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## LCVSO highlights ongoing outreach efforts in Tomahawk

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office (LCVSO) earlier this month highlighted the continuation of its efforts in Tomahawk.

Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer Matthew Pultz coordinates an outreach program at City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., several times a month. The visits have gone from being semi-regular to now twice-monthly.

A release from LCVSO said the service "provides a convenient location for vet-

erans to meet with the LCV-SO and receive assistance with a variety of benefits and services."

"The decision to continue these visits was made in response to the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from veterans in the community," the release stated. "The LCVSO recognizes the importance of making its services easily accessible to all veterans, and this outreach program is just one way that it is working to achieve that

LCVSO said it encour-



ages all veterans to take advantage of this valuable LC resource.

By connecting with the LCVSO, veterans can learn about the full range of ben-

efits and services available to them, including compensation and pension; education and training; healthcare; housing assistance; burial benefits; and much more, according to LCVSO.

In addition to the outreach program at the Tomahawk City Hall, LCVSO said it also offers a variety of other services to veterans in Lincoln County, including individual counseling and assistance; claims preparation and filing; representation at hearings; outreach and education; and referrals to other community resources.

Veterans who are interested in scheduling an appointment with the LCVSO at Tomahawk City Hall can call 715-539-1083. Walkins may also be accommodated based on availability. Pultz will be at City Hall two Thursdays each month through the end of the year, including Thursday, May 15; Thursday, May 29; and Thursday, June 12.

For more information, visit www.co.lincoln.wi.us/veterans-services or www.facebook.com/LCVets/.

# Local group raises concerns after broker discusses Pine Crest sale in Portage County meeting

#### BY JALEN MAKI TOMAHAWK LEADER FDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – A local group is raising concerns after a broker contracted to facilitate a sale of a Lincoln County-owned nursing home discussed details of the potential sale during a public meeting in another county.

People for Lincoln County UA, a new unincorporated association formed by county residents aiming to promote "responsible and responsive" governance, said it has been following the ongoing Pine Crest saga for the past two years, during which time a sale of the Merrill facility has fallen through and the process to sell the nursing home has been restarted.

In a Thursday, April 10 letter to Lincoln County Clerk Christopher J. Marlowe, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors Chair Jesse Boyd and Lincoln County Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson, People for Lincoln County said that after conferring with legal counsel, it believes the Lincoln County board has violated state open meetings statutes, as well as public records laws and ethical codes.

The organization pointed to several closed sessions conducted by the Lincoln County Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee that focused on the sale of Pine Crest. Through "informal and formal avenues," People for Lincoln County said it has unsuccessfully sought information about what was discussed during the closed sessions.

The group said it believes the public has been "deliberately kept in the dark" on these topics by the A&L Committee.

"Everyone allowed to attend the closed sessions has done so knowing that they are not to discuss what is said," the letter stated. "After all the secrecy surrounding the sale of Pine Crest, however, it appears that the A&L Committee is not requiring everyone to honor this secrecy."



The letter referenced a Thursday, March 27 meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Portage County Board. During the meeting, Ray Giannini of the firm Marcus & Millichap, which coordinated last year's failed Pine Crest sale and is again working with Lincoln County, discussed details of the ongoing Pine Crest sale – details People for Lincoln County said it has been seeking.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Portage County website. People for Lincoln County shared the recording with the Tomahawk Leader and the Merrill Foto News, as well as Lincoln County officials.

Giannini attended the meeting to offer the services of Marcus & Millichap as a potential broker to help Portage County sell its countyowned Health Care Center. In answering questions from the committee, Giannini referenced Lincoln County's potential sale of its facility several times.

Giannini told the committee that Lincoln County had been initially approached by five interested parties. Lincoln County board members toured facilities operated by three potential buyers, and as of late March, the county was "seriously deliberating between two of the buyers," according to Giannini.

Giannini said the offers proposed to Lincoln County fell between \$9 million and \$11 million, and the fee he would charge for a Pine Crest transaction would be 3% of the sale price.

He also told the Portage County committee that a decision regarding the Lincoln County facility would be made on Wednesday, April 2. On that date, the A&L Committee voted to authorize Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger to "sign a letter of intent with the perspective (sic) purchaser identified as the most favorable," according to meeting minutes.

People for Lincoln County voiced its concerns about county board members' visits to potential buyers' facilities.

"Given the intransigence of the board to provide relevant information, we naturally, although regrettably, must wonder if these field trips have further violated the above referenced statutes," the group stated in the

letter.

The group said the video of the Portage County meeting "clearly demonstrates the A&L Committee has broken faith with the community, and we demand that their authority to handle these negotiations be taken from them and given to a more trustworthy committee."

The letter said the public discussion of Pine Crest-related matters in another county "demonstrates that the law allowing legislative bodies to convene closed sessions no longer applies to this situation, if it ever did."

"We also believe that in light of the public disclosure of this information that all communications considered by the A&L Committee in closed session and all minutes from those closed sessions are now public records and subject to disclosure," the letter stated.

The letter said it would allow two weeks for a public response from the

Pine Crest CONTINUES ON PAGE 9





**Nut-Zee's wins 'Best Bloody on the Trail' contest** 

Earlier this month, the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce announced that Nut-Zee's Bar and Resort in Gleason won the 2025 Best Bloody on the Trail contest. The Chamber partnered with Wander in Wisconsin to host the competition, in which nine area establishments offered a featured Bloody Mary, and participants voted for their favorite. All proceeds went to the respective businesses.

Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce

## Wisconsin counties receive state aid for forest roads

## Lincoln, Oneida, Price among funding recipients

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WISCONSIN - Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) last week announced that \$320,600.00 in state funds is anticipated to support improving more than 930 miles of county forest roads in 24 counties across the state, including several in the Northwoods.

WisDOT administers the state's County Forest Road Aids program, which was established to help Wisconsin's counties pay for the improvement and maintenance of public roads within county forests, according to a release from Evers' office.

To qualify for state funding under the County Forest Road Aids program, roads must have at least a 16-foot surface width and a 20-foot roadway width, be located within county forests, be part of a comprehensive county forest land-use plan and be open and used for travel. The road cannot be a state



highway, county trunk highway or town road and cannot be part of the larger General Transportation Aids program.

For its 27.25 eligible miles of county forest roads, Lincoln County received \$9.340.99. A total of \$13,317.34 went to Oneida County for its 38.85 eligible miles, and Price County received \$2,139.00 for its 6.24 eligible miles.

"Supporting the safety, security, and reliability of Wisconsin's county forest roads is vital, as, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, each year, county forests generate approximately \$40 to \$50 million in timber revenues, resulting

County	Eligible Miles	County Forest Road Aids			
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Eau Claire	17.94	\$6,149.63			
Florence	33.08	\$11,339.45			
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Langlade	16.94	\$5,806.84			
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Marathon	6.48	\$2,221.27			
Marinette	241.50	\$82,783.47			
Oconto	36.82	\$12,621.48			
Oneida	38.85	\$13,317.34			
Polk	7.99	\$2,738.88			
Price	6.24	\$2,139.00			
Rusk	23.12	\$7,925.28			
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Washburn	95.93	\$32,883.72			
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Totals	935.27	\$320,599.99			

in approximately 16,000 jobs and \$4.6 billion in forest products production," the release said. "This announcement builds upon Governor Evers' efforts over the last six years to prioritize fixing Wisconsin's local roads and infrastructure to ensure the state has the 21st-century infrastructure residents, businesses and visitors depend on."

The release noted that Wisconsin County forests

also provide abundant recreational and tourism opportunities for residents and visitors to the state alike, including more than 9.100 miles of managed snowmobile trails, 1,700 miles of managed ATV trails, 460 miles of crosscountry skiing trails, 400 miles of horse trails, 400 miles of bicycle trails, two National Scenic Trails and thousands of miles of forest roads, along with a wealth of hunting and fishing opportunities.

