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THE BEAR IS BACK **Tomahawk icon returns to Sawdy Pond**

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - The iconic Lake Ice Bear, also known as the Hamm's Bear, is back on Sawdy Pond and ready to welcome summertime visitors to Tomahawk.

The Hamm's bear has Tomahawk ties dating back more than 60 years. Originally used as a Hamm's beer advertising display at Leon and Florence Weizenicker's Lake Ice business, George Weizenicker suggested that the bear be mounted on an inner tube. Running with the idea, Leon also added a fishing pole and a can of Hamm's beer, and the bear was floated in Sawdy Pond next to the Lake Ice establishment, quickly becoming a popular attraction for tourists and locals alike.



Photo courtesy of the Tomahawk Area Historical Society

The Lake Ice Bear could be seen in the water each year from about 1958 to 1979. Following the sale of the Lake Ice business, the

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Hamm's Bear became the property of former Tomahawk Leader publishers Larry and Kathy Tobin, who

donated it to Tomahawk Fishing Unlimited in 1999.

The bear made appearances in many of Tomahawk's annual 4th of July parades before being gifted to the Tomahawk Area Historical Society in 2018.

In 2019, a replica of the Lake Ice Bear, donated by Dave and Shane Mayer of Aquatic Arts and Wildlife Taxidermy, was placed on Sawdy Pond, breathing new life into the popular attraction of years past and marking the beginning of summer in Tomahawk.

Today, a bench dedicated in memory of Leon and Florence Weizenicker and placed along the sidewalk near Sawdy Pond provides a fantastic view of the legendary bear, and a sign donated by Daigle Brothers Inc. offers the history of the Tomahawk icon.

LCHD shares 2025 data from County Health **Rankings and Roadmaps**

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY -The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) recently shared local 2025 data from County Health Rankings and Roadmaps.

County Health Rankings and Roadmaps is a program of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute that "draws attention to why there are differences in health within and across communities," according to the program's website.

"The program highlights policies and practices that can help everyone be as healthy as possible," the website states. "County Health Rankings and Roadmaps aims to grow a shared understanding of health, equity and the power of communities to improve health for all. This work is rooted in a long-term vision where all people and places have what they need to thrive."

> 2025 Data CONTINUES ON PAGE 2



D.A.R.E. graduation

The Tomahawk Police Department (TPD) last week recognized the Tomahawk Elementary School and St. Mary's School students who recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. TPD thanked Sergeant Matt Gorell for leading the Tomahawk fifth graders in the program. Photos courtesy of TPD



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Afterwards, the graduates celebrated with a pizza party lunch, donated by local businesses.

Photo courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

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2025 DATA FROM PAGE 1

A release from LCHD said the annual data report from County Health Rankings and Roadmaps helps inform LCHD, community partners and those that live in the county "on what is going well and areas that should be further explored to advance the health of all Lincoln County residents."

LCHD said the report is organized into the follow-ing sections:

• Population Health and Well-Being, which includes data on length and quality of life.

· Community Condi-

tions, which includes data on health infrastructure, physical environment and social and economic factors.

Lincoln County is faring slightly worse than the average county in Wisconsin for Population Health and Well-Being, and slightly better than the average county in the nation, according to the release.

Lincoln County is faring about the same as the average county in Wisconsin for Community Conditions, and better than the average county in the nation.

"If you are looking for ways to get involved and support health in your community, consider joining Live Well Lincoln, a local partnership spearheaded by LCHD, with the aim of improving the health of our communities," LCHD stated. "Live Well Lincoln provides a network to mobilize people, organizations and stakeholders to work together to address issues that impact health in our county."

