22,528 Tons Aspen Pulp 97 MBF Mxd Hwd Logs 1,500 Tons Red Pine Pulp/Logs 12.730 Tons Mxd Hwd Pulp 40 MBF Basswood Logs 18 MBF Hard Maple Logs 2,090 Tons Red Pine Pulp 1,000 Tons Fir Pulp
- 913 Tons Basswood Pulp
- 140 Tons Jack Pine Pulp
- 90 Tons Spruce Pulp

List of sales, maps of cutting areas, access information, cutting requirements and contract specifications may be secured from the Lincoln County Forestry Department Office. 801 N. Sales Street. Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-539-1034. List of sales and maps are also available online at www.co.lincoln.wi.us. All bidders must file a declaration of intent to bid, unless previously filed, on forms provided at the forestry office.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 8:50 A.M., Monday, November 11, 2024 and will be opened at 9:00 A.M., Monday, November 11, 2024 at a meeting of the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee in the Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 257, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill.

Any contractor who wishes to phone in and attend by teleconference when bids are opened should contact the Lincoln County Forestry Dept. at 715-539-1034 for call in instructions.

The Forestry, Land and Parks Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and accept the bids most advantageous to Lincoln County.

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2. The decedent, with date of birth 08-25-1937 and date of death 08-29-2024 was domiciled in Lincoln County State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of N11636 Spring Creek Drive, Tomahawk, WI 54487. 3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Branch 1, before Honorable Galen Bayne-Allison, on 12-11-2024 at 9:30 a.m. You do not need to appear unless

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NOTICE OF 2025 BUDGET MEETINGS TOWN OF SCHLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin will hold a public hearing on the town's proposed 2025 budget on

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.,

at the Schley Town Hall, W1696 Cty C, Merrill, WI. Immediately following the public hearing, a Special Elector Meeting will be held to approve the 2024 total town tax levy to be collected in 2025. After the Special Elector Meeting to approve the

2024 tax levy, the Town Board meeting will be held to adopt the 2025 budget. The proposed budget is available for inspection

on the town's website at townofschley.com or by contacting the Town Clerk.

Becky Dallman, Town of Schley Clerk Published October 30, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TOWN OF SKANAWAN. LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024, 6:00pm, the Town of Skanawan will hold a Public hearing on the Proposed Budget for the year 2025 at the Skanawan Town Hall, N8506 County Road H. The Proposed Budget is posted along with this notice for your convenience. You may obtain a copy by calling the clerk at 715-966-2601.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SKANAWAN LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11th, 2024, immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget of the Town of Skanawan, there will be a special Town Meeting called pursuant to Sec. 60.12 (lc) of Wisconsin State Statutes for the following purpose:

- 1. To adopt the 2024 Town Tax Levy to be paid 2025 pursuant to Sec. 60.10 (I) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2. Will discuss and vote on Officer Salaries

NOTICE OF A TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SKANAWAN

Notice is hereby given that immediately following the Special Town Meeting of Electors, November 11th, 2024, the Town Board will hold a Town Board Meeting for the following purpose:

- 1. To discuss and adopt the 2025 Budget for the Town of Skanawan
- AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TOWN HALL POSTING
- Dated this 15th Day of September 2024
- Loyetta Dennis, Clerk

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET School District of Tomahawk

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of the School District of Tomahawk, on October 22, 2024, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2024-2025 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

> Annual Meeting October Certification Previously Amended Approved Amount Approved Amount <u>2024-2025</u> <u>2024-2025</u> <u>Change</u>

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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 02-

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14-2025 . A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Wisconsin, Probate Office. Merrill,

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Timothy Chack.