"Maintaining these outdoor roads ensures recreationists can safely and securely access these resources, ultimately bolstering the state's more than \$11.2 billion outdoor the release economy," stated.

The release said Evers' 2025-27 Executive Budget includes continued investments in the County Forest Road Aids Program.

"In his budget, Governor Evers is proposing a 3% increase in funding in each year over the biennium, representing an increase of over \$30,000.00, so the program can continue to support critical transportation infrastructure improvements across the state," the release said.

Evers' budget also includes \$50 million over the biennium for the successful Agricultural Road Improvement Program, which supports rural communities and employers with grants that allow communities to make improvements to vital rural transportation corridors that support farm, forestry, and producer operations, according to the release.

"I'm proud we're continuing our work to fix the darn roads across our state, including critical roads in our rural areas that help support our forestry and outdoor recreation industries, bolster our rural communities and

economies and help make sure folks can get from Point A to Point B safely," Evers stated, "These investments help make sure we can keep building upon this important work, ensuring our rural communities and the industries that support them have the safe, reliable 21st-century infrastructure they need to transport goods, welcome visitors, and be successful."

"Since Governor Evers took office, WisDOT has improved more than 8,600 miles of road and more than 2,000 bridges in every corner of our state," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "Our local roads are the first and last mile of nearly every trip made by Wisconsin's residents and visitors. A safe and efficient network of local roads is critical to the strength of our economy and quality of life."

"Douglas County has just over 280,000 acres of forest and represents the largest expanse of county forest in the state," said Douglas County Director of Forestry and Natural Resources Jon Harris. "These funds allow us to support Wisconsin's \$24 billion forest products industry and support the employment of 64,000 people. We are grateful to Wis-DOT and Governor Evers for helping us to increase business and keep these roads well maintained."

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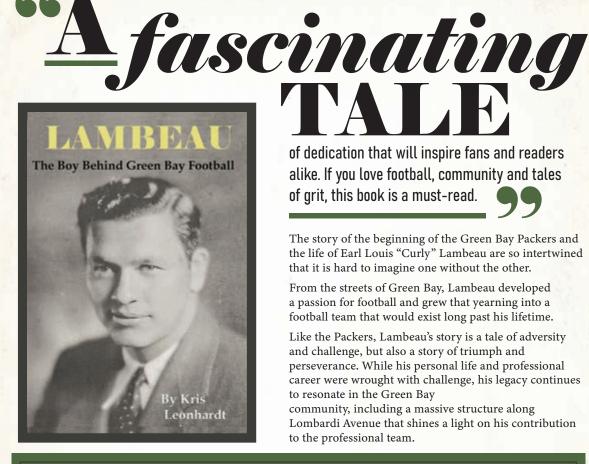
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## **DOC: Monitor finds** 'better atmosphere' at Lincoln Hills

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IRMA – The 22nd report from the federal courtappointed monitor for Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School (LHS/CLS) in Irma was filed earlier this

A release from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) said the monitor noted "improvement in staff and youth attitudes, as well as fewer safety fears as the state continues to progress toward closing the facili-

DOC said it is in substantial compliance with 45 of the 50 provisions (90%) identified in the consent decree, four more than the previous reporting period.

The court-ordered consent decree was issued and agreed upon in response to a 2017 lawsuit over conditions at the facility.

The reporting period covered Oct. 2024 through Feb. 2025.

"This report showcases the hard work and commitment of our staff at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake," said DOC Secretary Jared Hoy. "Tremendous progress has been made over the past seven-plus years, and we are looking forward to realizing a new model for juvenile corrections in Wisconsin."

DOC said the courtappointed monitor visited LHS/CLS on Thursday, March 20 and conducted 65 interviews with staff and

"Although the population is much higher than it has been over the last couple of years, education, staff, and programming adjusted accordingly," the monitor wrote in her report. "The atmosphere is very calm, staff and youth have good overall attitudes and the overall fear for safety seems to be less than last couple of periods."

DOC provided several "key findings" from the

During this monitoring period, the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center began accepting girls for treatment for the first time. The move allowed the population at Copper Lake School to be cut in half. Transfer times for boys moving to the treatment center were also reduced, according to DOC.

DOC said it is grateful for the collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to allow youth with serious mental health needs to be placed in an appropriate treatment facility more quickly.

"The LHS/CLS Treatment Team is heavily involved in the program, assisting the youth in identifying and addressing

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underlying motivations for anti-social or otherwise disruptive behavior, increasing insight and selfreflection and learning/ practicing skills to better respond to challenging emotions, experiences and situations/environments," DOC stated. "Treatment Team vacancies also declined during this reporting period."

Recruiting for educational staff, however, "remains difficult," DOC said, noting that 10 of 22 positions were vacant at the time of the monitor's visit.

During the site visit, youth were engaged while in classrooms in the school, the monitor said. Youth were also working with staff in the music lab, taking part in treatment and spending time outdoors.

Plans call for the department to develop three smaller secure juvenile detention centers that would allow youth to stay closer to their families and communities. Currently, a new secure juvenile facility for up to 32 boys is under construction in Milwaukee and set to open in fall 2026.

Governor Tony Evers' proposed budget calls for investing \$130.7 million to build a second secure juvenile facility. This facility would be located on state-owned land in Dane County near DOC's Oregon Correctional Center and the Grow Academy. It would house up to 32 boys and eight girls.

The budget proposal also includes planning funds for a third secure facility likely to be located somewhere in northeastern Wisconsin.

A listing of all monitor reports can be found on DOC's website at www.tinyurl.com/2v8eh8xy.

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## Tomahawk woman accused of killing husband pleads not guilty

**BY JALEN MAKI** TOMAHAWK LEADER **EDITOR** 

MERRILL - A Tomahawk woman charged with killing her husband has pleaded not guilty.

Michelle Sanderson, 44, appeared in Lincoln County Court on Wednesday, April 16, facing one felony count of first degree reckless homicide, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of



Sanderson Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Jail

disorderly conduct, each with a domestic abuse modifier. She is also charged with one misdemeanor count of bail jumping.

Court records show that Sanderson pleaded not guilty to all charges after a motion to dismiss the charges was denied by Judge Robert R. Russell.

Sanderson is accused of stabbing her husband, Richard "Ricky" Sanderson, 50, in the upper chest/ lower throat area with a steak knife in the kitchen of their Tomahawk home on Thursday, Jan. 9.

According to a criminal complaint, Michelle Sanderson told authorities that she found Richard Sanderson outside already injured, but a third party claimed they witnessed the couple arguing before seeing the alleged stabbing occur.

Sanderson is scheduled to be back in court on Thursday, May 22, for a scheduling conference. She is currently being held on a \$250,000.00 cash bond.

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

On 4/14/2025 deputies were sent to the area of the N7800 block of CTH E in the Township of Bradley for a car vs. deer crash with injuries. The first a deputy on scene made contact with the driver, a Tomahawk man, 67. The man said he was traveling N/B on CTH E when a deer crossed the road in front of him, resulting in the collision. The man sustained leg and chest injuries and was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. On 4/14/2025 a deputy on

patrol was approached by a highway worker in the area of USH 51 and MM225 in the Town of Bradley to report that traffic was not slowing down in the work zone. Please remember that summer is just around the corner and that means highway work zones are going to become more common in central Wisconsin. If you find yourself driving in a

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work zone, please remember those are real people out there just trying to make our roads safer, and as such they deserve to work in as safe of an environment that they can. It's up to the motoring public to give them the sense of safety by driving with care. In response to the highway workers complaint, the Sheriff's Office will continue to work targeted enforcement in work zone areas.