For more information, contact LCHD Health Officer Shelley Cohrs at 715-536-0307 or *shelley.cohrs@ co.lincoln.wi.us.*

Review the Lincoln County Health Snapshot 2025 at *www.co.lincoln. wi.us/media/92976.*

Measures	Lincoln 2024	Lincoln 2025	WI 2025	U.S. 2025
Premature Death Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age adjusted)	8,200	8,900	7,400	8,400
Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Na 2020-2022	tality and Morta	ality Files; Censu	s Population Est	imates Program
Life Expectancy Average number of years people are expected to live	76.7	75.9	77.8	77.1
Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Na 2020-2022	tality and Morta	slity Files: Censu	s Population Est	imates Program
Poor mental health days Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.1
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Syste	m 2022			
Adult obesity Percentage of the adult population (age 18 and older) that reports a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2.	37%	40%	38%	34%
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Syste	m 2022			

Measures	Lincoln 2024	Lincoln 2025	WI 2025	U.S. 2025
Mental health providers Ratic of population to mental health providers.	1,490:1	1,420:1	370:1	300:1
Data Source: CMS, National Provider Identification 20	24	2	(c)	
Preventable hospital stays Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	1,826	1,656	2.498	2,666
Data Source: Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool 2022				
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement.	42%	36%	33%	26%
Data Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System 2018-2	2022			
Sexually transmitted infections Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population.	238.3	197.3	435.7	495.0
Data Source: National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepo	atilis, STD, and	TB Prevention	2022	
Injury deaths Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population	97	90	97	84
Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Me	ortality Files: C	ensus Populatio	on Estimates Pro	aram 2018-2022

Photos courtesy of LCHD





The Symonds family, owners of The Grill, were welcomed by Tomahawk Ambassadors Becky Jaecks, Dawn Nelson, Kathy Rankin, Deb Tomaszewski, Mary Lu Voermans, Bunny Kluka and Diane Timm. Photo by Andy Tomaszewski

Ambassadors hold ribbon cutting ceremony at The Grill

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Ambassadors recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Grill.

The Grill, located at 3800 U.S. Hwy. 51, just north of Tomahawk, is owned by Scott and Jenny Symonds.

A release from the Ambassadors said Scott and Jenny met while attending Tomahawk High School, married shortly after graduation and started a family, raising seven children. Scott worked at Harley-Davidson in Tomahawk for 25 years, while Jenny focused on homeschool education and Kinship of Tomahawk, both as an employee and volunteer.

"The Symonds family loves great food, and when an opportunity presented itself to purchase a vacant restaurant, they took the plunge and opened The Grill," the Ambassadors said.

The Grill serves always fresh, never frozen Black Angus ground chuck smash burgers on fresh buns made from scratch and baked daily. The menu also includes fresh-cut fries, salads, fresh chicken, homemade awardwinning macaroni and cheese and a variety of inhouse made appetizers and dips.

"The Grill is run by the Symonds family and offers fast, friendly counter service in a relaxed, familyfriendly atmosphere with both indoor and outside seating," the Ambassadors stated.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

of marijuana (THC) and drug

On 05/06/2025 a deputy on

On USH 8 near Tannery Rd. at what appeared to be a faster rate

patrol observed a vehicle traveling

of speed. The deputy conducted a

stop on the vehicle for a speeding

impairment, as well as an odor of

marijuana coming from the car.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the deputy finding marijuana.

The driver was asked to perform

sobriety tests, which he agreed

to do. As a result of those tests,

the driver was arrested for a first offense of OWI. The driver was

later booked into the Lincoln County Jail for possession of

marijuana, two counts of bail jumping and operating after

On 05/7/2025 a deputy on patrol

observed a motorcycle traveling

at a high rate of speed on Joe

Snow Rd. in the Town of Scott.

The deputy was able to get the

bike on radar, and it was found

to be traveling 116 MPH in 45

MPH zone. Due to the speed and

suspect was developed. A deputy

safety concerns, the deputy did

not try to stop the motorcycle.

After a short period of time, a

went to the suspect's house.

making contact with the male.

16, from Merrill. In questioning

the boy, it was determined that

revocation.

violation. Upon making contact

with the driver, a Tripoli man, 18, the deputy noticed signs of

paraphernalia.

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, May 12: On 5/6/2025 deputies were dispatched to the area of STH 107 and Behling Rd. in the Town of Bradley for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. When deputies arrived on scene, they spoke with the driver, a Wausau man, 64, who was involved in the crash. He advised he was traveling N/B on STH 107 when he looked away for a moment and lost control of his truck. The truck left the road. entering the ditch and striking a tree. The driver sustained a head and shoulder injury. The driver was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. The driver was issued several traffic citations.

