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Hometown Christmas returning to downtown Tomahawk this week

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A beloved holiday event is set to return to Tomahawk this week.

Hometown Christmas will be held in downtown Tomahawk on Friday, Dec. 13.

Lineup for the parade will start at 3:30 p.m. at the east end of W. Wisconsin Ave. near Crossbridge Community Bank, with the parade starting at 4:30 p.m. and ending on the west end of W. Wisconsin Ave.

This year's Parade Princess is Cooper Schulz.

Immediately after the parade, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., downtown businesses will

feature live window displays, sponsored by Tomahawk Main Street Inc.

A warming fire offered by the Tomahawk Fire Department and a Park City Credit Union-sponsored s'mores pit will also be part of the event.

VFW Post 2687, 203 S. 4th St., Tomahawk, will offer a soup supper after the event, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A cash bar will also be available.

There will be no parking on the north side of W. Wisconsin Ave. from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. Parking will be available on the south side of the street, and the street will be open to traffic.



The Hometown Christmas event will kick off with a parade on W. Wisconsin Ave.



After the parade, downtown businesses will feature live window displays.



Photos by Jalen Maki

City water fluoridation advisory referendum to appear on April ballots

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Next spring, City of Tomahawk voters will have the opportunity to weigh in on the fluoridation of the city's drinking water supply.

The City of Tomahawk Common Council, during its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3, approved a resolution authorizing an advisory referendum to appear on April 1, 2025 ballots.

The referendum will ask city voters whether or not they believe fluoride treatments of the city's water supply should be ended.

Last month, the council voted to direct City Clerk/Treasurer Amanda Bartz to

draft the resolution.

The council's directive followed a recommendation from the city's Board of Public Works that the matter of water fluoridation be put to city residents. In September, the board, citing the corrosion of a storage room that houses the city's fluoride additive and other chemical supplies, voted to end the treatments after Mayor Steven E. Taskay proposed doing so. The board ultimately decided to suggest an advisory referendum.

The city has since ceased the fluoride treatments.

According to the resolution approved by the council last week, the city's water fluoridation system has

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2024 "Fill The Need" Food Drive

For the last 27 years Heritage Chevrolet has asked you to fill a new Chevrolet Silverado for the benefit of the Tomahawk and Nokomis Food Pantries.

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Uniquely Wisconsin series highlights Lincoln County dog musher Melissa Omernick

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LINCOLN COUNTY – The thrilling world of dog sledding can be found in Lincoln County, as Melissa Omernick, an emergency room nurse and passionate musher, shares her 29-year journey in the sport and her love for Gleason's beautiful outdoor landscape.



The Lincoln County story, featuring Melissa and her dogs, has been highlighted in a Uniquely Wisconsin program.

Coverage of this story will include a portion of the Uniquely Wisconsin broadcast documentary, a streaming docuseries, social and digital stories and an appearance on "The Cabin" podcast.

"Wisconsin Musher & The Love for Their Dogs: Beauty Behind Dog Sledding," was released on YouTube and all Discover Wisconsin (DW) streaming platforms on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Built upon generations of rich storytelling from Discover Wisconsin, the two-time Emmy Award winning Uniquely Wisconsin brand highlights the stories of the people, the culture and the history of our state, sprinkled in with a bit of economic development and tourism.

"Lincoln County is a treasure here in Wisconsin, and the work of Melissa Omernick and her dogs fits perfectly into the natural beauty and activity of the county," said Wisconsin Counties Association President and CEO Mark D. O'Connell, an organization that has worked with the Discover family for years. "We are excited to share her story and showcase all that Lincoln County has to offer."

Current counties sharing their Uniquely Wisconsin stories in Season Three, which will be released through Dec. 2024, include Ashland, Calumet, Jefferson, Lincoln and Oconto.

Season One and Two Counties included Portage, Marathon, Adams, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan Monroe, Wood, Racine, Kenosha, Green Lake and Price.

"As a part of the Discover Mediaworks family of programming, the Uniquely Wisconsin brand highlights our state's greatest resource: its people," said Discover Mediaworks, Inc. President and CEO Mark C. Rose. "At our foundation is the telling the stories of our state, something we've done for decades. We are so proud of the Uniquely Wisconsin brand that has literally reached millions, has won two Emmys and tells important stories like that of Lincoln County and how one person can embrace the sport of dog mushing and highlight this amazing county."