On 04/15/2025 a deputies were send to an address in the N400 block of Logan Rd. in the Township of Pine River for a residential burglary not believed to be in progress. Deputies arrived on scene and first confirmed that the crime was not in progress. They then spoke with the victim, a Merril man, 62. He reported he had just returned home and found that his power was out, his garage door was open and someone had ransacked his residence. Deputies conducted an investigation on scene, collecting evidence that will

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be submitted to the crime lab for analysis. It was reported that a number of items were taken. The suspects remain unknown at this time, but the case has been submitted to the Sheriff's Office detective bureau for additional investigation.

On 04/16/2025 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a Merrill man, 42, who was violating the terms of his Oneida County Court bonds. It was reported that the man was living at an address in the N2200 block of Oak Ridge Ave. in the Township of Pine River and that a three- to four-yearold child lived at that address as well. The man's bond orders him not to have any contact with children under the age of

16. The investigating deputy discovered by speaking with someone else at the address that the man does live there, as does a child. The deputy later located the man and took him into custody for the violation of his court bond.

On 04/16/2025 the Sheriff's Office received a call of a hitand-run crash with injuries on STH 64 near Hillview Rd. in the Township of Pine River. The crash investigation revealed that the victim, a Merrill woman, 49, was W/B on STH 64 when she was struck in the rear by the suspect vehicle that was also traveling W/B. The

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## **OBITUARIES**

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Rhonda Lea Wiese, age 60, of Tomahawk, was called home to God with an exclamatory "BINGO" on April 26, 2025 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital surrounded by her family. Rhonda was born at Beloit Memorial Hospital on March 25, 1965 to the late Ronald and Donna (Bolhman) Abbott, and married her "me to you" Terry Wiese on April 12, 1986. The two of them raised three children, Stefanie, Megan, and Andrew, as well as accomplished their life-

long goal of owning a bar/resort when the family relocated to Tomahawk and purchased

Pine Pointe Resort in 2000.

Rhonda was an avid lover of all things, bingo, game shows darts, trivia, dartball, going to the casino and above all else her grandchildren Carson Ziemer, Anaia Pitchford, and Bruclynn Wiese. You could catch her every Wednesday night with her bingo bag, filled to the brim with daubers, and matching chair cushion in tow, sitting with her Bingo Ladies at the table known to be shushed.

Rhonda is survived by her husband, Terry Wiese, children and grandchildren, Stefanie Wiese (Marcus Pitchford), Car son Ziemer and Anaia Pitchford; Megan Wiese; Andrew (Haley) and Bruclynn Wiese; brothers, Ritchie and Randy Abbott; many nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as many people that may not share the same blood but she was still your mom/grandma, especially Alicia Wachal (Gracie, Ava Jack, Nolan, and Wyatt).

Rhonda was preceded in death by her parents Ronald and Donna (Bolhman) Abbott, as well as her best friend Becky

Please join us in a celebration of life at Sara Park on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 1p.m.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www nimsgernfuneral.com.

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

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#### **Spring Resurrection**

I love spring - the time when winter loosens its iron grip and surrenders to new life. Life explodes through old, dead leaves, trees bud, smells ignite hope and the remembrance of summer. Growing up in Wisconsin, I don't bother to check the weather. I know that it could indeed snow this afternoon, and there's no way I'm switching my clothes over to the next season just yet. However, I have no doubt that summer is on its way and new life is coming!

Spring is the perfect season to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, when our powerful God brought life out of death. In John 12:24-26, Jesus speaks about his approaching death saying, "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels - a plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity."

God has masterfully designed this world to display who He is to us, and there is evidence of the resurrection of Jesus even in the smallest seed. Within each individual seed, there is life, but it must first be planted in the soil and die before it becomes something new – a plant. The plant then produces fruit for us to enjoy and also more seeds so that life can be multiplied! But before life ignites, the seed must first die.

In the same way, Jesus willingly became human, lived a perfect life in our dark, broken world, and died an unjust death to sacrificially pay the debt of the sins of the whole world. Jesus continues in verse 27,"Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, "Father, save me from this hour? But this is the very reason I came! Father, bring glory to your name." Jesus came to make the way for each of us to have a relationship with God, to overcome all of our enemies - our sin, the devil and death itself. He came to bring us life – a powerful life that endures forever!

But resurrection only comes after death. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writes in The Cost of Discipleship, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him to come and die." Often times an incomplete gospel is preached, calling us to receive Jesus as Savior, but neglecting surrendering to Him as Lord. Jesus can only resurrect a life that is willingly given to Him.

What does surrender look like? Letting go of our old life in order to live a new life in Him. Growing in trust, Relinquishing control, Letting God change you... into something new. What happens when we yield our broken life to Jesus? Resurrection life springs up in us!

"Oh the wonderful cross. Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live."



Submitted by Shelley Nelson Co-Senior Pastor of Northwoods Vineyard Church 418 Kaphaem Road - 715-453-6700 Come worship with us Sundays 9:30am Kingdom Kids Program Ages 0-5th grade Youth Group Wednesdays 6-8pm

### **PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

## The Human Condition And Its Many Variations

Remember the song "Just Dropped In (to see what condition my condition was in)" by Kenny Rogers and the First Edition? In today's world, rare indeed is the person who enjoys what we might call perfect health. It seems that nearly everyone is managing some condition, whether it's asthma, high blood pressure, cholesterol issues, diabetes, heart disease or one of countless other ailments. The human condition itself appears fraught with conditions, ranging from the mild to the severe.

We try our best—eating well, exercising, following doctors' orders—but even with all our efforts, good health isn't



Joyce A. Street, age 77, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Wausau Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, WI. Joyce was born in Rhinelander, WI, on January 26, 1948, to the late Zane and Clara (Melton) Domaika. She was married to Phillip Street on December 4, 1965; he passed away on February 4, 2021.

Joyce was a dedicated home maker who spent her time baking, cooking, and gardening. She loved decorating her home

for every season and truly enjoyed her friends and family Joyce loved her wine...she would drink it from a box, she would drink it from a bottle, she could drink it from a glass she could drink it from a cup...a little ice made it twice as

Survivors include her children, Brandon (Beth) Street Mandy Street (Nate Gaedtke), Marnie (Sam) Shahin, and Mark Street. She is further survived by her grandchildren Tehya, Dawson, Cora, Elodie, Kayden, Andy, Spencer Mark, Dakota, Samantha, Issa, and Isaiah.

Funeral services for Joyce Street will be held on Thursday May 1, 2025, at Generations Funeral Home, at 11:00 AM Deacon David Bablick will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Joyce's obituary and leave on line condolences at generationsfuneral.com.



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

Today, I would like to start a series based on the message of Proverbs 9:10, The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Some might ask, What has this to do with anything important? I believe it has much to do with the confusion we see in our culture today - we see a lot of political and social posturing, but not enough truth and common sense. This verse speaks to this problem. Today, we shall start the first part of this verse; the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

James 3:13-17 says there are two types of wisdom in the world: that which is true wisdom, and that which only pretends to be wisdom. In verse 13, we are told that if we truly are knowledgeable and wise, it will be seen in the humility of our words and actions.

Verses 14-16 then warn us of a pretended wisdom, whose words and actions produce strife, envy, and confusion. This is a self-professed wisdom that has no basis for its existence except in the minds of those who claim to know and be wise – it is personal in origin, self-gratifying in its nature, and devilish in character. Such, is no wisdom at all, and creates new problems as it claims to solve old problems.