On 5/6/2025 a deputy on patrol observed a speeding vehicle traveling S/B on USH 51 near CTH K in the Town of Birch. The vehicle was stopped for the traffic violation. When stopped, the deputy made contact with the driver, a man. 22, from Lake City, Minn. In making contact, the deputy noticed the odor of marijuana and signs of the man being impaired. A search of the vehicle turned up marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A second deputy with specialized training in recognizing persons operating under the influence of drugs and controlled substances requested the driver perform some sobriety tests, which the driver agreed

for a second degree recklessly endangering safety, as well as other traffic citations. The male was not taken into custody and was left in the care of his mother.

On 05/8/25 a deputy on patrol had a speeding vehicle on USH 51 near the 211 mile marker in the Town of Merrill. The vehicle was initially observed at 84 MPH in a 65 MPH zone. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle for the speeding violation. The driver of the car, who was later identified as a Wausau woman, 37, refused to pull over and increased the speed of her vehicle up to 115 MPH, leading the deputy on a vehicle pursuit. The driver continued S/B on USH 51 into Marathon County, where she attempted to exit USH 51 at Marathon CTH WW, where she lost control of the vehicle and crashed. The driver was injured and trapped in the vehicle as a result of the crash. She was later freed from the vehicle by responding emergency crews. She was then transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. The driver had a warrant for her arrest, and she was also charged with OWI. Once released from the hospital, she was transported to the Lincoln County Jail. She will also be receiving several traffic citations. LISO was assisted by the Marathon County Sheriff's Office, as well as Wausau area fire and EMS.

On 05/8/25 a deputy on patrol observed a vehicle traveling on CTH S near Dean Rd. As the



to do. As a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for a first offense of OWI. The driver was later booked into the Lincoln County Jail for possession he was indeed the driver of the motorcycle related to the speeding violation on Joe Snow Rd. The male will be referred to the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office

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INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN & SEXTORTION PRESENTATION

Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 Tomahawk School District Auditorium Middle School 1:00 pm • High School 2:10 pm • Parents 5:00-7:00 pm

Presentation is suitable for all ages and will include information regarding our children versus online predators, the current dilemma of sextortion, and Q&A Time.





Pictured is one of this year's Building Trades program projects - an 8' by 10' storage shed. The shed remained available for purchase as of press time on Monday, May 19. For more information, contact the THS office at 715-453-2106.

Photo courtesy of Andy Peissia

THS program preparing students for future careers in skilled trades

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - The School District of Tomahawk earlier this month shined a light on its Building Trades program.

Technology Education Instructor Andy Peissig said the program is "equipping students with valuable, hands-on experience in residential construction, laying a strong foundation for future careers in the skilled trades."

"This year, 14 students are enrolled in the program, with 10 planning to pursue careers in the trades," Peissig stated, adding that the program offers a range of essential building techniques.

The curriculum includes floor framing, wall framing, window and door installation and painting which, Peissig noted, are "critical elements in any residential structure."

Peissig said students also gain practical experience in more advanced skills, like rafter layout and installation and roofing with shingles.

"The program emphasizes safety, precision and teamwork, giving students real-world experience that goes beyond the classroom," he stated. "Students not only learn technical skills, but also develop problem-solving abilities and a strong work ethic. With a growing demand for skilled labor in the construction field, this program is an important step in continuing the strong tradition of Wisconsin's trades industry. Tomahawk High School's Building Trades program is helping bridge the gap between education and employment, empowering students to enter the workforce with confidence."



ICAC and sextortion presentation

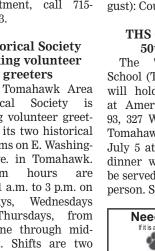
The School District of Tomahawk will host presentations, sponsored by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, on internet crimes against children and sextortion in the district auditorium on Wednesday, May 28. The middle school presentation will be held at 1 p.m., followed by the high school presentation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

LCVSO holding **Tomahawk visits** through end of year

Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer Matthew Pultz will be available at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., on Thursday, May 29, 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, June 12; and Thursday, June 26.To schedule an appointment, call 715-539-1083.

Historical Society seeking volunteer

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 necessary. For more information, contact Historical



Society President Pat Pietila at 715-966-4801 or Gordy Lovsletten at 715-453-4783.

Lincoln County road work Lincoln County High-

way 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 approximately 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 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.