To view the video about Omernick, as well as videos highlighting Fall Ride and Lincoln County's Chris Schotz, visit Discover Wisconsin's YouTube channel at www.tinyurl.com/54mjxz5h.

Tri-Mart BP donates more than \$14,000.00 to area fire departments

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TRIPOLI – After a Tripoli gas station was lost in a fire last year, the business was able to rebuild and give back to several area fire departments that responded to the scene.

Tri-Mart BP, W11069 U.S. Hwy. 8, Tripoli, held a grand opening celebration and fundraiser in October. Through 50/50 and basket raffles and other donations, a total of \$14,525.00 was raised.

Darcy Johnson of Tri-

Mart recently presented Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD) Chief Paul Winter with a donation of \$13,091.00.

Funds were also allocated to the Little Rice, Nokomis and Prentice fire departments.

"Thank you to everyone that helped make this a success," Johnson said. "We couldn't have done it without you. And thank you again to all these selfless individuals that volunteer to keep us all safe."



Pictured are Darcy Johnson of Tri-Mart BP and Tomahawk Fire Department Chief Paul Winter. Photo courtesy of Tri-Mart BP

Historical Society offering Letterpress prints of "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Funds will go towards new museum

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is offering prints of a classic holiday poem in an effort to raise funds for the organization's ongoing new museum project.

The Historical Society said heritage holiday prints of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" are done by Letterpress.

"The poem itself was set on Louie Heuser's Linotype, a two-ton machine that in 1886 revolutionized printing of newspapers, books and magazines," the Historical Society explained. "It allowed printers to typeset a 'line of type' instead of hand setting each letter. You'll note the type is backwards until it is pressed against paper. The ornaments

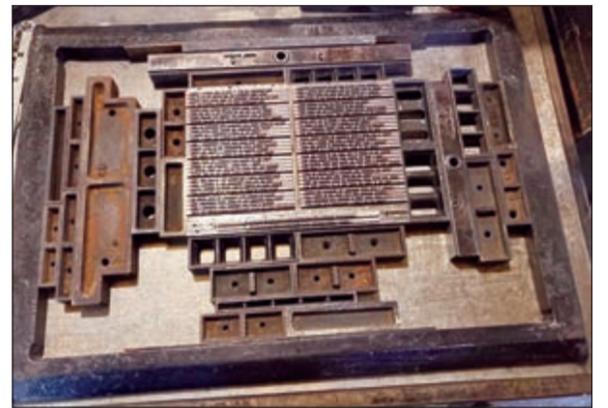


were placed by hand."

Heuser ran it through his presses multiple times to get the multi-colored design and artwork, the Historical Society noted.

"The beautiful poem and accompanying explanation cards can be framed and make a wonderful gift or Christmas decoration," the Historical Society stated. "It's a holiday treasure you'll want to share with a child(ren) or as a family every Christmas Eve."

Prints are available at the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce, 208 N. 4th St., Tomahawk, for a \$10.00 donation to the Historical Society. The organization is currently working to open a new museum that will feature Heuser's antique



Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Area Historical Society

print shop equipment, including his Linotype.

The print also will be available at the Old Kindergarten Museum, 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, during Hometown Christmas on Friday, Dec. 13.

For more information about the "Twas the Night Before Christmas" heritage prints and the Historical Society's new museum project, email tomahawkhistociety@gmail.com.

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Local VFWs receive Harley contributions

After holding a Veterans Day shirt sale, Harley-Davidson Tomahawk Operations donated the proceeds to local VFW posts, including Tomahawk's VFW Post 2687. Pictured, from left, are Dave Truax, Bob Soward, Roxanne Consolver and Patty Soward. Photo courtesy of Roxanne Consolver

News Briefs

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.

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.

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"reached a state where it requires complete replacement if the city is to continue fluoridating the water."

The resolution also cites the "benefits" and "detriments" of the treatments, saying fluoridation has been "the subject of much question, leading some localities to determine to discontinue the practice."

"The Common Council would like to hear where the public stands on the issue" of fluoridation, the resolution states.