In verse 17 we are told that true wisdom is a gift from God and, above all things, pure in its nature. The idea of wisdom being pure is that it has no hidden, self-gratifying motives. And because there are no self-gratifying, hidden motives in wisdom, it creates peace, is reasonable, easily satisfied, compassionate and generous in actions, does not show favoritism, and behaves honestly. In essence, wisdom deals with truth, not feelings or personal agendas. This is why wisdom can bring peace. This is also why wisdom makes us humble (James 3:13); wisdom cannot act both wisely and

A further definition of wisdom is found in our verse, Proverbs 9:10, the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. And what is the fear of the Lord about? Proverbs 8:13 says, the fear of the LORD is to hate evil - hating the evil we find in our self more than the evil we find in others. Wisdom is very practical, it focuses on my responsibilities, more than the responsibilities of others. So, James 3:17 says that the wisdom from above is first pure, it is not motivated by selfish

When we look at the confusion and division that plagues our modern culture, I see a lot of pretended wisdom at work; a self-professing wisdom that is personal in origin, self-gratifying in its nature, and devilish in character, and therefore creates division rather than healing. Will we act wisely or in self-interest?

**Pastor Charles Scheele** Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com guaranteed. It can be elusive, slipping through our fingers no matter how tightly we try to hold on. And so, we adapt. We manage. We roll with the flow, accepting that our bodies, like our lives, are imperfect.

Perhaps it's this imperfection that makes the human experience all the more poignant. Life is never entirely smooth, nor is health, but we endure and continue on, adjusting as we go. In a way, the conditions we face are just part of the larger condition we all share: being human.

### PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.



Lester Morris Otto, age 90. formerly of Princeton, was called home by his Savior on Thursday, April 24, 2025, while residing at Anna's House in the Markesan Resident Home. Lester was born on Jan. 19, 1935, in Marquette, the sixth of seven children born to Gustav and Ella (Henke) Otto. Les, or Lessie as he was affectionately known as by his nieces and nephews, proudly served his country in the U.S Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956 and continued to serve in

the reserves until 1961. Les served across the globe including tours in Germany, Japan, and served on the DMZ line in Korea. He was a skilled marksman, not only receiving multiple ribbons and medals, but in fact, became a trainer at the California base. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and, we all chuckle here, the Good Conduct Award. On Aug. 22, 1959, Lester married Patricia Kwidzinski at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Berlin, Wis. They shared 50 years of marriage before Patricia's passing on June 22, 2010. Les was a Pabst and Packer fan, an avid hunter and loved fishing, especially on Swamp Lake where he and his family spent many years enjoying the Northwoods. He loved work ing with his hands, was a skilled crafter, and many homes are blessed with his mallard decoys. Les was also an artist and his drawings and paintings were special gifts he shared He worked for many years as a maintenance man, was a vol-unteer firefighter for 25 years with the Princeton Fire Department, and once his health put him on the sidelines, he spent his time working in the garage on his projects. Many mornings were spent with a cup of coffee, working on the latest puzzle, old westerns playing on the TV in the background, then turning to the notepad next to him to doodle out his newest idea. Les was a devout member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Princeton, and his voice could always be heard singing along to the hymns. Many were even blessed to hear his versions of Love Me Tender and Blueberry Hill vying with both Elvis and Fats Domino.

Those Les leaves behind to cherish his memory include his children, James Otto, Jennifer Turkiewicz; four grandchildren, Cody Otto, Kylee Otto, Matthew (fiancée, Kenzie Modrzejewski) Turkiewicz, Gracie Turkiewicz; great-grand son, Cameron Otto; two great-granddaughters on the way two brothers, Arlin (Glenda) Otto, Marvin (Shirley) Otto. sister, Laverne (Gary) Dean; many nieces and nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Ella Otto; wife, Patricia Otto; two brothers, Walter and Edward Otto; sister, Lorraine Otto; daughter-in-law, Tracy Otto; sonin-law, Scott Turkiewicz.

A funeral service for Lester Morris Otto will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, 226 S. Clinton St. in Princeton. Pastor John Stelter will officiate. Lester will be laid to rest following the service, with full military honors, in St. Michael's Memorial Cemetery in Berlin, Wis. In lieu of flowers, if you prefer, a memorial has been established. Please visit our website www.wachholzandsons.com to send a condolence or to share a memory of Lester with his family.



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#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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collision caused the victim's vehicle to roll over. The victim and her passenger suffered minor injuries, but were not transported to the hospital. It was reported that following the collision, the suspect vehicle, described as a black Chevrolet Trailblazer with Wisconsin registration, had left the scene W/B on STH 64, heading towards the City of Merrill. A short time later, officers with the Merrill Police Department and deputies with the Sheriff's Office located the suspect vehicle in the City of Merrill and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, a Merrill woman, 49, refused to comply with officers' attempts to stop her, resulting in a vehicle pursuit. After a short distance, the woman pulled into the parking lot of the Trophy Bar where officers/ deputy made contact with her. Again, the woman refused to comply with the officers'/ deputies' orders, and she was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest. During the arrest process, the deputy observed signs of impairment. The woman refused to cooperate with the officer/ deputy. The woman was taken for blood testing to determine her level of intoxication. She was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she was booked for 1st degree recklessly endangering safety, hit and run with injury, OWI causing injury second offense, resisting/obstructing an officer, vehicle operator flee/ elude officer and probation violations. The suspect was not injured as a result of the crash. At court, the suspect was given a \$5,000.00 cash bond. She remains in the Lincoln County

On 04/16/2025 a deputy on patrol observed a vehicle near the intersection of CTH Q and CTH K in the Township of Scott. When the deputy saw the vehicle, he noticed an equipment violation on the vehicle and stopped the vehicle for that reason. The deputy went to make contact with the driver, a Merrill woman, 45, and in doing so, he noticed signs of impairment. The deputy requested the driver to submit

to some sobriety tests, which the driver agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the woman was placed under arrest for a second offense OWI, as well as two counts of felony bail jumping. The woman had previously been released in Shawano County with a condition to maintain absolute sobriety. She was also released from Marathon County, where she had a similar restriction. The suspect was given a \$2,500.00 signature bond.

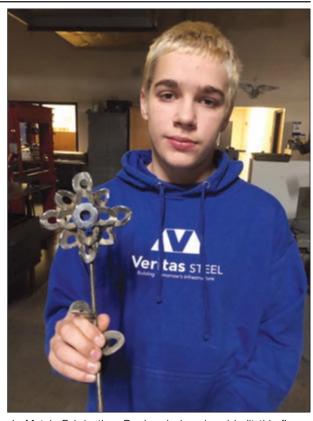
On 04/18/2025 deputies were sent to the area of the N11700 block of CTH Y in the Township of Bradley for a disturbance in progress. When deputies arrived, they spoke with both parties the woman, 30, who lived at the residence, and a Rhinelander man, 34, who was visiting. It was reported that the two were casually visiting when the male subject became disorderly by swearing at the woman and calling her names. As a result of the investigation, the male was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to the Lincoln County Jail. During the transport, the suspect kept up his disorderly behavior with the arresting deputy. On 04/19/2025 the Sheriff's

Office received a 911 call from a woman who was reporting that she was injured and needed help. The location of the call was the W4400 block of Key Largo Dr. in the Township of Merrill. It was reported by the victim that she and her child were at their home when the suspect, a Merrill man, 19, came to the house to drop off some items for their mutual child when he attacked the victim. The victim reported that the suspect attempted to choke her, but she was able to get herself and her child into her car and locked the doors. The victim did have marks on her neck that suggested that the suspect did try to choke her. The suspect left the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival. Charges will be submitted to the district attorney for suffocation/ strangulation. The victim did not require medical attention. Deputies conducted 52 traffic stops and 41 security checks. Deputies responded to five car vs. deer crashes and one car



TOMAHAWK LEADER

Tomahawk High School Small Engines students Finnian and Zayden recently completed their small engine project.