[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

Merrill, WI 54452

does not provide transportation.] BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: October 17, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Form completed by: Becky S. Byer, Register in Probate 1110 E. Main Street

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MARATHON COUNTY CREATIVE FINANCE, INC. 815 Business Park Road PO Box 454 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Plaintiff, BRIDGETT BABETTE BEATTY 310 West Leather Avenue Lot 37 Tomahawk, WI 54487

Defendant Case No. 24CV470 SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a Defendant: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above Creative Finance, Inc., by its attorney, Christopher M. Kern, filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within Forty (40) days the 8th day of October, 2024, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address

delivered to the Court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Marathon County Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403, and to Plaintiff's attorney, Christopher M. Kern, 815 Business Park Road, PO Box 454, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, 53965. You may have an attorney help or represent

f you do not provide a proper answe within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 8th day of October, 2024 General Counsel for Plaintiff Signed By: Christopher M. Kern Christopher M. Kern State Bar Number: 1093883 Creative Finance, Inc 815 Business Park Road P.O. Box 454 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 Phone: (608) 254-6855 Fax: (608) 253-5005

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Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Irvin B. King Notice to Creditors

(Informal Administration) Case No. 2024 IN 39 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application administration was filed. for informa The decedent, with date of birth 8/16/1934 and date of death 2/13/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N11445 County Road A, Unit 62, Tomahawk, WI 54487. All interested persons waived All interested persons waived notice.
 The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/24/25.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office DATE SIGNED: October 7, 2024

Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Form completed by Dan, C. Koblitz, Attorney

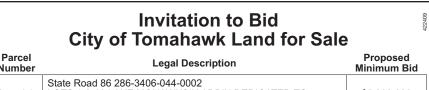
2320 Parallel Lane Silver Spring, MD 20904 Telephone: 301-960-5857

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lincoln Social Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 4:15 p.m. to take testimony on the item listed below. The public hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center, meeting room #247/248, at 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI. The public may attend either in person or via telephone conference (details may be found in agenda once it is posted at <u>https://co.lincoln.wi.us/meetings</u>).

1. 2025 85.21 Transportation Application. The application materials may be viewed in person at the Lincoln County Department of Social Services office at 607 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin during regular business hours. Additionally, they will be posted online at www.co.lincoln.wi.us/meetings no less than 10 days prior to the hearing.

All parties wishing to be heard are requested to be present. Both written and oral testimony will be entered into the record. Published October 30, 2024 WNAXLP 42327



7700 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William Chack

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)

Case No. 2024IN41 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed

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Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 15,306,868.22	\$ 15,306,754.21	\$ (114.01)		State Road 8
Residual Equity Transfers in (Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Parcel 1:	LOTS 1-2-10
Reserve for Retirement Account	\$ 2,248,092.00	\$ 2,248,092.00	\$ -		PUBLIC FOR
Reserve for Current Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		State Road 8
Reserve for School Forest	\$ 120,883.84	\$ 120,883.84	\$ -	Parcel 2:	LOTS 1-2-10 PUBLIC FOF
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ted at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on November 6th, 2024. Bids will be ommittee meeting scheduled at <u>4:30 p.m.</u> on <u>November 6th, 2024.</u>

ontact the Clerk's Office at 715-453-4040 or abartz@tomahawkwi.gov.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN.

CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

rence Bromberek Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application administration was filed.

Tomahawk WI 54487

Wisconsin Probate Office

DATE SIGNED: October 9,2024

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Auctions

Form completed by: Joel Morrison 3712 Fox Tail Trl NW

Prior Lake, MN 55372

Telephone: 952-277-9736

Case No. 2024IN00038

2. The decedent, with date of birth

2:30-1950 and date of death 9-24-2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1528 Spruce Ave.

All interested persons waived

4. The deadline for filing a claim

against the decedent's estate is 01-24-2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln

Courthouse,

Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar

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Bar Number: 1102710

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us who have not served, to recognize and appreciate the enormity of what these individuals have done. There is no place in our society for disparaging or disrespecting those who have bravely fought for our country. Their service is a testament to their dedication to the principles

justice, and democracy.

This Veterans Day, take a moment to thank the veterans in your life. Whether they are family members, friends, or neighbors, reach out and thank them for their service. Their sacrifices have helped shape the nation we know today, ensuring

PATRICK J. WOOD

Author of "Reflections" a new book

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applicants for electric vehicle charging station funding

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) last week announced an additional opportunity to apply for federal funding to continue building out Wisconsin's electric vehicle (EV) charging network, and applicants from the Tomahawk area are being sought.

