

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 veterans

to meet with the LCVSO 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 goal.”
LCVSO said it encourages



ages all veterans to take advantage of this valuable resource.
By connecting with the LCVSO, veterans can learn about the full range of benefits and services available to them, including compensation and pension; education and training; health-care; 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. Walk-ins 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
EDITOR**
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 county-owned 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
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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

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

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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| Douglas | 98.29 | \$33,692.70 |
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| Florence | 33.08 | \$11,339.45 |
| Iron | 50.53 | \$17,321.11 |
| Jackson | 8.68 | \$2,975.41 |
| Juneau | 5.59 | \$1,916.19 |
| Langlade | 16.94 | \$5,806.84 |
| Lincoln | 27.25 | \$9,340.99 |
| 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 |
| Taylor | 17.78 | \$6,094.78 |
| Vilas | 50.07 | \$17,163.43 |
| Washburn | 95.93 | \$32,883.72 |
| Wood | 10.45 | \$3,582.14 |
| 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 cross-country 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 roads ensures outdoor recreationists can safely and securely access these resources, ultimately bolstering the state’s more than \$11.2 billion outdoor economy,” the release 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 WisDOT and Governor Evers for helping us to increase business and keep these roads well maintained.”

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By Kris Leonhardt

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis “Curly” Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

Like the Packers, Lambeau’s story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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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 (Bollman) 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 lifelong 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), Carson 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 (Bollman) Abbott, as well as her best friend Becky Buitron.

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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“Pastor’s Corner”

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.”



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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Human Condition And Its Many Variations

Dear Reader,

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 homemaker 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 nice!


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 online condolences at generationsfuneral.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 working 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 volunteer 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-grandson, 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; son-in-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.

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.

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.* First, *what is 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 selfishly.

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 interests.

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?

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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 Jail.

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 vs. bear.



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



Metals Fabrication students had the opportunity to participate in the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) 2025 Welding Competition. Students were provided materials and a blueprint and had to fabricate the weldment using their weld process of choice.

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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.

This policy is subject to regular review and updates as AI technology and industry best practices evolve.

Last updated: April 4, 2025.

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News Briefs

Lincoln County road work

Lincoln County Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that the following roads will be closed for chip sealing, paving and replacing culverts, weather permitting. Local traffic only. Expect lengthy delays. Paving to include gravel application, pulverizing and shaping, paving, shoulder, paint and finish work from

approximately Wednesday, April 30 through Thursday, July 3: County Rd. A, from Erickson Rd. to Willow Rd. (1.54 miles); County Rd. C, from County Rd. JJ to County Rd. K (1.5 miles); County Rd. CC, from U.S. Hwy. 8 to Somo Dam Rd.; County Rd. E, from State Rd. 86 south to the Spirit River Bridge (1.48

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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.

Follow Aurora's Guiding Light Foundation on social media to stay connected and be part of our journey toward a more inclusive future.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff,
v.
Brian E. Cooke
Defendant.
Case No. 2024CV000128
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on February 6, 2025 in the amount of \$132,383.33, I will sell at public auction, located at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, on
May 13, 2025
At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
CASE NO. 2025CV000020
FORECLOSURE CASE CODE: 30404
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT INDIVIDUALLY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE AGGREGATION TRUST
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEBORAH K. GEIER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBORAH K. GEIER, IF ANY; et al.,
Defendants.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To DEBORAH K. GEIER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBORAH K. GEIER, IF ANY
Ken Schneider
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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NOTICE

City of Tomahawk

The City of Tomahawk is accepting proposals for 3 road projects. Approximately 2600 tons of blacktop for East Mohawk Drive, 1600 tons of blacktop for Pfeifer Road, and 100 tons of blacktop for Birch Road (Town of Bradley). The City of Tomahawk will be adding 4 inches of gravel before pulverizing. This proposal shall include in-place pulverizing, shaping and paving. Sealed proposals will be received in the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office until 10:30 a.m. on May 7, 2025. Proposals may be delivered in person or by mail to Office of the Clerk/Treasurer, 23 N 2nd St, PO Box 469, Tomahawk, WI 54487 and marked on the outside of the envelope: **2025 Paving Projects.**

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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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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after April 23, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Lincoln County Clerk of Circuit Court, 1110 East Main Street, Suite 205, Merrill, WI 54452 and to Scott D. Nabke, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. BOX 19519, Suite 309, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Lisa M. Martin and The United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 24-CV-000167
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on February 21, 2025 in the amount of \$90,733.69 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: May 29, 2025 at 10:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: Inside the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Merrill.
DESCRIPTION: Lot Ten (10) and the East Thirty-one (31) feet of Lot Eleven (11), Block Eight (8). V. R.

CITY OF TOMAHAWK

Parks Department

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 2nd 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 quad axel trucks.

For Further information please contact: 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 p.m. on May 12, 2025 will not be accepted or considered.

The Town of Schley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof which may be deemed most advantageous to the Town. Contractor to provide certificate of insurance showing liability and workers compensation coverage.

Remember to Recycle Becky Dallman, Clerk

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Willard's Addition to Merrill, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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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.

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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. Wall-eye 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

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 Ogea Baptist Church, Ogea, 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 concert.

LCVSO holding Tomahawk visits through end of year

Lincoln County Veter-

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. 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@oneida-countywi.gov or call the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation office at 715-369-7835.

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