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## 59th annual Venison Feed

For the 59th year, the Venison Feed in downtown Tomahawk served as a kickoff to Wisconsin's nine-day gun deer hunting season. Hunters, as well as family and friends, gathered on W. Wisconsin Ave. on Friday, Nov. 22 to enjoy the free burgers, served up by volunteers from various local organizations. The event was organized by the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce. The venison was processed by Geiss Meats. Event sponsors and booths included WJJQ, Duwayne Kreager Insurance, the City of Tomahawk, Bethel Excavating/Northern Wisconsin Land Services, Country Financial, Wausau Homes/John J. Schoone Construction, NorthStar Restoration, Park City Credit Union, Crossbridge Community Bank, Incredible Bank, Cerny's Greenhouse, Health in Motion, Samuel Pressure Vessel Group, Tomahawk High School Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FLBA), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Rock Church of Tomahawk. View more photos on pages 2 and 3, as well as online at [www.tomahawkleader.com](http://www.tomahawkleader.com).

Photo by Jalen Maki



Pictured, from left: Terry Derelth of the Tomahawk Emergency Food Pantry, Somo Plant Area Manager Andrew Marvin, Kaphaem Plant Area Manager Michelle Wanta and Roxanne Consvolver.

Photo courtesy of Roxanne Consvolver

## 'Food fight' between Harley plants leads to substantial donation to Tomahawk pantry

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – After recently holding a friendly plant vs. plant competition, Harley-Davidson Tomahawk Operations made a substantial donation to the Tomahawk Emergency Food Pantry.

Roxanne Consvolver of Tomahawk Operations explained that after hearing that the pantry could use some help, Tomahawk's two Harley-Davidson plants, Somo and Kaphaem, decided to hold a "food fight" to see which plant could collect more items.

The stakes of the competition were high: the Area Manager of the plant finished in second place would have to take a pie to the face. However, if Somo and Kaphaem collected a combined 1,000 items, then Tomahawk Operations' General Manager John Davis would be subject to said pie.

The plants made it over the 1,000-item hump, and on Monday, Nov. 25, a donation of 1,002 items was delivered to the pantry.

Consvolver said that with Davis now officially being "the guy getting the pie," he will accept his punishment on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

"It was all done in great fun for a great cause," Consvolver stated.

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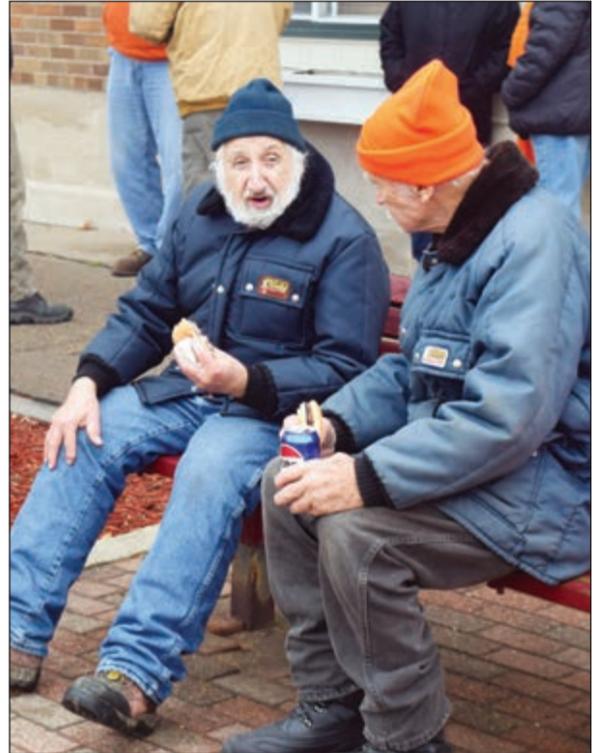
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# Lincoln County board again seeking broker for Pine Crest sale

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is once again searching for a broker to facilitate the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home

in Merrill. According to a Request for Proposals (RFP) posted on the county website on Monday, Nov. 25, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, through Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger, is “seeking to contract with an individual or

entity to act as a Real Estate Broker to provide information to, and solicit proposals from, prospective buyers” of the county-owned facility.

The RFP follows the board’s September approval of a resolution authorizing the county’s Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee to pursue a sale of Pine Crest.

RFPs must be received by 12 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. All RFPs will be publicly opened in the lobby area of the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, at 12:15 p.m. that day.

This marks the second time the board has gone through the process of selling Pine Crest.