The fast-charging stations are funded through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). In a release, WisDOT said

this round of funding will

fill coverage gaps after the first round of awards was

announced in May 2024. WisDOT awarded \$23.3 mil-

lion to support 53 projects,

including two Tribal com-

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elers, and visitors who can now make solid plans and go farther on every trip," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "We're excited to offer this opportunity to more applicants because we must ensure we're distributing this critical funding in areas where we're currently lacking as we continue to look to the future of this statewide program."

WisDOT is currently accepting applications in the selected areas until Feb. 14, 2025. WisDOT will then review the submitted applications and announce awards in spring 2025.

Wisconsin is expected to receive more than \$78 million in NEVI funding over the next five years.

More information on Wisconsin's electrification program can be found on the WisDOT website at www. tinyurl.com/2kupmre6.

Leader Sports & Nature

Lady Hatchet runners earn 18th Sectional title

Boys tie for sixth place in Colby

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

COLBY – On Friday, Oct. 25, the Tomahawk High School cross country team headed southwest to Colby High School to compete at the WIAA Division II Sectional Cross Country Meet.

It was a chilly, but sunny, fall evening that saw a total of 15 teams face the Hatchets for the right to advance to Wisconsin Rapids next weekend for the WIAA State Championships.

The first division II race of the day was the girls at 4:15 p.m. Coming off of the heartcrushing finish of last year, the Tomahawk girls were determined to advance.

Despite never once appearing in the state rankings of the top Division II teams in Wisconsin, the Hatchets proceeded to climb their way to the top throughout the race. The end result was a Sectional Championship by one point, defeating last year's winning team, Shawano.

"This group of girls has been putting in the work all year long," said coach Connor Ahrens. "Not many teams can say that. They're a motivated group inspired from within, which makes the difference. When the going got tough, the Tomahawk girls put the pedal to the medal and made moves. If you look at the race splits, nearly every girl on the team moved up their place throughout the race. What a special team."

The Lady Hatchets scored 67 points and were led by senior Alli Palmer, who finished the race taking 3rd place with a new career best of 20:03. Junior Lydia Shaney followed, nearly cracking the top ten with an 11th-place finish in 21:06. The ever improving sophomore Abbie Rosenmeier finished next in 15th place with, yet again, a new personal record of 21:22. Directly behind her was the impressive freshman Ellie Micke taking 16th with a new personal record of 21:23. Rounding out the

her return after her sixmonth-long injury, with a 22nd place finish in a season-best time of 21:54.

Rounding out the girls' impressive race were sophomore Norah Mann and junior Faith Derleth. Mann finished the race in 35th place in a time of 22:34, with Faith finishing in 43rd in 23:26.

There were 79 runners in the girls' race, with finishing team results as follows: Tomahawk-67, Shawano-68, Oconto Falls-104, Medford-116, Lakeland-141, Rhinelander-143, Clintonville-160, New London-183, Antigo-253. Sevmour-256. Pines-267, Northland Mosinee-293, Merrill-DNS, Menominee Nation-DNS.

The boys' Division II race began at 5 p.m. The boys continue to make progress. and despite finishing in a lower place than last year, they were much closer to the other top teams, points-wise.

New London claimed the Championship title, with Rhinelander stunning Lakeland to advance. The Hatchets scored 136 points to tie Sevmour and were led by senior Dominic Boos, taking 9th place in a new personal record of 17:47. Closely finishing behind him was the dependable senior Sam Zastrow taking 13th in a time of 17:53. Though neither boy advanced individually to the state meet, they were both close and finished their cross country careers in the upper echelon of the boys Sectional.

Eclipsing yet another personal record, taking 21st with a time of 18:18, was freshman Joe Zastrow. Having a repeat time from the **Great Northern Conference** (GNC) Meet was junior Jeremiah Johnson with a 43rd place finish in 18:59. The determined junior Beau Stromberg rounded out the scoring five with a 50th place finish in 19:06. Tomahawk's six and seven runners, sophomore Drew Voermans and freshman Jordyn Carew, took 56th in 19:20 and 71st in 19:52.

There were 95 runners in scoring five was sophomore the boys race, with finishing Elise Gibeault, continuing team results as follows: New



The Lady Hatchet runners took first place at the Sectional competition in Colby last week.