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 signifi-

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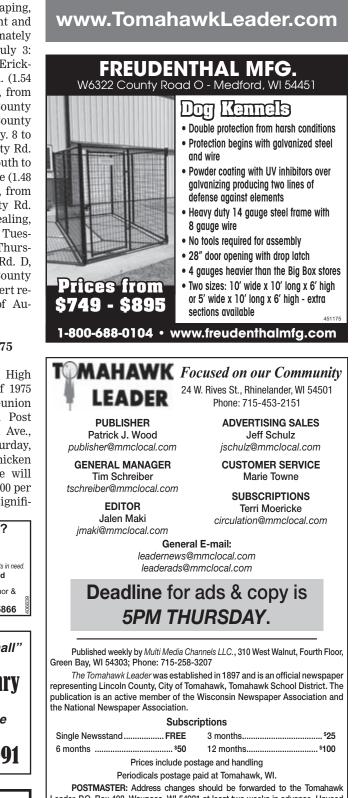
Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

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.

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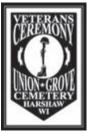
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Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the deadline for the May 28 issue will be Thurs., May 22, 10:00 a.m. for the Tomahawk Leader

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Union Grove Cemetery at the Veterans Monument on Saturday, May 24th at 11:30 am. Located in Harshaw, WI. 4521 Lakewood Road. We will be honoring our past veterans and military. All are welcome to attend. There also will be the Einar H. Ingman Jr. motorcycle Honor procession

gathering at the American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk at 9:15 am that will proceed to the ceremony.

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Barbara Ann Wagner, age 86, of Tomahawk, WI, and Eagle River, WI, unexpectedly passed to her heavenly home on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Wausau, WI. She was born on June 15, 1938, in Eau Claire, WI, to the late Neil Cunningham Powers and Gladys Ramberg Powers. The second of six children, her and her family moved to the

and her family moved to the Milwaukee area where Barb graduated from Pulaski High School. She married Donald R.

Wagner on August 4, 1956, and they continued to live in Milwaukee where they welcomed five children. Barbara was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed summers up north in the Tomahawk area. In 1971, Barb and the children moved to their Nokomis property. She and Don remained friends, divorcing in 1986.

Barb loved living in the Northwoods. She took great pride in her work at Johnson Level and Tool as a puttier, crafting wood levels. She also tended bar on weekends for many years including at Louie's Little Brown Jug, Terry's Nessel Inn, and Wally's Four Corners.

While doing laundry for her large family at the local DX Gas Station and Laundromat, there was a pool table where Barb learned to shoot. It became a lifelong passion. She shot on both the lady's league and the men's one-on-one and continued playing for fun until her death. During her working years, she met her long-time partner, Tom Rothwell, and for more than 20 years, they made their home together in Bradley, blending two families. He passed away in 2008.

Barb was cherished by her family and well-regarded in the community. She has served as a former president of the Bronsted-Searle American Legion Women's Auxiliary and carried the Legion flag in many Fourth of July parades. Barb also enjoyed being a part of many local leagues including bowling, pool, horseshoes, and golf. She was a regular in three leagues at Edgewater Golf Course.

During her retirement years, a new chapter opened when she met her partner, Bob Henderson. They were well-matched in their interests and loved to travel and play golf. They shared time between Tomahawk and Arizona until his death in 2019.

Barb spent considerable time with her daughter and family in Eagle River after Bob's passing and, more recently, had been living there due to health issues. She remained social and formed many friendships there as well. She was a most kind and accepting person, a generous and beloved mom, grandma, sister, and aunt who will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Barb is survived by her children, Donna Adams, of Eagle River, WI, Michael (Wendy) Wagner, of Salem, OH, Cindy (Carl) Hildebran, of Casa Grande, AZ, Donald Wagner, Jr. of Tomah, WI, and Lisa Friese, of Riverview, FL; her grand children, Sara (Steve) Olsen, Matthew Cummings, Katrina Wagner, Jeffrey (Jill) Kane, Jamie (James Steinke) Kane Lindsay Wagner, Joshua Wagner, Nicholas (Mai) Friese, Al lison Friese, and Julianna Friese. She is further survived by her great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild with a second expected in October. Additionally, she is survived by her brother, Richard Powers, of Waukesha, WI; and her sister, Jeannie Cooper, of Tucson, AZ; plus, many nieces nephews, and other extended family. Barb was preceded in death by her parents; her former husband, Donald Wagner her former partners, Thomas Rothwell and Robert Hender son; her brother, David Powers; her sisters, Nyla Keeler and Karen Wittkowske; and her son-in-law, Dennis Burgy.