According to the September resolution, several parties have expressed interest in purchasing the nursing home, including Senior Management Inc. and Merrill Campus LLC. The orga-



Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

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nizations were previously set to buy the facility and the county’s Health and Human Services building earlier this year before they terminated the Asset Purchase Agreement with Lincoln County in response to a lawsuit filed by District 7 Supervisor Donald Dunphy in May.

Dunphy, who is also a member of People for Pine Crest, a local group that has advocated against the sale of the facility, said the

lawsuit was his “vehicle to keep Pine Crest from being sold.”

The suit was dismissed in July.

In August, the board voted 8-11 to reject a resolution that would have placed a binding referendum related to Pine Crest funding on November ballots.

The board also rejected a proposed Pine Crest funding referendum resolution in 2023.

The facility unexpectedly

remaining on the county’s books for next year was among budgetary challenges highlighted by County Board Vice-Chair, District 12 Supervisor and Finance Committee Chair Julie DePasse during the board’s November meeting. The board ultimately approved the 2025 budget during the meeting.

The board previously contracted with the firm Marcus & Millichap to broker a Pine Crest sale.

## OBITUARIES

Obituary updates are posted at [www.tomahawkleader.com](http://www.tomahawkleader.com)



**Herbert L. Pierce Sr.**, 89 of Merrill, passed away Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024 at his home surrounded by family. Herbert was born Feb. 6, 1935 in Chicago, Ill., the son of James and LaVerne (Eckhard) Pierce. He was united in marriage to Rose Toczynski and she preceded him in death April 9, 1990.

Surviving are his daughters, Terry Weisinger, Prentice; Barb Kittinger (Pam Larson), South Carolina; son, Herbert Pierce (Jamie Locklear), Merrill; eight grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother, LeRoy Pierce, Chicago, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rose; daughter, Linda Pierce; sister, Laverne; brothers, Gene and Jim. Services will be held at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 at Krueger-Nimsgerm Funeral and Cremation Service with Pastor Larry Mathein officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service at noon. Burial to follow at Prentice Cemetery. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.nimsgermfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgermfuneral.com).

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According To Your Word

When the angel announced to Mary that she was going to give birth to the messiah, Mary naturally questioned, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (Luke 1:34). The angel didn’t hesitate to explain to her that this was not to happen through any merit of her own, but only through the Holy Spirit. The angel gave further evidence of the miracle through the pregnancy of Mary’s cousin Elizabeth who also was not in a position to bear children. This proclamation of a child would have been a hard pill to swallow for both Mary and Elizabeth. But the angel said: “For nothing is impossible with God”. After hearing the Word of God, Mary submitted, “May it be done to me according to your word.” She accepted whatever God wanted to do in her life, however challenging that word might be.

Prophecies like these are often challenging pills to swallow, but like the promise given to Mary regarding the miraculous birth of the messiah, is meant to give us hope and confidence in God word. They challenge us to see how God has led in the past and how God’s word has proved true time and time again.

Reading a little deeper into bible prophecy, Daniel chapter 9 reveals that Jesus first advent was exactly on time. If Jesus came exactly on time the first time, we can have confidence that Jesus will return in the second advent exactly on time as well. The prophecies of Daniel 2, 7, 8, and especially climaxing in 9, give us some of the strongest timelines for Jesus first coming as well as some of the prophetic indicators for His second coming.

If Jesus came exactly on time the first time, He will also come back on time the second time. Have you ever accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior? Have you ever taken that step to fully trust God with your future? Don’t let this Christmas season go by without recommitting your life to Jesus. He loves you, died for you, and is coming back soon to take you all back to heaven with Him.



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## Ask the PASTOR

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

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the idea that the Bible’s teaching that all people are sinners and afflicted with a sin nature, re-emphasized in the *Reformation* of 1517, helped change the direction of science and politics in Western Civilization. Some countries welcomed the *Reformation*, and others rejected it.

We looked at Romans 3:9-12 with its declaration that we are all *under sin*; this was one of the Bible’s teachings the *Reformation* spread, which changed the face of science and politics. We took a quick look at its affect on how science is done; for today, we shall take a quick look at how it changed politics.

The *Renaissance*, which began in the 1400’s, was an age of exploration and learning – focused on *human reason* and *abilities*. The *Reformation* followed in 1517 with its emphasis on *God* and the *Bible*.

The Bible teaches we are sinners, and our sinfulness affects even our thinking and reasoning with selfish ambition (Ephesians 2:1-3). This understanding of human nature affected politics and prompted the development of democratic forms of government in both the secular and religious realms.