London-76. Rhinelander-86. Lakeland-101, Menominee Nation-129, Seymour-132, Oconto Falls-136, Tomahawk-136, Shawano-150, Northland Pines-247, Medford-249, Colby/Abbotsford-275. Merrill-316, Mosinee-344, Clintonville-DNS, Antigo-DNS.

"Our teams had good race plans and they stuck to them,' said coach Steph Ahrens. "Our boys put themselves in great spots, and though we didn't receive any accolades for their efforts, they did well and learned a great deal. Our girls did the same, putting themselves in contention for a state trip. Our four and five runners made the difference between a 2nd-place finish and Sectional Champions. With the girls returning to the State Meet, it marks a new chapter for our team."

"It was truly a special day to be a Hatchet," said coach Jerett Flynn. "We're so proud of the girls' cross country team for becoming sectional champions. The boys team as well for a great season. The future is bright for both teams."

"Though our boys felt



They boys tied for sixth place.

another improvement in

Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens

the right direction," coach Connor Ahrens stated. "Despite losing three great seniors, our boys must look to the future. They have the talent and the right group. They hammered out a lot of excellent workouts this season, and with patience and commitment will continue to rise. If our boys want it bad enough, they will certainly surprise a lot defeated, this was again of teams next season."

Country Championships will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The Division II girls race begins at 12:40 p.m. Spectators should be aware that there will be a \$5.00 parking fee per vehicle for parking at Wisconsin Rapids High School and the Grand Rapids Lions Club, the two shuttle sites. There will be no charge to board the buses and shuttle to and from The Ridges. All spectators will be shuttled by bus to The Ridges, entering off Griffith Ave. Spectators must purchase their ticket online using the GoFan app (www.gofan.co/app/ *school/WIAA2*). Ticketing is required prior to admittance to the meet. Admission is \$9.00 per person (child/student/adult), plus processing fees. There will be no entry without prior ticketing. It is also a no cash entry.

"Armed with this information we hope to see many Tomahawk fans and supporters at the State Cross Country Meet," said

state meet were from Lakeland, Medford and Antigo. The WIAA State Cross coach Connor Ahrens.

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for the 25th time in school

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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 206

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 205 question: Who was the head coach of the 1980-81 THS boys' basketball team: Paul DeNoble, Jack Culhane or Gordy Erickson?

Week 205 answer: The head coach of the 1980-81 THS boys' basketball team was Paul DeNoble. In this season, Tomahawk was 19-3 and went on to be Regional champions.

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

Week 206 question: Where did Jim Olson play basketball after graduating from THS: UW-Superior, Northland College or UW-Stevens Point?

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Athletes of the Week



Elise Gibeault - "Sophomore Elise Gibeault came into the season on the injured list. A nagging spring injury prevented her from attaining any kind of mileage this summer. Midway through the season, she was finally able to begin biking, but throughout this ordeal, she had to face many inner doubts. and to her credit stayed positive and trusted the process. Putting in a good amount of work on the bike and prioritizing her health, she was able to return to competition at the home invitational. Elise did not disappoint and instantly gained her spot back on the varsity team. She then proceeded to drop a minute in one week for the GNC Meet and then played a crucial part in the girls' Sectional victory by going from 34th place at the mile to 22nd in a time of 21:54. With Elise now healthy and returning to action for the state meet, it's fair to say teams should look out for the mighty Hatchets when Elise is in the mix.'

Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens



Jeremiah Johnson - "A junior who has put in the work and has an incredible amount of patience is Jeremiah Johnson. This season. he is beginning to see the benefits of all his mileage and ran a seasonal best time of 18:36 at the Marshfield Invitational. As he is known by his teammates, Jerry is a great friend to many on the team, and when he sets the tone in a race or workout, his teammates follow suit. This past Friday, Jeremiah made a determined effort to break out in the Sectional Meet. Coming across the first mile in 45th place, he proceeded to push in the second mile to put himself in 39th place. This was fantastic to see, as he led two other teammates in this advance. Though he would be passed by a few boys, he finished in 43rd place tying his GNC mark of 18:59, running sub-19-minute 5k for the third time this season. The coaching staff knows that if the boys are to see continued growth next season, Jeremiah will be a key piece of the puzzle."