A celebration of Barb's life will be planned for this summer. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Barb's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.

Kirsten (Kissy) Boyens died unexpectedly in her home on October 4, 2024 at the age of 61. Kissy was born May 24, 1963 in Hayward, IA to her parents Ray Boyens and Judy Boyens.

Kissy spent most of her childhood in Tomahawk. She was a 1981 graduate of Tomahawk High School. After high school Kissy went on to college in CA, CO, and eventually returned to Tomahawk to earn her nursing degree. Nursing was a nate for Kissy. Sh had a big hear turing soul. If help was needed she was always there to lend a hand. Her nursing career took her back to CO and beyond as she was a traveling nurse for many years. Wherever Kissy went with her job she always seemed to find friends and family nearby to connect with. Always helping out wherever she was. She eventually settled down and purchased a home in Madison, WI where she continued to work as a nurse. Her sister, Inger, and brother, Brad, eventually shared this home with her as she continued to help out her family. Kissy was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Inger. She is survived by her sister, Michal (Missy) (Chris) Tobler Rockford, IL; her brother, Brad Boyens, Madison, WI; her step mother Janet Warwick; several nieces and a nephew She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. There will be a Celebration of Life service at Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk on May 24, 2025 for Kissy and her sister Inger starting at 11:00am. A luncheon will follow at the Tomahawk American Legion. The family is handling the arrangements.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Memorial Day: Honoring the Ultimate Sacrifice

Dear Reader,

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to remember and honor those who gave everything for our nation. Each Memorial Day, we stand in solemn gratitude for those who never returned home. The empty chairs at family tables. The children who grew up without a parent.

The spouses who faced life alone. Their sacrifice echoes through generations and forms the foundation of the liberties we often take for granted.

My own father was among those who answered the call of duty, serving our country in World War II to keep the world free from tyranny and oppression. He was for-

John Robert Mott, 78, of Apple Valley, Minn., passed away peacefully on Friday, May 9, 2025 at the Minnesota Veterans Home. He was born in Tomahawk on Dec. 1, 1946. After high school, John served in the US Army (1965-1968) with a tour in Vietnam. After completion of his service, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. John continued to work in this field until September of 1977, when he accepted his dream job as a State Trooper with the Minnesota State Patrol (MSP). During his 25 years, John had several specialties. After retiring, John was able to pursue his love of travel during his employment with Semester at Sea.

John was a man of many talents and interests. He tuned and repaired pianos, performed card tricks, loved most sports (GO PACK GO), cabin time, musky fishing, bare footing, and most of all spending time with his family.

John is survived by his wife of 49 years, Missy, and his children Steph, Jill and JB (Cassie). He has two granddaughters, Sophie and Piper, sister Jennifer Decker (Bob), brothers-inlaw John Foss (Nanc), Rand Foss (Di), and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 5 p.m. on June 1, 2025, American Legion, 145221 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, Minn., 55124. 5 p.m.- Welcome, 6 p.m.- Celebration of Life Service. Storytelling and open mic to follow. Memorials can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.



tunate to return home, but many of his comrades-inarms did not. My family's military tradition continued with my cousin, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army until recently. He earned the distinguished Ranger tab, representing the pinnacle of military training and excellence. Men and women like him stand ready to defend our nation at a moment's notice, prepared to make the same sacrifice as those we honor on Memorial Day.

As we honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our country, we must also recognize the silent battles many of our veterans continue to fight long after their time on the battlefield has ended. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, affects a significant number of those who have served, and it is a reminder that the cost of freedom is not always visible. These men and women carry wounds that can't be seen—a burden of trauma, memory, and sacrifice that continues well beyond their return home. Their courage does not end with deployment; it continues every day as they strive to heal and find peace. As a nation, we owe them not only our gratitude but our unwavering support.