The belief in the sin nature led to limiting the power of political leaders, with the understanding that *only one authority* was without selfish ambition, which is God, our Creator, as revealed in the Bible. This led to more democratic forms of government, and the separation of religion from government. This further led to the development of each church being its own independent organization under Christ; independent of any religious hierarchy (e.g. pope, bishops, priests, etc.), with the Bible as its authority for beliefs and practices, and each church electing their own leaders (deacons, elders, pastors) – in essence, each church acting like its own *democratic republic* under the authority of the Bible.

Earlier I mentioned that some countries rejected the message of the *Reformation* and continued to follow the thinking of the *Renaissance* with its focus on *human reason*. The difference between the *Reformation* and the *Renaissance* can be seen in two revolutions of the 1700’s.

When America became an independent nation, we had two models to choose from for our government and culture – the *Reformation* or the *Renaissance*. We chose the *Reformation*, and France, our only Allie in our war for independence, chose to follow the *Renaissance* model.

After our revolution, we established a *constitution* and *democratic republic* in 1787, which has done us good for almost 250 years. France, which had rejected the *Reformation*, but wanted to establish a *democratic republic* like our own, chose to follow the *Renaissance* model, which brought to them the *reign of terror* and a *dictatorship*. I am thankful our founders had the wisdom to look past their own pride and to the principles given to us by our Creator.

**Pastor Charles Scheele**  
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Pictured, back row, from left: Exxie Walbeck, Galen Schmidt, Finn Colburn, Uriah Malchiodi, Phoebe Hrdina; middle: Aubrey Graeber, Evelyn Brennan, Greta Kurth, Stage Manager Caroline Klesmith, Johnathan Feltes, Tamara Stenberg; front: Maddie Long, Landon Plantenberg, Student Director Cedar Hoffman, Julia McGovern, Sarah Kallerud, Sadie Ruder, Alena Cerkas.

## One-act play earns Critic's Choice award at State competition

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

MILWAUKEE – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Drama Department's one-act play earned a prestigious award at the State competition.

The students recently competed at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee after punching their ticket to State at the Sectionals competition in Oconto Falls earlier this month.

The performance at State earned the Critic's Choice award, which is the equivalent of a State championship, Director Michele Balda explained.

Since Balda began directing in 1991, THS has earned Critic's Choice two other times, in 2001 and 2018.

THS also received Outstanding Technical Theatre, which recognizes the



Photos courtesy of Michele Balda

crew; Outstanding Ensemble for both cast and crew; and Outstanding Directing, honoring Balda and Corey Colburn.

Individual Outstanding Acting Awards went to Sadie Ruder, Alena Cerkas, Madeline Long and Landon Plantenberg.

"The kids, Corey and I

are overwhelmed," Balda stated. "(The) kids had a great experience and represented us well."

Balda noted that the Tomahawk performers received "so many compliments from their peers who recognized them throughout the day."

"We are so proud," Balda said.

## Lincoln County Opioid Task Force seeking community input through substance use survey

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

LINCOLN COUNTY – Through a community survey, the Lincoln County Opioid Task Force is seeking learn more about the substance use issues that affect county residents.

The task force was created to gather information and create a proposal to help the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors determine how the county should spend the opioid settlement dollars.

A release from the Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) said the task force currently has representatives from law enforcement, probation and parole, social services, public health, area schools, healthcare and community members who have been affected by the opioid crisis.

A substance use community survey will be distributed throughout the county to gather information on community perceptions, current usage and barriers to treatment, according to LCHD.

LCHD said the survey is part of a larger needs assessment and gap analysis being prepared by the Impact Community Planning

Group, in partnership with the Lincoln County Opioid Task Force. The assessment and gap analysis includes local data, community survey results and information gathered from community members through listening sessions and interviews.

"This information will be used to help identify gaps in our current systems and help guide decision making for use of the opioid settlement dollars," LCHD explained.

"Gaining community feedback is an important piece of this process," said Erin Ray, Opioid Grant Coordinator for the Task Force. "In order to develop a plan to combat the opioid crisis that is specific to our residents, we need to hear from you

about the challenges facing our county."

Surveys are available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LincolnCosurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LincolnCosurvey) or on LCHD's Facebook page. LCHD said the survey should take about five to 10 minutes to complete and is also available in Spanish.

"The survey is confidential, and your answers will not be shared," LCHD said.

Additional information can also be found on the Task Force Website at [www.tinyurl.com/2ndxuzta](http://www.tinyurl.com/2ndxuzta).

For more information, or to have the survey available at your business or organization, contact Ray at [erin.ray@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:erin.ray@co.lincoln.wi.us) or phone at 715-539-1367.