Fishing Report: Chillier temps could bring increase in feeding

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCON-SIN - We are getting a mix of our usual cool fall weather and some warm weather for this time of year. As anglers, we want this cooler weather at this time of the fall rather than nice warm weather.

We have completed the process of turnover on most lakes, but you will be seeing some "muck" floating on some of the bigger lakes. We really want that drop in water temps to keep this good fall bite going. Current temps are still in the 50s on most bodies of water, but will drop with the coming cold.

The leaves are getting sparse, but the tamaracks are beautiful in the marshes. If you can catch a cold morning with sun and fog at this time of the year, it can be stunningly beautiful. Sightlines for hunters are starting to get good.

Walleye fishing is de-

cent at this point. The fish are in the holes, or on the edges of the holes, on the Chain. This makes them pretty easy to find and when you do, they are quite willing to feed. It amazes us every year to see the size of the fish that come off the Chain for the fall anglers. Many of these anglers are real sportsmen and release the big 'eyes for next year's spawning efforts. Jigs and minnows have been the trick, and some anglers have gone to larger types such as sucker minnows. Most are using large fatheads. On the bigger lakes, the fish are off the breaks on hard bottom areas in water from 20 to 35 feet or so. Again, large fathead minnows seem to be the most common bait.

Panfish action is good for perch and crappies, with the crappies pretty deep now. You'll find them off the weeds in deep water. The perch are in the deeper weeds. Fish for both with regular fatheads or crappie minnows.

Bass action has slowed and other than a few big smallies, we just haven't heard much from those anglers. If you're looking, try some plastics in deeper weeds or structure.

Northern action is great, with a lot of musky anglers reporting catches of northerns on musky baits while fishing in or near weeds. As usual, the deeper the weeds, the better for these fish.

Musky action is good, even with the warm weather we've recently had. The sucker bite has been pretty decent.

If we get the cooler daytime temps and cold nights as predicted, we could see a nice increase in feeding. Slow moving baits work best now – jerk baits, rubber and twitch baits are doing the trick.

Good luck and good fishin'!

NATURAL CONNECTIONS Isle Royale: How did you get here?

BY EMILY M. STONE NATURALIST/EDUCATION DIRECTOR, CABLE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

We heaved our backpacks, loaded with highenergy foods, waterproof tents and warm clothing, onto the ferry dock just as the gray dawn was beginning to break. Waves crashed around the Voyageur II, and gusts of damp wind threatened to steal our hats. The ferry captain came out to greet us, passenger list in hand. We collectively expected him to say something like "All aboard!" Instead, with a bemused smile, he projected his voice over the bluster to the waiting crowd and said "We're not going."

At first there was just stunned silence, with a few hesitant chuckles, since he looked like he might appreciate a good joke. But he wasn't joking, and neither was Lake Superior. Eight-



The cold, clear waters of Lake Superior separate Isle Royale and all its life from their counterparts on the mainland. The Lake makes the Island.

make for safe or easy travel. Gardens of shipwrecks can attest to that. But rising out of the crystal clear water, 14 to 20 miles from shore, is a bit of an anomaly. Isle Royale, a 45 mile long and 9 mile wide bedrock island, is teeming with life that somehow made the treacherous journey.

the rough, rolling, cold, wet ferry ride behind us, we disembarked gratefully at the Windigo dock on the southwest corner of the island, joining the many lives already there. After cooking oatmeal in the campground, we hoisted our packs and started off down the trail.

did you get here?" to everything we saw.