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

Proponents of water fluoridation, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), point to the longtime public oral health benefits of the treatments, including cavity prevention.

According to a study shared on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Library of Medicine website, opposition to water fluoridation focuses in part on potential risks of toxicity, which can lead to gastrointestinal disturbances, and in severe cases, renal and cardiac dysfunction, coma and ultimately death.

Fluoride toxicity is rare among adults in the developed world, and more than 80% of fluoride toxicity cases are seen in children younger than six years old and are caused by the ingestion of toothpastes or mouthwashes that contain fluoride, the study states.

State and local governments have the authority to decide whether or not to implement water fluoridation.

LCHD Director Shelley Cohrs addresses council

During the public comment period regarding the resolution, Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) Director and Health Officer Shelley Cohrs provided information about water fluoridation in Lincoln County.

Cohrs said that over the course of her 18 years as LCHD Director, dental health has become an issue in the county.

LCHD conducts a Community Health Assessment every five years, Cohrs explained. Through the 2023 assessment, LCHD learned that 42% of Lincoln County residents do not have dental insurance.

According to the survey, cost is the chief barrier to county residents receiving dental care, with 71% of re-

spondents saying they cannot afford it.

The survey also found that 40% of respondents had had a tooth pulled due to tooth pain, 30% had had a tooth pulled due to decay and 31% said they did not have anyone in their family who had seen a dentist within the two years leading up to the assessment.

The 2023 survey showed that access to dental care is also a problem for Lincoln County residents, Cohrs said.

"There is no one that will see someone with Medicaid in this county for dental care," Cohrs stated, noting that "poor" state reimbursement for Medicaid services is among the contributing factors to the absence of such providers.

Cohrs explained that Lincoln County had a Medicaid provider for dental care during LCHD's 2018 assessment, but the current absence of such a provider

has made access to dental care in the county "more difficult than ever before."

The ability to take time off work and transportation also pose problems for receiving oral health care in Lincoln County, the assessment found.

Cohrs said the biggest strength related to oral health care identified in LCHD's assessments has been fluoridated drinking water.

"Now we don't have that strength anymore in the City of Tomahawk," Cohrs stated in reference to the city's recent discontinuation of the treatments. "So, it's a very important issue that you're looking at. I am just asking, please look at it very thoroughly."

Cohrs encouraged the council to examine the topic of water fluoridation from "both ends of the spectrum," noting that while some are concerned about high fluoride levels, the

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has said fluoride levels of 0.7 milligrams per liter is safe.

Cohrs told the council that she would be available to answer any questions they may have regarding water fluoridation.

Council slightly amends referendum language before approval

Prior to voting on the resolution, the council voted to slightly amend the referendum language.

The initially-proposed question read, "Should the City of Tomahawk continue to fluoridate the municipal water supply?"

Before ultimately approving the resolution, the council voted to remove the words "continue to" from the question because the city is not currently conducting the treatments.

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OBITUARIES



Lawrence Paul (Larry) Kaderavek, age 75, of Tomahawk, WI formerly of Richland County, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 28, 2024 at Aspirus Hospital, Wausau.

He was born on December 13, 1948, in Richland Center Hospital, the son of Paul and Lois (Long) Kaderavek. He was married on July 18, 1970, to Catherine Ann Jones of Richland Center, Wisconsin. She preceded him in death. He was married to Kristine Komosa on

June 2, 2006.

Larry graduated from Richland Center High School in 1967 where he was a champion wrestler and star football player. He graduated Luther College in 1971 where he played collegiate football and received a Magna Cume Laude degree in history. He had a successful, decades-long management career in the automotive industry throughout Wisconsin, and was most recently employed with Harley Davidson Security in Tomahawk.

His lifelong passions included walking, working out, fishing, watching nature and surroundings on the lake by their home in Tomahawk, hunting and spending time with family and friends. He especially loved enjoying time at the Kaderavek farm in Richland County, playing euchre with family and watching sports, enjoying the beauty of the area and visiting with neighbors that stopped in. His presence will be greatly missed at all the events at the recently awarded 100-year farm, especially the annual Farnegeddon.