As we gather with family and friends this Memorial Day weekend for barbecues and celebrations, let us take a moment—a dedicated, mindful moment—to remember why this holiday exists. Let us teach our children about sacrifice and service. Let us bow our heads in gratitude for those who died defending our values, our freedoms, and our way of life.

May we prove worthy of their sacrifice by being citizens who honor their memory not just on Memorial Day, but every day—by living with purpose, protecting the freedoms they died for, and building a nation worthy of their profound sacrifice.

They gave their tomorrows for our todays. We will never forget.

PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.



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, we continue our study on Proverbs 9:10, *The fear* of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Last week we began looking at Proverbs 2 and verses 1 and 2 with the statement that if we learn how to obey our authorities, then we are equipping our self to gain wisdom and understanding. The other side of the coin is, if we are rebellious toward our authorities, then we will not be equipped to become wise, nor to understand life.

Last week I left off by introducing the message of verses 3 through 5, Yea, *if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding; if you seek for her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures; then you shall understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.* Knowing how to obey equips us to become wise and understanding (verses 1,2), but the growth of our wisdom and understanding is bound up in how badly we desire to learn (verses 3-5).

Verses 3 through 5 describe someone who knows they do not know everything, so they have a hunger to learn. The hunger is not just for information, but a hunger to know if it is true. They are not looking for something that agrees with what they already think, they want to know if they are right or wrong in what they already think.

Associated Clergy of Tomahawk "Pastor's Corner"

The Good Shepherd

The Lord is our Shepherd. We shall not be in want. The Shepherd meets all our needs.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He forces us to rest in rolling pastures in Wisconsin, the farms, the fields, the joy. Green pastures conjures up for me rest, refreshment and peace. The color green is a restful color and God has painted it all around us. Thank goodness for evergreens. We can see green all year long.

He leads me beside the still waters. The next best thing beside green pastures is still waters – beautiful clear water is so healing... cleansing, refreshing and calming.

The Lord takes care of us. He is our shepherd. He knows how to take care of his sheep. He knows we need rest and peacefulness in order to live a balanced life. His sheep need the food of the grass from the pasture and cool clean water from the stream.

The Shepherd restores my soul. He knows life is stressful. Even the good things in life are stressful. Prolonged stress is bad for our bodies. Stress causes our body to go into over-drive. When stressed we think and worry too much. We are in a constant fight or flight mode. We cannot relax. When too much is expected of us, we start making mistakes and forget things. We get indigestion and don't sleep well. We get cranky and defensive. And stress is contagious. It spills out onto others. It becomes a vicious cycle in families, companies and organizations.

Our shepherd knows this cycle and leads us beside the still water to free us...to break the cycle and free our soul.

We all have a body and a soul. And only God knows our soul. He knows our needs. You can go to the doctor and he can give you some pills, but he doesn't know what your soul needs. The Shepherd does. He will lead, heal and restore us. The Shepherd heals and restores

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The book of Proverbs describes many different types of people. One type that is frequently contrasted with the wise person, is the fool. A key verse about the fool is Proverbs 18:2, which says, *A fool has no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself* – the fool only wants to know what agrees with them. Whereas, the wise will obey commandments (Proverbs 10:8), will receive the counsel of others (Proverbs 12:15), will seek out knowledge (Proverbs 18:15), and will accept correction and learn from it (Proverbs 9:8,9). A key verse on this contrast is Proverbs 12:15, *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that listens to counsel is wise*.

Going back to Proverbs 2:3-5, we must notice that it says if we hunger and search for knowledge (truth), then we will also come to understand the fear of the Lord, and are more likely to accept God for who He is. This is important for being wise, for wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 9:10), which is about hating the evil we see in our self (Proverbs 8:13). How can anyone be wise if they only care to know their own ideas? Wisdom is not about how much we know, but what we do with what we know. That is why a wise person is so concerned about learning truth; how can we make a right choice when we operate from ignorance, only being concerned with our own ideas?

Pastor Charles Scheele Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com

our balance.

Balance is so important for the Christian soul. There can be times in life when things get out of balance. Most of us can endure out of balance at work or at home for a time, but not both. The Good Shepherd's job is to keep us in balance. He alone restores our soul. He alone leads us in paths of righteousness for his name sake.