In Metals Fabrication, Bradyn designed and built this flower from repurposed materials. Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz



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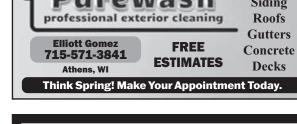






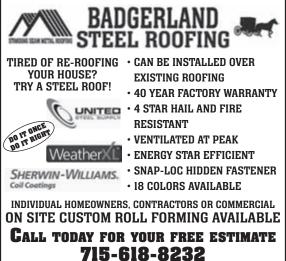
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## AI Editorial Policy for Multi Media Channels

At Multi Media Channels (MMC), we are committed to delivering high-quality, accurate, and trustworthy content to our readers. As part of our ongoing efforts to innovate and improve our editorial processes, we have incorporated artificial intelligence (AI) tools into our workflow. This policy outlines our approach to using AI in content creation and the safeguards we have in place to ensure journalistic integrity.

#### Our AI Usage Principles

Our AI usage at MMC aligns with best practices in AI-assisted journalism and follows our core principles



of using cutting-edge communications technology to deliver hyper local content to our readership, through our print publications and digital media. We have our roots in our communities, and while AI is a tool—like computers or spell check—it cannot replace our journalists, with their experience, knowledge of and

connections to their communities, and integrity.

- 1. **Human-Centric Journalism:** AI is a tool to augment, not replace, human journalists. Our experienced editorial team remains at the core of all content creation and decision-making processes.
- 2. **Transparency:** We are committed to being open about our use of AI tools in content creation. When AI tools are used to analyze data or generate insights, we clearly attribute this in our reporting. Use of AI generated images are clearly attributed as such.
- 3. Accuracy and Fact-Checking: All AI-assisted content undergoes rigorous

fact-checking and verification by our human editors before publication. AI-generated content is always cross-referenced with reliable, human-verified sources. We do not rely solely on AI-generated information without corroboration.

- 4. Bias Detection and Mitigation: Our editors are trained to identify and mitigate potential biases in AI-generated or assisted content, ensuring balanced and fair reporting.
- 5. **Style and Voice Consistency:** While AI may assist in drafting, we ensure that all published content maintains MMC's distinctive style and voice and the authenticity of the writer.

6. Continuous Learning: Our team stays informed about the latest developments in AI and journalism, regularly updating our practices to reflect industry best standards.

- 7. Clear Attribution: Ethical Content Generation: We do not use AI to create fictional quotes, sources, or events. All content is factual and derived from verifiable sources.
- 8. **Quality Control:** AI-assisted content goes through the same rigorous editorial process as traditionally created content, including multiple rounds of editing, verification, and fact-checking.
- 9. Ethical AI Use: We only employ AI tools that align with our ethical standards and journalistic values. We regularly review and update our AI usage to ensure it meets these criteria.

10. Data Privacy: We re-

spect data privacy laws and ethical guidelines when using AI tools, ensuring that no personal or sensitive information is compromised.

## Accountability and Feedback

We value our readers' trust and welcome feedback on our AI usage and content. If you have questions or concerns about our AI editorial practices, please contact our editorial team at *info@mmclocal.com*.

By responsibly integrating AI into our editorial process, MMC aims to enhance the quality, efficiency, and depth of our journalism while maintaining the highest standards of integrity and accountability.

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## **Aurora's Guiding Light Foundation hosts 3rd annual Autism Acceptance Fundraiser**

#### COURTESY OF AURORA'S GUIDING LIGHT FOUNDATION

HAZELHURST – On Saturday, April 12, the Northwoods community came together in Hazelhurst for the 3rd Annual Autism Acceptance Fundraiser, hosted by Aurora's Guiding Light Foundation.

The event raised an incredible \$33,000 to support individuals with autism and their families – funds that will go directly toward expanding local resources, caregiver support groups and community education initiatives.

This year's event was a heartwarming success, filled with live music, raffles, local vendors and family-friendly fun. Attendees included families from across the state, passionate advocates and local business owners, all united by a shared mission: creating a more inclusive and supportive world for individuals on the autism spectrum.

Aurora's Guiding Light Foundation was created by the founder, Alexandra Kuckkahn, and inspired by her daughter, Aurora. The foundation is dedicated to helping families navigate life with autism through connection, education and support.

We're incredibly grateful to all of our 35 amazing sponsors and our local volunteers who made this event possible through their generosity and community spirit. Their support helped create an unforgettable day of acceptance, love and empowerment. In addition, Fear and Fire Tattoo Studio hosted an event the same day, an event that helped fund our donations. Four tattoo artists worked all day and night to tattoo so many people with their five pages of flash tattoos.

This year's fundraiser also marked the start of the foundation's autism caregiver support group, which has already begun connecting families with resources and community in a safe and welcoming space. Looking ahead, the foundation is committed to growing these programs, offering more family-centered events, and continuing to advocate for inclusion and support in our communities.

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Ken Schneider

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## **NOTICE OF** ANNUAL MEETING

#### Crossbridge Mutual Holding Company

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of members of Crossbridge Mutual Holding Company (the "Company") will be held in the Crossbridge Community Bank Professional Center Community Room located at 15 East Wisconsin Avenue, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, 54487, Entrance #1, at 5:45 P.M. on Monday, May 19, 2025. The matters to be considered at the meeting include election of directors and review of financial condition.

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

Sealed bids will be accepted until 8:50 A.M., Monday, May 12, 2025 and will be opened at 9:00 A.M., Monday, May 12, 2025 at a meeting of the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee in the Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 257, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill.

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

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

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The City of Tomahawk is accepting applications for Park Interns during the 2025 summer season. A position description can be obtained at the Clerk's Office, 23 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street or on the City's website at www.cityoftomahawkWI.com. Applicants must have a valid driver's license (not probationary).

Interested applicants can submit their applications to the City Clerk's office located at 23 North Second St, Tomahawk WI 54487 by 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2025 or until the positions are filled. The city is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## **Annual Meeting Notice**

The Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting at 7 PM on May 7th, 2025 at the Spirit Town Hall, W1316 WI-86, Brantwood, WI.

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#### **REQUEST FOR BIDS** TOWN OF SCHLEY - LINCOLN COUNTY

The TOWN OF SCHLEY, LINCOLN COUNTY, will be accepting sealed bids for approximately 5,000 cubic yards of ¾ inch road base gravel to be placed on various Town roads. Project must be completed by 8/31/2025. Minimum of 6 guad axel trucks.

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

Bids will be opened Monday, May 12, 2025 at the Schley

Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Sealed Bids to be submitted to: Town Clerk, W1981 Heineman Road, Merrill, WI 54452 or delivered to the Town Hall prior to bid opening. Bids received after 6:00

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#### PINE CREST

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county, after which, the group would "explore other remedies."

#### People for **Lincoln County** members speak out

In a release from People for Lincoln County, two members of the group spoke out about the ongoing Pine Crest saga.

Renea Frederick said the organization's requests for the Lincoln County board to provide "the most basic information about the sale of Pine Crest" have gone unanswered "time and time again."

"It's a slap in the face to learn that the realtor, who's out there peddling our nursing home, is sharing information two counties away - information that our supervisors won't even share with the people who have paid taxes to support Pine Crest for decades," Frederick stated. "That's not right."

Eileen Guthrie said the group's "immediate concerns are with the open meetings violations, but also the impact these violations may have had on the proposed sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home."

"If rules cannot be adhered to for the process, how can we trust this board to properly handle and negotiate the sale of a fivestar skilled nursing home facility? We believe that Lincoln County needs to pause, if not stop, the sale of Pine Crest until a complete review of the process is done," Guthrie stated.

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#### **Lincoln County** officials respond

The Tomahawk Leader reached out to Marlowe, Boyd, Johnson and Giannini for comment.

Marlowe said he has been contacted by People for Lincoln County requesting information related to the ongoing Pine Crest sale pro-

The specific documents the organization is seeking, Marlowe explained, contain "detailed financial information that could give an advantage to competitors or bidders of the sale," which is why they are not "deemed public."

Lincoln County The Clerk's Office does not have the requested documents. according to Marlowe.