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### Palmquist Farm Live Nativity

Palmquist Farm, N5136 N. River Rd., Brantwood, will host a Live Nativity, sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church, on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

### St. Mary's Choir and Friends holiday concert

St. Mary's Choir and Friends will present their annual holiday concert, "This Is Christmas," at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. The choir is made up of 55 adult singers, a children's Cherub Choir and instrumentalists featuring piano, harp, violin, guitar, mandolin and a variety of brass. The concert is

free of charge, but free will offerings are appreciated. Homemade hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be available after the concert. For more information, contact Jan Huseby at 715-453-2878 ext. 211.

### National Wreaths Across America ceremony

A National Wreaths 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 Ceremonial (Branch of Service, POW/MIA, Organization) Wreath laying, followed by grave-specific wreath placements by family and friends and remaining wreath placements. Bowen's Bus Service Inc.

will provide complimentary bus service from Rondele Ranch to the cemetery at 10 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. and return to Rondele Ranch after wreath placement. 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 Veterans Ceremony UGC Inc. For information on group sponsorship, sponsoring a wreath for a veteran's grave and/or to volunteer to place a wreath, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.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.

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Nov. 25:

On 11/23/2024 the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LISO) was contacted by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office (ONSO) of a possible domestic disturbance that was reported to have happened in a vehicle in Lincoln County. LISO was advised that a Merrill man, 26, had battered his girlfriend, 26, of Rhinelander. It was reported that this incident had taken place somewhere on STH 17 south of Gleason.

According to information provided by ONSO, the male party had left the scene in the vehicle and the female party, along with her child, 4, had left on foot but was later picked up by a relative. During the investigation, deputies were able to make contact with the female victim, at which time it was

learned that she did have injuries consistent with a domestic battery. The male subject was located at a later time and arrested for the incident. He was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked for disorderly conduct and battery with the domestic enhancer, as well as strangulation. LISO also received assistance from both the Marathon and Langlade County Sheriff's Offices, as well as the Rhinelander, Antigo and Merrill Police Departments.

On 11/24/2024 the 911 Center took a call of vehicle in the ditch on Tannery Rd. south of USH 8 in the Township of Bradley. Upon arrival, the deputy spoke with the husband and wife, both 39, of Tomahawk, about what had happened. The female party first claimed to be the driver, but it was learned a short time later that the male was actually the driver. In talking with the male, he was showing signs of impairment. The deputy asked the driver to do some sobriety

tests, which he agreed to do. As a result of those tests, he was placed under arrest for a first offense of OWI. The male was later released to a responsible party.

Deputies conducted 22 traffic stops and 35 security checks. Deputies responded to 17 car vs. deer crashes and one car vs. bear.

Driving complaints: Three.

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

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Becoming Instruments of God's Peace

Dear Reader,

As we go through life, there's one undeniable truth we all share: we are all going to die. This sobering reality has been with us since the dawn of humanity, yet we often fail to confront it until we're forced to. But what if, instead of avoiding this truth, we embraced it as a powerful motivator? What if we used it to drive us toward something greater than ourselves?

Imagine if, knowing that our time here is limited, we dedicated our lives to becoming instruments of God's peace. Imagine if we became peacemakers in a world that so desperately needs peace. The concept isn't new—it's been the call of countless prophets, leaders, and thinkers throughout history. But now, perhaps more than ever, it's a call we need to answer.

Why don't we? Why don't we choose to be God's peacemakers, to show kindness and love that extends beyond our own material needs and desires? Perhaps it's fear, or perhaps it's because we're so often caught up in the mundane routines of life. We focus on accumulating wealth, power, and possessions, thinking that these things will bring us happiness. But deep down, we know that they won't. True fulfillment comes from something far more profound.

What if God's plan all along has been for us to figure out that we're here to spread peace and love? What if our highest calling is to reach out to others, to transcend our



own selfish needs, and to show acts of kindness and compassion? It's a simple idea, yet it's incredibly powerful.

Think about the impact we could have if each of us made the conscious decision to be a peacemaker. If we chose to resolve conflicts rather than create them, to build bridges rather than walls, to spread love rather than hate. The ripple effect of our actions could transform not just our immediate circles, but the world at large.

As instruments of God's peace, we have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. We can make a difference in a world that often seems lost in chaos and division. And in doing so, we can find a sense of purpose that goes far beyond our individual lives.

So, let us ask ourselves: why not? Why not become peacemakers? Why not live our lives in a way that reflects the love and kindness that God has shown us? Why not strive to leave the world a better place than we found it?