Survivors include his wife, Kristine of Tomahawk, WI, son, LTC(R) Robert (Catherine) Kaderavek of Pewaukee and their children Sarah, Grace and Emma; son, Matthew (Laura) Kaderavek of Tomahawk; daughter, Larissa Kaderavek and her sons Kane and Kael Dahler of Sun Prairie. Stepdaughter Paula Aschbrenner (Todd) and their children Caitlin and Cole of Wausau, and a sister Diane Kaderavek (Robert Anglin) of Madison. Also, nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lois Kaderavek and by his first wife, Catherine.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Stafford Funeral Home in Richland Center with burial in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

Memorials may be made to Whitetails Unlimited Wisconsin Headquarters. Online condolences available at www.staffordfuneralhomes.com. The Stafford Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements



Bertha Marie Wurl, age 100, passed away on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at Country Terrace Assisted Living in Tomahawk under the care of Compassus Hospice. Bertha was born on Nov. 17, 1924, in Perkins, Mich., to the late Edmund and Alvina (Hall) Day. She was raised in Escanaba, Mich., and moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1946. Bertha married Jack Wurl in 1948 and they moved to Tomahawk in 1950. He passed away in August of 2000.

Bertha worked for Dr. R.J. Henderson, Solar Permanent, National Livetrapp, and Owens-Illinois. She retired from O-I in 1983. Bertha loved gardening, reading, and especially participating in the Lutheran World Relief Quilters Group.

Survivors include her two sons, Michael (Debra) Wurl and Jim (Rosie) Wurl; her grandchildren, Ann Lochner, Julie Wurl, and Paul Wurl; and her great-grandchildren, Jonathon, Kayleigh, Lynnsie, Maddy, and Nichole Lochner, and Emily Wurl.

Memorial services for Bertha took place on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Grace Lutheran Church. Rev. Julie Sinkula will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation at 10 a.m. until the hour of services at 11 a.m. Inurnment will take place in the spring at Greenwood Cemetery. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. View Bertha's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



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THS Building Trades students gain hands-on experience by operating heavy equipment

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk High School (THS) Building Trades students recently gained hands-on experience by operating heavy equipment, including bulldozers, backhoes, mini-excavators and tractor loaders.

Instructor Andy Peissig said this unique opportunity "allowed students to explore the high-demand career of heavy equipment operation, an essential field in construction and infrastructure development."

"Under the guidance of experienced instruc-

tors and with support from CASE Construction of Tomahawk, students learned the fundamentals of operating these powerful machines in a safe and controlled environment," Peissig stated. "The program not only provides valuable skills, but also opens doors to future employment opportunities in the growing construction industry."

Peissig noted that with the continued partnership of CASE Construction, the students are "well on their way to building successful careers in one of today's most in-demand trades."

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Joys and Blessings of Christmas

Dear Reader,

Christmas holds many meanings for those who celebrate this special day and the season that surrounds it. At its heart, Christmas signifies the birth of Christ, a moment of profound spiritual importance. But it also brings to mind the joy of giving, with gifts and presents for little boys and girls, each package wrapped with love and anticipation.

While we often find ourselves striving to be our best during the holiday season, the true magic of Christmas shines brightest in the eyes of a child. In their wonder and delight, we are reminded of the simple, pure joy that this time of year brings.

Merry Christmas to all.



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Truth is, the world had been waiting a very, very long time for God's plan to unfold. For God to send the One who would free the world of its pain and suffering, guilt and shame.

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I am waiting for a day when the world fully reflects God's Way. I want to be a part of that by doing my best to follow God's Way.

What are you waiting for? Will you become part of God's plan along with me?

Pastor Lisa A Weaver
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TES Student Council food drive

After holding a holiday food drive, the Tomahawk Elementary School (TES) Student Council donated 1,003 items to the Tomahawk Emergency Food Pantry. The School District of Tomahawk said the students were proud to help feed the Tomahawk community. "Thank you to everyone for their donations and the TES Student Council for organizing the food drive," the district said. Photos courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk



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. Seeing Christmas is soon to be here, I would like to take a quick look at how God has chosen to handle our sins and sin nature – through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Bible teaches that God created mankind to know and fellowship with Him (Genesis 1:26,27). The only thing that prevents this from happening, as God designed this to be, is our own sins (Genesis 3, Isaiah 59:1,2). With our sinfulness infecting our thinking with selfish ambition, we are the ones who have moved away from God (Ephesians 4:17,18), because in our sinfulness, we do not want to be told what we should do – even if it is God telling us (Romans 8:7,8). It is because of this, we do wrong (Romans 3:10-12) and have brought God's judgment upon our selves (Ephesians 2:1-3).