"I fully understand (People for Lincoln County's) frustration and am frustrated myself," Marlowe stated. "I would also like to be privy to this information."

Marlowe explained that because he is not a voting member of the county board and does not act as the board's parliamentarian, he is not invited into closed sessions

"Minutes are not taken during closed sessions, nor are there ever any actions taken during closed sessions," Marlowe stated. "If, during a closed session, it is deemed that action must be taken, the action will take place immediately upon reconvening the regular meet-

Marlowe said the visits by county board members to facilities owned by potential buyers were not formal visits ordered by the board. No quorums of county committees were present, and no per diems were requested, according to Marlowe.

"Our supervisors are not taking this lightly, and, in many ways, (are) going above and beyond their normal scope of duty," he stated.

In reference to Pine Crest sale information being revealed in Portage County last month, Marlowe said what Giannini "does in meetings outside (Lincoln County's) borders should be taken up with him."

"Mr. Giannini is the industry leader in Wisconsin in regards to the sale of public nursing homes," Marlowe stated. "We have the utmost confidence in his proven abilities."

Marlowe said People for Lincoln County has deemed him as "opposition" and is accusing him of withholding information, which, he said, is "very unpleasant, to say the least."

"These are people in my community who have been mentors, neighbors and/ or friends of mine; people I highly respect, regardless of the current climate," Marlowe stated.

Marlowe said he takes People for Lincoln County's assertion that the county is deliberately keeping the public in the dark regarding Pine Crest "very personally," adding that he has "a lot to lose" from the claim.

"(Lincoln County is), indeed, ultra transparent," Marlowe stated. "Our meetings are properly noticed. Our packet information, minutes and video recordings are readily available and all on the county web-

Not all Wisconsin counties record meetings or offer virtual attendance options like Lincoln County does. Marlowe noted.

Regarding a potential sale of Pine Crest, Marlowe said the winning bidder "may not necessarily be the highest bidder, but we do want to get as much value out of the sale that we can from the bidder we are most confident in."

"That bidder will have a proven track record of success in the skilled nursing home industry and will be sincere in their intent to provide this much-needed service to our community for many, many years to come," Marlowe stated.

Marlowe said he has "nothing to gain" by debating whether or not Lincoln County should maintain ownership of Pine Crest regardless of cost to taxpayers, but noted that he "firmly (believes) we do have to help our most vulnerable citizens, which definitely

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24. Lung fibrosis

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47. The 17th letter of the

49. Songs to a beloved

56. West Indies trees

60. Member of a Semitic

61. Plant that originated

63. Squandered one's money

48. Soviet Socialist Republic

5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms

19. Amusement park attraction

20. Popular comic strip Viking

27. General's assistant (abbr.)

23. American sportscaster

includes our elders."

"Does that mean (Lincoln County has) to own, maintain and operate a skilled nursing home? There is a large majority of Wisconsin counties that do not own and operate such homes, most of which have an increasing population, are showing a higher rate of net new construction and have a larger tax base," Marlowe stated. "These are all things that help governments fund the services they provide. There is not a nice way to put this, but we are struggling to make ends meet due to these factors. We are not currently keeping up with our road and building maintenance. We have a mental health health crisis that needs more attention. And, among other things, we would like to offer a competitive wage so we can retain our employees. It is expensive and time-consuming to train employees, only to lose them to neighboring counties or to private industry."

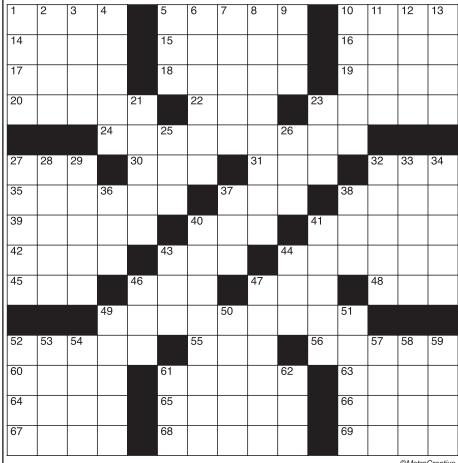
Boyd told the Tomahawk Leader that the board believes there have been no open meeting statute violations, and negotiations regarding Pine Crest will continue.

Johnson and Giannini did not respond to their respective requests for comment as of press time on Monday, April 28.

#### **Upcoming meetings**

The next meeting of the A&L Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. A virtual attendance option is expected to be available. The meeting's agenda had not been released as of press time on Monday, April 28.

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is slated to meet at the Lincoln County Service Center on Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.



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Pictured, from left: Peyton Smith, Marley Krueger, Avery Frisch, Bella Kottke, and Izzy Scheffler, all from Merrill; and Jayden Dellinger, from Tomahawk.

# Merrill-Tomahawk bowlers claim second-consecutive State championship

BY TINA L. SCOTT MMC STAFF

MERRILL – The Merrill-Tomahawk Girls Bowling Team captured their second straight State Championship at the Division 2 Girls Bowling Tournament held March 8-9, 2025.

"The girls bowled 15 baker-style games, rolling a total of 2,820 pins during the tournament," said head coach Melissa Wilke. "That is an average of 188 a game."

In baker-style bowling, five or six team members collaborate on a single game. For the Merrill-Tomahawk squad, four girls bowled two frames each and two girls bowled one frame each per game, Wilke explained.

The championship team is a cooperative effort between schools, featuring five Merrill-area students (Peyton Smith, Marley Krueger, Avery Frisch, Bella Kottke, and Izzy Scheffler) and one Tomahawk-area student (Jayden Dellinger). They faced off against 11 other teams to claim the title.

After completing their qualifying rounds, the Merrill-Tomahawk team was in the lead.

"When all was said and done, Saturday evening the girls were seated in first place by 60 pins over the second place seat," Wilke said.

While the Merrill-Tomahawk team awaited Sunday's Championship match, teams placed second through fifth competed in roll-offs to determine who would face the top-seeded squad. Watertown's Girls Team emerged as the finalist.

In Sunday's Championship round, the girls bowled two games against Watertown's Girls Team. "For finals, it is two games in baker style and total pin fall wins," Wilke explained.

The Merrill-Tomahawk team posted scores of 184 and 171 for a combined 355, enough to secure their second-straight Division 2 State Championship.

"I am beyond proud of these girls," Wilke said. "They have grown in skill and camaraderie. It has been my honor to coach these girls through another championship."

Wilke acknowledged the crucial role of parental support in the team's success and shared how the community rallied around the champions upon their return home. Les 'n Jim's Lincoln Lanes changed their sign to celebrate the team's success, and "When we got to town, the Merrill Fire Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Merrill Po-

lice Department honored the girls with a parade/ escort from McDonald's to Lincoln Lanes. That was so nice of them."

Other local businesses joined in celebrating the team's achievement.

"A&W gave our girls root beer floats as a gift and their show of support for our girls," Wilke said.

After team photos, "Humphrey's Gin Mill in town showed their support by throwing a welcome back and congratulations get-together, giving the girls 'Bluejay Tails,' a twist on the kiddie cocktail, only blue for Bluejays, and they ordered in pizzas for us. A huge thank you to them for their support!"

Looking ahead, Coach Wilke is optimistic: "The future for all these girls is bright, and I look forward to seeing what it holds for all of them!"

# Fishing Report: Less than a week until game season opener

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Here we are, less than a week away from the 2025 game season opener this Saturday!

A stretch of warm days and mild nights has opened up all area lakes, although you might still see some random, floating ice on lakes to the north. You can expect good access across the Northwoods, and Saturday's weather looks to be pretty ideal for the first day of game fishing. Boat landings are in solid shape, and water levels are stable.

Water temps are still in the mid-40s at the time of this writing, so were still mid-perch spawn and eagerly awaiting the crappie.