In the end, we all will face the same fate. But until that day comes, let's commit to living our lives as instruments of peace. Let's reach beyond our material needs, show love to those around us, and embrace the calling that has been with us all along. We may just find that in doing so, we fulfill the very purpose of our existence.

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### Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign underway

The Salvation Army of Tomahawk's 2024 Red Kettle Campaign kicked off at Trig's in Tomahawk on Thursday, Nov. 21. This year's Honorary Co-Chairs are Pastor Julie Sinkula and Linda Halverson of Grace Lutheran Church. The Salvation Army said it would like to thank the volunteer bell ringers, churches, businesses, organizations, groups and individuals for their support. "We would not be able to help our neighbors in need without all of the thoughtful donations that we receive," the Salvation Army stated. "We are blessed to live in such a generous community." Pictured, back row, from left: Terry Derleth, Lynn Wurl, Pete Wurl, Pastor Julie Sinkula, Linda Halverson, Wendy Mannering; front: Tom Kelley, Dennis Mannering. Photo courtesy of Terry Derleth

Community news online. TOMAHAWK LEADER www.TomahawkLeader.com www.facebook.com/TomahawkLeader

Christmas Trees for Sale!! The American Legion (thanks to Randy White) is selling Christmas Trees!!! Trees will be available at 327 W. Wisconsin Ave, Tomahawk starting at noon on Friday, November 22nd - December 22nd or until sold out. Stop at the Legion between (noon and 5 p.m.) to pick up your fresh cut tree! Or by appointment: Call 715-453-4559 All proceeds will be used for the Kitchen Renovation!!!!

## More than \$900 million in shared revenue payments distributed to Wisconsin counties, municipalities

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) earlier this month distributed shared revenue payments to counties and municipalities

The payments, totaling \$939,001,986.00, were made on Monday, Nov. 18.

A release from DOR said the distribution includes the supplemental county and municipal aid (SCMA), established under Wisconsin 2023 Act 12, which was first distributed in the July 2024 payment.

SCMA is specifically allocated to support essential services such as law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works, courts and transportation, according to DOR.

"Wisconsin has a long history of sharing state revenues with local governments," DOR stated. "State revenue sharing began in 1911 with the enactment of the state income tax and evolved over the years."

Shared revenue payments are made in July and November.

### LOCAL PAYMENT DATA

Table with 2 columns: Municipality and Nov. 2024 shared revenue payment. Lists various Wisconsin municipalities and their respective payment amounts.

Data courtesy of DOR.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bar bills
2. Genus of clams
3. Remark
4. Actor LaBeouf
5. Ohio town
6. Olympic sport
7. Cure
8. Behave in a way that belittles
9. Shares a boundary with
10. Give advice
12. Promotional materials
14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
19. "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
23. Small piece
24. King of Camelot
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. Small Milky Way constellation
27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)
28. Equal (prefix)
29. Shawl
34. S. American wood sorrel relative
35. The end
36. Supervises interstate commerce
37. Yes vote
39. Officer of high rank
40. Church office
41. Tire pressure measurement
42. From a distance
44. Photographs
45. Industrial process
46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
47. Map out
48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
51. Honorable title (Turkish)
52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
53. Speak incessantly
54. Poetry term
58. Relaxing space

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
2. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
8. Swiss river
11. Czech Republic capital
13. "Officially known as"
14. A French abbot
15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
16. Local area network
17. Data transmission speed measure
18. Embarrass
20. When you hope to get there
21. This (Spanish)
22. Gives up
25. Churchgoer
30. Current
31. Slang for gun
32. Small drum
33. Vanished union bigwig
38. Rocker's tool of the trade
41. Dearth
43. 2024 Olympics host
45. Excess blood in the vessels
48. Afrikaans
49. Agreement between provider and customer
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Ancient Syrian city
56. Witch
57. Celebrations
59. Long period of time
60. A team's best pitcher
61. Current unit
62. One-time aerospace company
63. French/Belgian river
64. Swedish rock group

Completed crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

## WPS offers holiday energy efficiency tips

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN -Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) is offering information on how to be more energy efficient this holiday season.

"As you deck the halls, don't overload your outlets... or your energy bill," WPS stated. "These simple tips will help you enjoy a festive, frugal and fire-free holiday season."

Make a list and check it twice. WPS recommends using the holiday lighting cost calculator on the WPS website (www.tinyurl.com/3m3at97f) to compare your options this season and

get an idea of what to expect on your energy bill.

Hanging 25,000 twinkle lights? Switch to LEDs. They use less energy compared to old incandescent lights and can last up to 20 years, according to WPS.