While relatively few humans arrive on the island by air, many of the island's wild residents and visitors arrived that way. The haunting wails of loons drifted up from every lake we passed. Chickadees chattered above us as we The next morning, with hiked, while flocks of cedar waxwings played followthe-leader between berryladen mountain ash trees. It's not hard to imagine how the birds got here, or how the seeds of their favorite fruits got here either. Fruit-bearing shrubs like chokecherry, mountain ash, and serviceberry are often pioneering species, since their seeds are air-dropped in a packet of fertilizer. The vibrant, red fruits of thimbleberry caught our attention, too, and supplemented our quick breakfast. Slowing down to pick berries left us open to attack, though, from the delicate mosquitoes who once made the dangerous crossing, too. While the whine of mosquitoes was pleasantly rare, red squirrels scolded us incessantly. A water route seems like the only plausible explanation for the

Photo by Emily Stone

squirrels' presence. Did the first squirrel on the island drift here on a fallen tree or raft of vegetation? What a frightening ride without a motor, rudder, rain gear, warm sweater, or pack full of food! How many attempted journeys failed – with no refund!? Now the red squirrels have been here so long - separated from the mainland population by that arduous journey - that they are considered their own subspecies: Tamiasciurus hudsonicus regalis. Not just a scolding, but a crashing in the brush caught our attention. Through the dense spruce trunks we caught a glimpse of the hulking silhouette of a cow moose as she vanished into woods. Moose are thought to have swum here from Canada around 1900 during a time of overpopulation on the mainland. And they didn't have a bowl of warm oatmeal to greet them at the end. The trees they browse were here already, though, having colonized the island (by air or water?) shortly after the glaciers retreated 11,000 years ago.



Red squirrels are one of the few small mammals that were able to make the treacherous crossing on Lake Superior and get to Isle Royale. By their incessant scolding, you'd think that they now own the place! Photo by Larry Stone

for the other: wolves. Large, hairy scat on the trail signaled their presence, as did a few big, four-toed tracks among the boot prints on muddy trails. With only two or three wolves left on the island, that is more sign than I'd dared to hope for. Wolves likely crossed the ice bridge in the winter of 1948-49, and they helped stabilize the moose population for many years. Update: In 2018 and 2019, the National Park Service brought in wolves to help buoy the population. The NPS estimates that 30 wolves now live on the island. Air, water, ice. It is almost easier to imagine how the 1.1 billion year-old bedrock of this island formed than to imagine how such a diversity of seemingly fragile organisms came to colonize it. Perhaps most telling is that not everything did make it. Bears, raccoons, skunks, porcupines, cottontails, and snapping turtles are notably absent. For humans, too, Isle Royale National Park is one of the least-visited parks in the country, and one of the most costly to visit (measured in time, money, and the discomfort of seasickness). Perhaps I'm biased, but I think that makes the creatures who do get there a little more special. Emily's award-winning second book, Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer, is available to purchase at www.cabl*emuseum.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 Fall Calendar is open for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.

foot waves and 30 mph gusts across a 20 mile expanse of cold, open water are nothing to mess with. "This is your one chance for a refund," he said, "otherwise be here by 4:45 a.m. tomorrow."

So, for plan B we headed up to the Grand Portage National Monument Visitor Center. The park ranger at the front desk didn't miss a beat when we told him of our delayed departure to Isle Royale. "Welcome to a long tradition of people waiting at Grand Portage for good enough weather to start a journey on Lake Superior."

The voyageurs who rendezvoused here every summer through the height of the fur trade era called Lake Superior "The Lady." And this Lady makes her own rules. Icy water, big winds, and craggy rocks don't

Before long, we met several pairs of hikers just ending their trips. We asked about their route on the island, their hometown, and which ferry they took. In essence, we asked "How did you get here?" Mostly they used the water route, but one couple arrived by air in a float plane. Historically, making winter crossings by dogsled was also common. Isle Rovale is not an easy place to get to, or to get around, and yet life surrounded us on all sides. Soon I started asking "How

Having sighted one of the iconic species of Isle Royale, we were now on the lookout

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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE 45 years later, 'Alien' remains a titan of sci-fi horror

BY JALEN MAKI

"In space, no one can hear vou scream.

It's pretty wild to think that the Best Movie Tagline Debate has been settled since 1979, when Ridley Scott dropped his sci-fi horror classic Alien.

Of course, there have been quite a few bangers over the vears. Take. for instance. the tagline from Wes Anderson's 2001 family drama The Royal Tenenbaums: "Family isn't a word. It's a sentence." Clever, but a tad dark. You alright. Wes?