While there's nothing catastrophic in the weather forecast, it's definitely not steady – temps are ranging from lows in the mid-20s to highs of 65. By the weekend, we're hoping for a nice 60 degrees on Saturday. This weather pattern is pretty normal for this time of the year, but it makes for a bit of a challenge in guessing the spawn for all species, and what we'd expect for "normal" fish-behavior. However, we've had many worse years in the past, including those where there was still ice fishing going on for the opener!

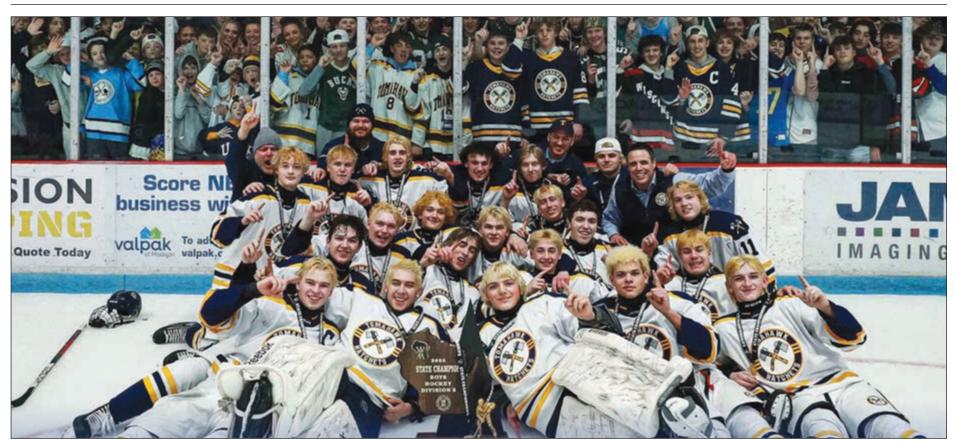
Water temperatures are climbing quickly, especially on smaller and mid-sized lakes. As stated, the perch are still spawning – and the bite has been fantastic. We'll need to see those water temps get into the upper 40s and 50s before the crappie start their spawn, but we've heard whispers of them visiting and checking out their spawning grounds. Now that we're into "real spring," we can expect that excellent crappie bite to start in the next little bit, here.

The Wisconsin River is running pretty normal for the melt and temperature, and is very fishable up here. Walleye action has been steady, with anglers finding success using jigs and minnows in slower-moving sections.

For the opener, speaking of walleye, look shallow. If you want to cast, try a shallow-running crankbait or a jerk bait. Otherwise, a good old jig with a big fathead should do the trick. As always, early morning or late evening will be best.

This opener is shaping up to be a winner! Saturday's weather, as of this writing, looks ideal. If you haven't already, get your gear out and prepared. Oil your reels and get fresh line on your spools. Check the guides on your rods for cracks or missing ceramic. Make sure your net hasn't been chewed through by a mouse during the winter. Make sure that your first day out isn't an exercise in frustration.

Have a great first day of the 2025 game fishing season! Good luck and good fishin'!



Hatchet skaters recognized for sportsmanship

The Tomahawk High School hockey team was recently recognized for its sportsmanship in the 2025 winter State tournaments. The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance, last week announced the recipients of the team Sportsmanship Awards. The Tomahawk skaters received honorable mention. The Amery/Clayton/Clear Lake/Unity Co-op was selected as the Sportsmanship Award recipient. Tomahawk defeated Amery Co-op to secure the program's first State title. The Hatchets received the Sportsmanship Award last year.

Photo courtesy of the WIAA



Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League

The Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League last week announced that Strikers took first place in the recently-concluded season. Pictured, from left, are Jennifer Hoppe, Roselie Wiedow, team sponsor Andy Leverance, Judy Teeters and Julie Roger. Not pictured: Kim Walter. Photo courtesy of Debbie Rauchle



Turkeys near Tomahawk

This photo of a flock of turkeys was taken near Tomahawk last week.

Photo courtesy of Bob and Ginger Richards

## Trillion Tree Pledge: More than 10 million trees planted in Wisconsin last year

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MADISON - Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in celebration of Earth Day, Arbor Day and Forest Ap preciation Week, last week released Wisconsin's Trillion Trees Pledge 2024 Annual Report.

The report shows that Wisconsin planted nearly 10.7 million trees and conserved more than 57,000 acres of forestland in the state in 2024 as part of Wisconsin's Trillion Trees Pledge, according to a release from Evers' office.

On Earth Day 2021, Evers signed Executive Order #112, joining the pledge and committing to plant 75 million new trees and conserve 125,000 acres of forest in Wisconsin by the end of 2030. Last year on Earth Day, Evers signed Executive Order #221 increasing the state's tree-planting goal to 100 million trees by the end of 2030.

"In just the fourth year of the state's Trillion Trees

Pledge, Wisconsin has already achieved more than 40% of its tree-planting goal and more than 60% of its forest conservation in Wisconsin's rural areas goal," the release stated. in 2024, private nurseries collaboration with public, private and non-governmental partners and focuses on planting, managing and conserving forests and trees in both rural and urban areas throughout the state."

According to Wisconsin's Trillion Trees Pledge 2024 Annual Report, of the nearly 10.7 million trees planted in 2024, the DNR supplied nearly 6.4 million of the seedlings planted, including 2.5 million that were planted on private lands, 2.2 million that were planted on DNR, federal, Tribal and other public lands, 52,000 that were planted in county forests, 41,000 that were planted in school forests and 49,000 that were given to students last Arbor Day.

The DNR is coordinating the continued implementation of the Trillion Tree Pledge on behalf of

the state of Wisconsin through partnerships with private nurseries. Of the 10.5 million trees planted "Wisconsin's pledge is in supplied an estimated 4.1 million trees to landowners for their planting projects in addition to the 6.4 million tree and shrub seedlings provided by the DNR for conservation planting effort, according to the release.

"I'm jazzed that just four years into our Trillion Trees Pledge, Wisconsin's making significant progress toward our goal of planting 100 million trees by the end of 2030," Evers stated. "I want to thank the many folks in every corner of our state, from students and teachers to families to businesses and volunteers, who've given a helping hand in this important work. Our forests are not only part of our heritage and our way of life here in Wisconsin, but they're also an essential part of our state's economy and future success. So, as we continue

work on the Trillion Trees Pledge, we remain committed to supporting the critical partners who help our forestry industry thrive, all while conserving our state's precious natural resources for future generations to enjoy."

"The DNR is proud to continue supporting Governor Evers and his efforts enacting Wisconsin's Trillion Trees Pledge, helping the state plant, preserve and protect our forests for all Wisconsinites, present and future," said DNR Secretary Karen Hyun. "This past year has included some huge wins for forest conservation, and we can't wait to explore more opportunities to enhance our state's abundant natural resources with conservation projects and community involvement."

More information about the Trillion Trees Pledge, Wisconsin's Tree Planting Map, the list of partners and the full 2024 report is available at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forests/ trillion Trees Pledge.

#### **TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 231**

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

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

Week 230 question: Where did Brian Smith continue to run track after high school: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Oshkosh or UW-Stout?

Week 230 answer: After high school, Brian Smith continued to run track at UW-Stout. Brian went 15' in the pole vault and qualified for Nationals while in college.

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

Week 231 question: Where did Jeff Olson play basketball after high school: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Oshkosh or UW-Stout?

## **Bat monitoring training to** be held in Rhinelander

FOR THE TOMAHAWK **LEADER** 

ONEIDA COUNTY The Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department will offer bat monitoring training next month.

The training will be held in Committee Room 2 of the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, on Friday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to

A release from the department said the training



is an opportunity to "learn about our area's bats and how to monitor their activity with acoustic sensor equipment that can be borrowed post-session to see what's happening batwise out on the lakes and fields, including yours."