Some might ask, "If God wants us to know and fellowship with Him, but our sin and sinfulness is preventing that, then why doesn't God do something about it? Can't God just change things so we no longer sin or act in selfish ways? Can't He just make things so we can know and fellowship with Him? Can't God do that?"

Another thing the Bible teaches is that God is not interested in having a bunch of robots doing His bidding (Psalm 81:11-15). He created us with the capacity to know Him and fellowship with Him, but that has to be by *choice*. All the good things that make life precious happen by *choice*: we *choose* who we will be friends with, will love, are loyal to, will believe, give a second chance to, or trust. We *also choose* whose offer of friendship we will accept, whose offer of love, loyalty, acceptance, or trust, we will accept. It is these *choices* that fill our lives with meaning and pleasure. God desires that our relationship with Him would also be filled with these *choices* (Micah 6:8). So God has done something, He gave to us His Son, Jesus Christ.

Every year we celebrate God's offer of life and love, offered to us through His Son. Jesus entered our world as one of us for the purpose of removing the guilt of our sin and setting us free from the control our sins have over us, so we could *choose* to know and fellowship with God (Titus 2:11-14). But God will not make us believe Him, forcing us into a relationship that we do not want. We must *choose* Him – we must *believe* Him (John 3:16,17).

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus entering our world as one of us, doing this for our benefit. The issue is, what *choice* will we make about God's offer?

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CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.
1305 Main Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL J. CATLIN
306 N Prospect St.
Merrill, WI 54452
MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC
c/o Corporation Service Company,
Registered Agent
33 East Main St, Ste 610
Madison, WI 53703
GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH CENTER
OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN, INC
601 S Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452
Defendants.
Case No. 24-CV-153
Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404
Hon. Robert R. Russell
Br. 2
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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO:
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JOHN/JANE DOE CATLIN
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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
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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 for 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
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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 808 Chippewa Street in Merrill, WI 54452
DATED: November 19, 2024
Attorneys for Plaintiff
413 N. 2nd Street, Suite 150
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Mortgage Loan Trust BBPLC1
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Estate of Richard P. Zerneke, 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.
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBIN RICHARDSON
DOD: 11/4/2024
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 24PR29
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 10/15/1954 and date of death 11/04/2024 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 314 E. Lincoln Ave., Tomahawk, WI 54487.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Branch 2, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Robert Russell, on January 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-14-2025.
3. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Office of Register in Probate.
4. Hearship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: December 5, 2024
Electronically signed by:
Galen Bayne-Allison
Circuit Court Judge
Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
221 S. First St., PO Box 639
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-6444
Bar Number: 1018485
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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,
v.
BRENT NORMAN THOMAS NEVER
100 South Foster Street Apt 4
Merrill, WI 54452
Defendant.
Case No. 24CV642
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 3rd day of December, 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 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 you.
If you do not provide a proper answer 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 3rd day of December, 2024.
General Counsel for Plaintiff
Signed By: Christopher M. Kern
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**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF LITTLE RICE
3737 COUNTY HWY Y – TOMAHAWK, WI 54487
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election is to be held in the Town of Little Rice, Oneida County, Wisconsin, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years beginning on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Town Board Chairperson	Steve Margitan
Town Board Supervisor	Theodore Albright
Town Board Supervisor	Edward (Larry) Mathein

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is **DECEMBER 1, 2024** and the final day for filing nomination papers is **5:00 p.m., on TUES, JANUARY 7, 2025**, in the office of the Town Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a Primary is necessary, the Primary will be held on **FEBRUARY 18, 2025**.

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

Done in the Town of Little Rice on **NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

CHRISTINE SULLY - TOWN CLERK

432567

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
Town of Lynne
April 1, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Lynne on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices will be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is two years, beginning on April 9, 2025.