Or, the one from The Social Network, David Fincher's 2010 masterpiece about the founding of Facebook (a movie I wrote about last year): "You don't get to 500 million friends without making a few enemies." In Mark Zuckerberg's case, one of the aforementioned "enemies" was his best pal. The dude threw away his closest friendship to create the website where your great-uncle now shares weird political memes. Hope it was worth it, man!

And then there's my personal favorite: "If you see only one movie this summer. see Star Wars. But if you see two movies this summer. see Austin Powers: The Spv Who Shagged Me." Pure brilliance.

A great tagline sells a movie, and they're especially effective if the film's storyline can be explained in a few words. Alien's plot could be summed up in probably a dozen or so words, but we'll dive a little deeper than that before getting to why, 45 years after its release, it's still an all-timer.

Here's the setup of the movie. The Nostromo, a commercial towing vehicle, is headed back to Earth with 20 million tons of iron ore. The tug is crewed by seven people: Captain Dallas (Tom



Skerritt), Executive Officer Kane (John Hurt), Warrant Officer Ripley (Sigourney Weaver in a star-making role), Navigator Lambert (Veronica Cartwright), Science Officer Ash (Ian Holm, also known for being my guy Bilbo Baggins in Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings trilogy), and engineers Parker (Yaphet Kotto) and Brett (the late, great Harry Dean Stanton, playing the best-dressed man in outer space here). The crew awakens from a state of hibernation to find that the ship's computer system, Mother, picked up a signal from a nearby planet and changed their course to head for it. Company policy requires all vessels to check out potential signs of intelligent life, so the Nostromo makes for the planet. Once there, Dallas, Kane, and Lambert go to check things out, and they find that the transmission came from what's left of a non-human craft. Inside, they discover a large, dead alien creature with a hole in its chest. Meanwhile, Ripley, back on the Nostromo, figures out that part of the transmission was a warning message.

After finding a bunch of strange-looking eggs, Kane touches one, which, you know, just as a general rule, you probably shouldn't do. A creature leaps out, smashes

through his helmet, and attaches itself to his face. When Dallas and Lambert carry the unconscious Kane. who's having a rough day at the office at this juncture, back to the Nostromo, Ripley, the acting senior officer with her superiors off-board, refuses to let them in, citing quarantine procedures. But Ash, in the name of what appears to be scientific curiosity, breaks ranks and opens the doors. Now aboard the Nostro-

mo, the creature eventually detaches itself from Kane's face and dies, and Kane seems to be on the road to recovery. But as the crew's having a final meal before going back to deep sleep for the trip home, Kane starts suddenly convulsing. The crew lays Kane on the table, and in one of the most iconic images in film history, a small alien creature bursts from his chest, killing him before taking off to hide somewhere on the ship.

Herein lies the problem for the Nostromo crew. They're now trapped on a spaceship with an absolute killing machine: our titular alien, one of cinema's great monsters. As the crew learns more about the creature in a series of attempts to dispatch it, they realize how truly dire their circumstances have become. This thing is simply indestructible, and it's vicious. Oh, and its blood is extremely corrosive acid. I almost forgot to mention the extremely corrosive acid blood part.

Alien has stood the test of time in part due to its stunning practical effects. If they aren't completely unrivaled in film, then they're certainly among the very best. The movie is one giant technical masterpiece. It's poetry in motion, folks; movie magic of the highest order.

The film has this tactility

that makes everything feel so unbelievably real. The astounding use of models to show the Nostromo docking and landing in space would make George Lucas involuntarily blurt out "Oh heck yeah." Scattered throughout the masterfully-conceived ship are various screens and panels, but the dazzling production design doesn't feel like it was pulled from Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, or from any other movie; it has an atmosphere all its own.

Outside the ship is where the movie's staggering scale is fully realized. Wide shots depicting the tiny Nostromo against the background of colossal planets and the darkness of space peppered with distant stars and galaxies, looks as good, if not better, than just about anything you'd see in a sci-fi flick today.