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First Congregational N. Fifth & E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk 715-453-2217 8:30am Bible Study • 9:30am Worship

Pastor John Miskimen

#### **ReviveNow Church** 1328 County Rd. A, Tomahawk 715-453-8783

Sunday Service & Facebook Live Stream: 9:30am

Prayer Meetings: Wednesday 6pm
Pastors Jaco & Leslie Theron

#### **Community Seventh Day Adventist** Hwv. 86/D. Tomahawk • 715-453-5809

Pastor Eric Anderson Church: 11am. Sabbath School: 9an Radio WLBI-LP 107.1 FM

**Northland Bible Church** 2810 Olson Road, Tomahawk Join Us Sunday 10 a.m. **Pastor Alex Lindsay** 

715-612-1841 northlandbiblechurch.com

#### **The Rock Church** of Tomahawk

Sara Park Activity Ctr. 900 W. Somo Ave 9:30am Sunday Service & live-streamed on our Facebook page. Pastor Barry Rudesill

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran WELS • 715-453-4814 16 Theiler Drive, Tomahawk

Rev. Mark Gass, Pastor

For Service Times Check www.redeemertomahawk.org

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Missouri Synod 715-453-5391 12 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk Pastor Stephen P. Gillet

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#### **Grace Lutheran ELCA** 108 W. Somo Ave. 715-453-4066

**Worship Times:** Sat. 5 pm • Sun. 9:00 am Pastor Julie Sinkula

Streaming Worship on our website: www.gracelutherantomahawk.com

#### **Spirit Baptist**

Hwy. 86, 1/4 Mile West of Hwy. 102, Spirit 715-657-0304 • 715-657-0764 Duane Harper Pastor

#### **Berean Baptist Church** 19 N. Third St., Tomahawk

**Pastor Charles Scheele** 715-453-3407

Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Morning Service - 10:45 am Sunday Mid-week Bible study - 7:00 pm Wednesda

#### St. Mary's Catholic Seventh and Washington Ave. Fr. Aloysius Anthony, Pastor

Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Confessions: Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Anytime by Appointment

Catholic Pier-Willow

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at 5209 Willow Road

Fr. Aloysius Anthony, Pastor
Saturday 4 p.m. Mass

St. Augustine Catholic Intersection of D & B, Harrison • 715-453-2561 Fr. Aloysius Anthony, Pastor Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### **Northwoods Vineyard** 418 Kaphaem Road Tomahawk • 715-453-6700 Pastor Nate & Shelley Nelson

Reg. Serv. 9:30 Facebook Live Stream 9:30

#### United **Methodist Church** Tomahawk & Spirit Rev. Lisa Weaver

715-453-4378 Join Us Sunday: 8:30 in Spirit, 10:30 in Tomahawk

#### in person & 10:30 Online Via Zoom **Trinity Lutheran Church**

715-428-2851 4594 Hwy 8, Prentice Pastor Scott Holobeck Sat 10am Worship Service, 11am Bible Study

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

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miles); County Rd. U, from U.S. Hwy. 8 to County Rd. A (2.11 miles). Chip sealing, from approximately Tuesday, Aug. 5 through Thursday, Aug. 7: County Rd. D, from U.S. Hwy. 51 to County Rd. B (9.2 miles). Culvert replacements (month of August): County Rd. W.

#### National Day of Prayer event

The public is invited to attend a National Day of Prayer event, sponsored by Associated Clergy of Tomahawk (A.C.T.), at Veterans Memorial Park in Tomahawk on Thursday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. The event will feature songs sung by St. Mary's School students, the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Tomahawk Area Veterans Honor Guard and prayers for all aspects of the state and nation. Attendees are encouraged to bring a stool or lawn chair if standing is difficult. Following the event, attendees will be encouraged to "Prayer Walk" throughout the community, praying for residents and businesses of the Tomahawk area. For more information. contact Wendy Mannering at 920-366-1234.

#### Yard Waste Cleanup Week

The City of Tomahawk Public Works Department has designated this week through Friday, May 2 as Yard Waste Cleanup Week. Only brush and yard waste will be accepted. Leaves must be collected in plastic bags. Brush should not be bundled, but neatly piled with cut ends of limbs facing the street. Items should be set out no later than 7 a.m. each day.

## Town of Nokomis road cleanup

Town of Nokomis road cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. until noon. Participants will meet at the Nokomis Town Hall, 2541 Lake Nokomis Rd., Tomahawk. Lunch will be provided by Ingman's Service. Rain date is Sunday, May 4.

#### Community Ecumenical Choir spring concert

The Community Ecumenical Choir, comprised of approximately 25 men and women from several churches in Lincoln, Price and Taylor counties, will perform its spring concert, "And So We Sing!", at Ogema Baptist Church, Ogema, on Sunday, May 4 at 3 p.m. Sheryl Barnet is this spring's director. The choir is accompanied by pianist Joan Points. Free will offerings will cover minimal expenses and go toward donations to Forest Springs summer camp scholarships and the St. Paul's (St. Vincent) food pantries in Price County. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the

#### LCVSO holding Tomahawk visits through end of year Lincoln County Veter-

LCVSO holding

ans Service Officer Matthew Pultz will be available at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., on Thursday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pultz will also be available at City Hall two Thursdays per month through the end of the year. Upcoming dates include Thursday, May 29; and Thursday, June 12.To schedule an appointment, call 715-539-1083.

## ICAC and sextortion presentation

The School District of Tomahawk will host presentations, sponsored by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, on internet crimes against children and sextortion in the district auditorium on Wednesday, May 28. The middle school presentation will be held at 1 p.m., followed by the high school presentation at 2:10 and the families/parents presentation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The presentations will be suitable for all ages.

#### Historical Society seeking volunteer greeters

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is seeking volunteer greeters for its two historical museums on E. Washington Ave. in Tomahawk. Museum hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from mid-June through mid-August. Shifts are two hours. Knowledge of local history is not neces-

sary. For more information, contact Historical Society President Pat Pietila at 715-966-4801 or Gordy Lovsletten at 715-453-4783.

#### THS Class of 1975 50th reunion

The Tomahawk High School (THS) Class of 1975 will hold a 50th reunion at American Legion Post 93, 327 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, on Saturday, July 5 at 5 p.m. A chicken dinner with beverage will be served. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Spouses and significant others are invited. To RSVP, Venmo jean@ths50 or mail a check to Jean Whalen, N7249 County Rd. H, Irma, Wis., 54442. For more information, contact Whalen at 715-966-3956.

#### 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, at 5 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call Teri at 715-218-7776.

# 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.

#### **BATS**

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"Monitoring using ultrasonic microphones captures and records unique bat echolocation calls while they hunt, then are analyzed to identify species and understand activity patterns, aiding in conservation efforts," the department stated. "Monitoring also provides a non-invasive way to study bat populations and their habitats."

The department said participants will learn how to help create more bat-friendly yards and outdoor areas, how to talk bats with folks encountered while monitoring and how to find and record their activities and contribute valuable data to researchers on bat activities in Oneida County.

"This information is crucial for understanding and addressing threats to bat populations, such as habitat loss," the department stated. "Monitoring can show us how bats are respond-

ing to environmental challenges and how they are responding from a deadly encounter with white nose syndrome that decimated a huge percentage of bats since its discovery in 2006. The great news here in Wisconsin – it appears bats are actually recovering."

Marcia Obukowicz, Wisconsin State Bat Ambassador and Wisconsin Master Naturalist, will lead the training. Obukowicz has more than 1,200 volunteer hours helping nature in the Northwoods, according to the department.

"Marcia has been monitoring in Oneida County for four years, including 20-plus lakes and rivers in 2024, to gather critical data for the county and state," the department stated.

To register for the training, email *lwcd@oneid-acountywi.gov* or call the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation office at 715-369-7835.

For more information, visit www.oclw.org/.





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