Office	Incumbent
Town Board Chairperson	Jeff Viegut
Town Board Supervisor	
Town Board Supervisor	
Town Clerk	Molly Lehman
Town Treasurer	

The NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the town clerk's office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

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

Done in the Town of Lynne, on November 30, 2024

Molly Lehman
Clerk - Molly Lehman

432564

Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Albert D. Musch
Deceased

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2024IN50

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth 5/19/35 and date of death 5/1/19, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 415 S. Tomahawk Ave.
- All interested persons waived notice.
- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-14-25.
- A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate office.

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: November 26, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

Form completed by:
Julie Smith
409 S. Tomahawk Ave.
Tomahawk, WI 54487
715-966-5035
Published December 11, 18, 25, 2024
WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Paul A. Heikinen Jr

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24IN47

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
- 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.
- All interested persons waived notice.
- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-14-2025.
- 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

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2024 nine-day gun deer season license sales, harvest numbers up slightly from last year

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last week provided preliminary license sales, harvest registration and hunting incident numbers for the 2024 nine-day gun deer hunting season.

Preliminary license sales data

According to a release from DNR, preliminary figures indicate the number of deer hunters in Wisconsin slightly increased compared to 2023.

As of 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, sales for deer hunting privileges (which include gun, archery, crossbow, conservation patron and sports licenses) reached 791,023, up from 788,697 for the same time period last year. Of those, 553,652 were for gun privileges only, up from 553,479 in 2023.

Deer hunting license and harvest authorization sales will continue throughout the remaining deer hunting seasons. Final license sales figures will be available in January, when DNR staff will perform a thorough analysis and interpretation.

Preliminary 2024 Gun Deer Season Harvest Totals			
Deer Management Zone	2024 Gun Deer Harvested	Change From 2023	Five-Year Average Comparison
Northern Forest Zone	Antlered: 17,591	-1.8%	-7.9%
	Antlerless: 11,909	8.7%	-7.2%
Central Forest Zone	Antlered: 3,947	8.7%	11.1%
	Antlerless: 3,042	6%	9.9%
Central Farmland Zone	Antlered: 49,326	9.1%	8.2%
	Antlerless: 61,685	9.2%	1.9%
Southern Farmland Zone	Antlered: 18,923	-5%	-1.2%
	Antlerless: 23,199	-0.6%	-2.7%
Total Preliminary Harvest Registrations	Antlered: 89,787	3.6%	2.7%
	Antlerless: 99,835	6.6%	-0.2%
	Total: 189,622	5.2%	1.2%

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

Preliminary harvest totals

DNR said preliminary figures show hunters registered 189,622 deer during the 2024 gun deer season, including 89,787 antlered and 99,835 antlerless deer.

Compared to 2023, the gun season harvest total is up 5.2% statewide, with the antlered harvest up 3.6% and the antlerless harvest up 6.6%.

“Since the opening of the bow and crossbow seasons, Wisconsin hunters have registered 289,361 deer,” DNR stated. “This harvest is 8.7% ahead of the same

time last year.”

Adams County in the Central Farmland Zone led the state with 12.4 deer registered per square mile. Vernon County led the Southern Farmland Zone with seven deer registered per square mile. Adams County also led the Central Forest Zone registering 4.2 deer per square mile. Florence County led the Northern Forest Zone with 2.9 deer registered per square mile.

The DNR’s Wisconsin Deer Harvest Summary webpage (www.tinyurl.com/42emd3wx) contains more information regard-



Preliminary deer harvest and license sale totals for the 2024 gun deer season are now available.

Photo courtesy of iStock/Karel Bock

ing preliminary harvest registration totals, including county-level numbers.

The regular gun deer season ran from Saturday, Nov. 23 through Sunday Dec. 1 and is followed by the statewide muzzleloader season (Monday, Dec. 2 through Wednesday, Dec. 11), the statewide antlerless-only four-day hunt (Thursday, Dec. 12 through Sunday, Dec. 15) and the antlerless-only holiday hunt in select farmland zone counties (Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025).

First harvest certificates available

Hunters of all ages who harvested their first deer are encouraged to highlight this significant occasion

with a first harvest certificate (www.tinyurl.com/yc4dv3yk).