While the gorgeousness and scope of the production design are breathtaking, the film's brilliance is in its deftness at flipping the viewer's amazement on its head. What was once awe-inspiring slowly starts evoking feelings of uneasiness, and claustrophobia, and dread, and finally, full-blown terror. If Star Wars showed audiences the majesty and wonder of outer space, Alien offered the inverse, honing in on the existential fear of the unknown universe and suggesting that it might be even more terrifying than we ever imagined.

Alien's lasting impact can be attributed to its ingenious juxtaposition of beauty and horror; not just in how the audience perceives those things, but the crew. In the alien, most of the crew sees an invincible monstrosity bent on violently compromising each and every one of them to a permanent end. But Ash sees something else. "You still don't understand what you're dealing with, do you?" Ash says, his voice dripping not with fright, but with admiration. "The perfect organism. Its structural perfection is matched only by its hostilitv.'

This doubles as both a description of the creature and the film itself. Alien, and the alien, are objectively impressive and brutally unforgiving. The movie presents a grim, terrifying possibility about our universe: What if this is our most accurate portrait of alien life, if it exists somewhere out there? Most of us probably imagine extraterrestrials being something like E.T., or, at the very scariest, the creatures in M. Night Shayamalan's 2002 sci-fi thriller Signs. But what if they're more sinister? What if they can't even be communicated with. let alone reasoned with? What if they're as Ash described their alien - unclouded by conscience, remorse, or delusions of morality?

Alien ultimately works because the alien itself is just downright petrifying. If the big reveal of the creature finally came, and it turned out to be, like, pretty obviously just a dog wearing a weird mask or something, audiences would've laughed the movie into permanent obscurity. But the physical creation of the alien is a filmmaking miracle, which has led to Alien being a titan of sci-fi horror for nearly a half-century. It's a movie that has few peers; if you happen to be searching the genre in hopes of finding a better film - I can't lie to you about your chances, but you have my sympathies.

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Oct. 21:

On 10-17-24 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on CTH D near Kings Rd. in the Township of Bradley for a vehicle that was seen deviating from its lane of traffic. After stopping the vehicle, the deputy made contact with the driver, a Tomahawk woman, 51, and noticed signs of impairment. The deputy requested the driver to do sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, she was placed under arrest for 4th offense OWI. Her preliminary breath test showed her level to be .383, which is 19 times over her required limit of .02. She was transported to the Lincoln County Jail where she was turned over to Corrections staff.

On 10/19/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of Corning Rd. and Laak Ave. in the Town of Corning for a disturbance in progress. The caller, a Merrill woman, 23, and her boyfriend, a Merrill man, 31, were arguing, and she was reporting that she and her children were fearful for their safety. The R/P was unable to provide her location and requested dispatch to track the call. During this same time, dispatch received a second call, this time from a Wausau man, 30, who was reporting that his tires were slashed and he was cut on his face, when the male from the original disturbance call pulled a knife on him and attacked him. Investigation revealed that the woman and the second man were traveling together when they experienced car troubles. A short time later, her boyfriend pulled up and found them alongside the road. That was when the boyfriend confronted the two and armed himself with a knife. The boyfriend denied any knowledge of how the second man was injured. The boyfriend was taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked for several crimes, with the most serious being attempted first degree intentional homicide. The second R/P was transported by Merrill Ambulance to Aspirus Merrill Hospital for treatment of a large laceration to his neck

On 10/19/2024, a deputy on patrol on CTH H near CTH D in the Town of Birch had to take evasive maneuvers to avoid being struck by another vehicle traveling the opposite direction. The deputy reported that the truck crossed over the centerline and almost struck the deputy's patrol car. As a result, the deputy stopped the vehicle for the violation. Upon making contact with the driver, an Oconomowoc man, 65, the deputy noticed signs of impairment, and the driver admitted to drinking. As a result, the driver was asked to perform some sobriety tests, which he refused to do. The driver also refused to do a preliminary breath test; as a result, the driver was placed under arrest for a first offense of OWI. The driver, having no one sober to pick him up, was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

Deputies conducted 30 traffic stops and 14 security checks. Deputies responded to 18 car vs. deer crashes, one car vs. bear, one car vs. fox and one car vs. raccoon.

Driving complaints: 12.

The 911 Center took five hang-up calls and four nuisance calls.



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