Timing is everything. Put your holiday lights and powered outdoor decorations on a timer.

"That way, there's no risk you'll forget to turn them off when you go to bed," WPS stated.

Reflect on your options. Rather than adding more lights to your tree, brighten existing lighting with tinsel, mirrored ornaments and

other reflective items.

Simplify and save. Consider using festive floodlights on the outside of your home rather than multiple strands of string lights. WPS noted that halogen and LED bulbs will use less energy.

Stay off the naughty list. Make sure to inspect your strands of lights and throw away any that are damaged.

"Also, don't overload your outlets or string too many lights together," WPS said. "Follow the manufacturer's guidelines on how many strings you can connect and how to connect them safely."

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. ADAM DOTTER AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE, Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 20-CV-44 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 3, 2020 in the amount of \$51,000.98 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: TIME: January 9, 2025 at 10:00 am TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Lincoln County 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: Lincoln County Courthouse, Main Entrance, 1110 East Main Street, City of Merrill and Lincoln County DESCRIPTION: SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK THREE (3), LAWRENCE'S ADDITION TO MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN. THIS IS A PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE. THIS IS THE HOMESTEAD OF THE MORTGAGOR. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 808 Chippewa Street in Merrill, WI 54452 DATED: November 19, 2024 Attorneys for Plaintiff 413 N. 2nd Street, Suite 150 Milwaukee, WI 53203 414-271-5400 Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt. Published November 27, December 4, 11, 2024 WNAXLP

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Deceased Defendant. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 24-CV-000100 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on October 2, 2024 in the amount of \$272,664.14 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: TIME: January 9, 2025 at 10:00 am TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances. PLACE: Inside the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Merrill. DESCRIPTION: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTEEN (13), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-THREE (33) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST, IN THE TOWN OF ROCK FALLS, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 660 FEET TO A POINT, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 666 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 400 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 666 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. PROPERTY ADDRESS: N6395 Schooley Rd Irma, WI 54442-9654 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.

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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN 402 South Park Drive-PO Box 213 Tomahawk WI 54487 715-453-4233 NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2024, 10:00 A.M. HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE, 402 SOUTH PARK DRIVE, TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN Published December 4, 2024 WNAXLP

Minutes 7725

Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2024 5:30 PM District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487 Present: W. Quesinberry, R. Huseby, J. Lauber, S. Bolder, S. Woodall, M. Schommer, R. Flynn, and (2) staff members I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm II. Pledge of Allegiance III. Roll Call: Present: L. Calhoun, D. Huseby, S. Kirsch, K. Kissingner Wolf (in @ 5:31), D. Long, B. Skubal, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R. Zimmerman Absent: None IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R. Zimmerman declared there was a quorum V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by L. Calhoun to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. VI. District Administrator Report: W. Quesinberry presented to the Board. No official action was taken. VII. Consent Agenda Items A. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2024 B. Approve the Minutes from the Annual Meeting on September 9, 2024 C. Approve the Minutes from the Referendum Committee meetings on August 15 and September 5, 2024 D. Approve the Invoices from September 2024 E. Employment/Contract Adjustments

Minutes 7725

1. Replacement Staff: Tyler Aniol Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional Amanda Nowak High School Secretary Becky Albrent Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional 2. Resignations: Annette Steltenpohl Elementary Secretary Amanda Woller Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional F: Donations: Strongbodies of Tomahawk \$1,000 towards school lunch deficit Shelly Theis Clarinet, for the band program Tues. AM Ladies Golf, Edgewater \$125 towards school lunch deficit Park City Credit Union \$1,177.66 towards school lunch deficit Tomahawk Sports Center Time & Labor to unload new playground equipment Lynn & Bill Mark \$5,606.75 towards the Wall of Honor G Start College Now and Early College Credit Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by K. Kissingner Wolf to approve the consent agenda items. 8 ayes, 1 abstention and 0 nays. Motion carried. VIII. Staff Reports: M. Barker spoke to the Board on the 2024 Summer School session. T. Remington updated the Board on the Tomahawk Community Education Program. No official action was taken. IX. 3rd Friday Student Count Discussion: W. Quesinberry presented data from the 3rd Friday Student Count. No official action was taken. X. Discuss WASB Online Learning Platform: The Board discussed the benefits and cost of the WASB Online Learning Platform. No official action was taken. XI. Public Comment: A. Swenty commended the donations that were on the consent agenda, thanking the community. K. Kissingner Wolf inquired about the SMARTLabs. XII. Board Referrals: There were no Board Referrals. XIII. Motion by S. Kirsch and seconded by D. Long to move into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." Motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote. A Personnel Matters B Student Discipline XIV. Adjourn: R. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 pm Board Clerk Published December 4, 2024 WNAXLP

Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Paul A. Heikkinen Jr Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24IN47 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/26/1939 and date of death 10/1/24, was domiciled in Lincoln County, state of WIS, with a mailing address of W1832 Wagonmaker Ln, Tomahawk, WI 54487. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-14-2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: November 19, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Form completed by: Eric Heikkinen 503 N Williams Dr. Palatine, IL 60074 847-975-8349 Published November 27, December 4, 11, 2024 WNAXLP

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Fishing Report: Anxious for hard water

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN - Ice...if it's not here by the time this is published, it's coming! While it's been a fantastic fall fishing season, we're all anxious to see some hard water build in our area.

Water temperatures were expected to drop into the mid-30s with the cold over the holiday week. In short, everyone from hunters to snowmobilers to ice anglers would like to see a bit more of some really cold weather before we get a big snowfall. It helps to avoid that slush in the woods and on the lakes and trails.

Walleye action for the very few anglers that have ventured out has been OK. Most anglers are holding off, waiting for ice. If we have it at the time of this publishing, look to set up

your tip-ups at the edges of shallow weeds to try to catch the fish moving back and forth from deep to shallow water for feeding.

As for panfish, again not much to report, as everyone is waiting for ice. We are in the holding pattern and just looking forward to that great, early-ice bluegill action. We hope to have something to report next week.

Musky action has been the best of the season in recently, aside from that strange bump we had at the end of August and beginning of September. It was too early to use suckers back then, but now that is the bait of choice. Trolling and throwing a good old twitch bait to stay warm seems to be the ticket right now. Remember that musky season is open through December, but after No-

vember, if you're targeting musky, you cannot be standing on ice. You must be either on a boat or on the shore. And if you happen to be one of those anglers out there at this time of the year, fishing from the shore or a boat, you are definitely a glutton for punishment. Best of luck to you!

Hopefully this will be the only real "in between" week we have, and we'll see some ice build quickly. As always, as we enter ice fishing season we hope everyone is safe and careful out there. The first couple of weeks of ice are always on the dangerous side. Spud with every move on your first trip out. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we're seeing the beginnings of a great ice season!

Good luck and good fishin'!

### TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 211

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 210 question:** During the 1981-82 THS girls' basketball season, how many points did Julie Graettinger score in conference games: 98, 99 or 100?

**Week 210 answer:** During the 1981-82 THS girls' basketball season, Julie Graettinger scored 99 points in conference games. Graettinger had 15 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots in Tomahawk's 54-45 win over Medford and was named 1st Team

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

**Week 211 question:** During the 1981-82 wrestling season, Tomahawk defeated Lakeland 35-29 on the last match of the dual. Who was the heavyweight who got the pin for the win: Steve DeNamur, Bill Calhoun or Tom Henkel?

## UNPACKING History



The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times and Multi Media Channels (MMC). Pictured is a 1940s wing-type leather helmet. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit [www.packershofandtours.com](http://www.packershofandtours.com). MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader. Photo by Tori Wittenbrock

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# Natural Connections: In the Dark

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

Light from the dining hall at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center spilled out, down the hill, under the pines, and onto the bank of the Wisconsin River, where a handful of environmental educators were waiting for a night hike to begin.

I almost hadn't joined the group. This was the final night of the Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education annual conference, and I had a long drive home the next day. Being sleepy for that wouldn't be ideal. But it had been years since I'd been on a night hike, and I didn't want to miss out.

"Have you ever been on a night hike?" asked one of the activity leaders, who were all graduate students at UW-Stevens Point. "Hasn't everybody?" asked one young woman, who, by way of explanation, told harrowing tales of following her big brother into the dark for numerous childhood adventures. In this organized context, a few of us explained, night hike means something a little more educational...and safe.

I'd become adept at leading night hikes when I worked at a science camp in the redwoods of Sonoma County, California. The combination of few mosquitoes and temperatures that rarely dropped below freezing made being outside at night there far more pleasant than most of my midwestern experiences. Each week, I'd have a new trail group of 15 to 20 fifth or sixth graders, often from a big city. Each week, I'd take the kids on



The recent Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education annual conference was held at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center on the banks of the Wisconsin River. It was a beautiful setting...even after dark!  
**Photo by Emily Stone**

a night hike where we'd spend an hour or so experiencing the night and doing little experiments to highlight animal adaptations to darkness. I loved it. I'd never stopped to consider how the students felt, though.