2024 gun deer season hunting incidents

As of Tuesday, Dec. 3, the DNR reported only one nonfatal firearm-related hunting incident during

the 2024 gun deer season, in Vernon County, Wheatland Township

According to DNR, on Friday, Nov. 29, at approximately 4 p.m., a 14-year-old male was sitting in an enclosed tower stand with his father, hunting on private property. The victim’s father heard what sounded like a gunshot in the distance. Shortly after, the victim felt pain in his feet and found that he was shot through both the left and right foot. The victim was transported privately to the hospital and received medical treatment for his injuries. The shooter has been identified, and an investigation is pending.

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Fishing Report: Let the ice fishing begin

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Let the ice fishing begin! Ice thickness throughout the area varies pretty greatly, and a drive around to check out some lakes will show you that. As always, use extreme caution in the beginning of the season. Spud as you go and keep your eyes and ears open. Things will be much safer soon.

Walleye fishing has started, but because anglers are still somewhat limited in their ability to move around and get to the deep holes, we're seeing action in the shallow weeds. So far, so good! We've heard reports of good numbers and great fun under tip-ups, if you can find a good spot. It seems sometimes it takes a while to find these fish at the beginning of the season and to nail down their patterns on a particular lake. Start your search at the deep side of the weed edges, if you can get there. Shiners under your tip-up or jigging a rattle spoon have both been working great.

We haven't heard about any musky being caught recently, as most anglers have just switched into ice fishing mode. But we know there are still folks shore fishing in some places. That can be a fun way to spend a day, with a campfire going to keep you warm.

Northern action has started, but slowly, just as the walleye fishing. Give us better ice and you will see a lot of ice anglers fishing the deep weed edges. Look for the greenest weeds you can find.

Panfish action has been ok, also, with some bluegill being caught in shallow weeds. They should stay put, along with the perch and the crappie, in the shallow weedy areas until mid-winter when they tend to move deeper. When jigging for these fish in the shallows try both pulsing the jig and dead-sticking to see what's working at the moment. Once anglers are able to move deeper, jigging upwards through the water column can be an effective technique. Most anglers looking for panfish have been using waxies for bait, but we're seeing some going out with crappie minnows now, too.

If you haven't gone out yet, now's the time to get all of your equipment in working order. As long as we don't see a big change in the weather, it's not going to be long before we see machines out on the lakes. Be careful out there, and use that spud – and enjoy the quiet before the machines show themselves!

Good luck and good fishin'!

OCHD reminding outdoor enthusiasts to stay safe on ice this winter

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) recently provided tips for staying safe while taking part in winter activities on the ice, such as ice fishing, snowmobiling and skating.

"It's important to remember that ice is never 100% safe," OCHD said. "To keep you and your loved ones safe this season, always check ice thickness before venturing out onto frozen bodies of water."

OCHD offered the following general safety recommendations and mini-



mum ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice:

- **Under four inches:** Stay off! Ice this thin is not safe to support any activity.
- **Four inches:** Safe for walking, ice fishing or skating.
- **Five to seven inches:** Safe for snowmobiles or ATVs.
- **Seven to eight inches:** Safe for side-by-side ATVs.
- **Nine to 12 inches:**

Safe for small cars.

- **13 to 17 inches:** Safe for trucks.
 - **20-plus inches:** Safe for heavy-duty trucks with wheelhouse shelters.
- OCHD also provided the following ice safety tips:
- **Check conditions locally.** Ice thickness can vary depending on the lake, river or even different parts of the same body of water.
 - **Carry safety gear.** Bring ice picks, a whis-

tle and a rope in case of emergencies.

- **Avoid cracks, currents and open water.** Ice near flowing water or near springs is often thinner.
 - **Buddy up.** Never go out on the ice alone.
 - **Know what to do if you fall in.** Stay calm, keep your head above water and use ice picks or your hands to pull yourself out.
- For more information, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)'s ice safety page at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 212

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 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?

Week 211 answer: The heavyweight who got the pin for the win in the 35-29 victory over Lakeland was Steve DeNamur. DeNamur would be 1st Team

All-Conference and regional champion.

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

Week 212 question: Bruce Nelson was an assistant wrestling and track coach at THS. Where was he from: Maple Northwestern, Ashland or Superior?

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