After a quick introduction in the light of the dining hall, the hike facilitators led us down a trail. The tread was wide and flat, and I relished the chance to practice my old technique of "seeing with my feet" by placing my steps carefully and sensing where the packed trail became soft edge. At a wide spot, we paused and gathered in a circle.

The instructors introduced the idea of predators using their sense of

smell to find prey in the dark. Then they passed out little paper envelopes filled with something scented. There were three packets of each different scent, they told us. Our job was to find all of the people with the same scent. No flashlights allowed!

I sniffed my own envelope, and discovered what was definitely a flavor of tea leaves. Maybe vanilla chai? This immediately brought back memories of raiding the tea selection in my camp's dining hall to freshen up my set of paired scents. Back then, I had explained the activity as male moths finding females by following their airborne pheromones, but it was basically the same.

As I milled around the Upham Woods group sniffing everyone's packets to find a match, my nose quickly became overwhelmed. This was harder than I expected! I wondered if the tea scents I'd chosen back in the day had been as distinct to the kids as they'd been to me when I was choosing them in the well-lit dining hall?

Flashlights snapped on again as we started moving farther down the trail. My first reaction was to be frustrated. I'd always loved the challenge—and then the awareness gained—from walking without a light. But as the trail grew rougher, and the drop-off grew steeper, I softened my opinion of the lights, and made sure

to fall into step near someone who'd remembered to bring a flashlight. Walking in the dark had been a lot easier on familiar trails.

We hiked for a while, making a few more stops before finding ourselves back in the yard of the learning center dorms. We were instructed to partner up, and choose which one of us was predator, and which was prey. Meanwhile, a grad student set up a playing field with orange cones at the four corners and stuffed animals scattered around. The activity facilitator was holding blindfolds.

This wasn't an activity I recognized, and for a second, a touch of anxiety bubbled up. I was glad to

have a friend nearby who I could trust as a partner, but still I worried. What would we have to do while blindfolded? Would I succeed? Would I be safe? And then I wondered—is that how my students felt back in the redwoods? Did I make them nervous with my odd activities that I thought were so fun? In the end, my friend and I came up with a code of chickadee calls for the sighted partner to direct the blindfolded one to pick up the stuffed animals. We didn't win the game, but our system worked, and we had fun.

As all the night hikers formed a circle to wrap up the experience, the leaders asked us what we'd learned. The science wasn't new to me, and most of the activities weren't unfamiliar either, but I still learned something big: empathy. The experience of being in control of a night hike in familiar territory was far different than being a participant in a new place. Next time I lead a night hike, I'll make sure that my students aren't quite so in the dark.

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

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# Ogema man charged with defrauding federal crop insurance program

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – An Ogema man has been charged with defrauding the federal crop insurance program.

According to a release from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), an indictment from a federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, alleges that Lance G. Meier, 52, submitted a fraudulent Wells Fargo bank statement to the Federal

Crop Insurance Corporation in connection with reinstating his crop insurance.

Meier faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison if convicted.

DOJ said the charge against Meier is the result of an investigation conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Megan Stelljes is handling the case.

# OCHD launches free online mental health resource

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ONEIDA COUNTY – The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) recently launched a free, confidential online platform designed to empower individuals to better understand and improve their mental health.

In a release, OCHD said CredibleMind provides professional resources in one easy-to-use location, including videos, podcasts, apps, books, articles and more on mental wellbeing.

The platform is accessible 24/7 and offers tools



to learn new skills, assess mental health and explore thousands of resources tailored to emotional, psychological and social wellness, according to OCHD.

“Community members are encouraged to get started today by taking the Mental Health Profile Assessment available on the platform,” OCHD stated. “This quick and insightful assessment evaluates

over 20 areas of mental health and overall wellbeing, offering personalized insights to help individuals take proactive steps toward a healthier mind.

Those who create an account and complete the assessment by Friday, Dec. 6 will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100.00 Amazon gift card.

“Mental health isn’t just about addressing challenges like anxiety, depression or stress,” OCHD said. “It also includes happiness, relationships, eating habits and overall life satisfac-

tion. CredibleMind helps users understand how these factors impact their wellbeing, offering tools to help improve everyday life.”

Personal information, including names, email addresses and assessment responses, will remain confidential and will not be shared.

“We encourage everyone to take the first step toward improved mental wellbeing,” OCHD said.

Learn more at [www.oneidacountywi.crediblemind.com/](http://www.oneidacountywi.crediblemind.com/).

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