Sometimes we don't even recognize when we are on the wrong path. He leads us onto right paths. We can trust the Shepherd to lead us. The Shepherd loves his sheep, and leads them along a path of balance and safety.

Despite having a Shepherd who loves and leads us, we still live in a world that is fallen and sinful. And we pass through dark valleys – rough times, when the people we love get sick or die, leave or abandon us. We can get depressed, feel alone or fear decision and change. But we must remember we are never alone. The Shepherd is always there. He will never leave us. He anoints us and our cup over flows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life. The house of God is your green pasture, your still water, your path, your table of goodness and mercy. Be at peace. Be blessed. We shall never be separated from our Good Shepherd.

Amen.



Pastor Carolyn Rauschert Associated Clergy of Tomahawk

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deputy observed the vehicle, she saw the vehicle cross the center line several times. The deputy also noticed that the front passenger tire of the car was blown out. As a result of this, the deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. In making contact with the driver, a Tomahawk man, 30, she noticed signs of impairment. The deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, which he agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for a first offense of OWI. He was later released to a responsible party. On 05-9-25 the Tomahawk Police Department received a complaint of a vehicle doing burnouts in a local business parking lot. It was also reported that it was believed that the driver and passenger of the vehicle were intoxicated. At the time of the call, the Tomahawk Police Officer on duty was busy on a different call, so a deputy from the Sheriff's Office responded to the location. When the deputy arrived on scene, she made contact with the driver of the vehicle, an Appleton man, 68. In speaking with the driver, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. The deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, which he agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for a second offense of OWI. Once in custody and in the deputy's car, the man made a threatening comment that he was going to get back at the deputy. The deputy questioned the individual if the threat was intended for her, and he stated it was. The man was transported to the Lincoln County Jail where he was booked in for a second offense OWI and making threats to law enforcement. On 05-9-25 the Sheriff's Office

received a report of a burglary alarm on the Merrill School Forest. Upon arriving at the

been broken, and it appeared as though entry had been made to the building. Deputies then searched the building and found that the suspect had left prior to their arrival. Deputies were able to review security footage and get a description of the suspect. A short time later, a man, 66, from Gurnee, III., was located across the road from the school forest at New Wood Park. The man matched the description of the suspect on the security footage. In questioning the man, he advised that he was responsible for going in the building to take a shower. He claimed he was planning on the entry to law enforcement later. He was arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked for burglary and criminal damage to property. On 05-9-25 the Sheriff's Office received a call of a vehicle traveling N/B on USH 51 near the 206 mile marker in the Town of Pine River. The vehicle was reported to be weaving all over the road and traveling and various speeds. A short time later, the deputy located a vehicle matching the suspect and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver, a New Berlin man, 35. It was learned that the driver had a warrant for his arrest out of Milwaukee, Wis., and he was taken into custody on that warrant. Subsequent search of the vehicle turned up illegal drug items. The suspect also had a two-vear-old child in the car with him. The suspect was booked for felony bail jumping, illegally possessing prescription, possession of cocaine second offense, possession of narcotic drugs and possession with intent to deliver/ manufacture/distribute fentanyl The child was later turned over to another party.

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Deputies conducted 85 traffic stops and 20 security checks. Deputies responded to three car vs. deer crashes and one car vs. turkey.



St. Mary's students visit Tomahawk Public Library

St. Mary's School 4K and kindergarten students recently visited the Tomahawk Public Library. "Ms. Annette is such an asset to our school and community," said Principal Juanita Skubal. "It is so much fun to go and visit her." Photos courtesy of Juanita Skubal



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Dry hydrants

Last week, the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department flushed and flow tested two of its dry hydrants. In a Facebook post, the department said the Prairie Rapids and the Point O' Pines fill sites serve as quick access to water when a lot is need. "They are basically large diameter PVC pipes with strainers under the water and a fire thread connection above ground to connect to a portable fire pump or, in these (photos), to a fire engine," the department explained. "We'd use these sites to refill tenders to haul water to the fire scene, that's why we ask that no one park near them." Photos courtesy of the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department



Packaging Corporation of America – Tomahawk Mill is excited to announce that Chase Klebenow, a student from Merrill High School, has been awarded a fullride scholarship to the University of Wisconsin - Madison, majoring in Electrical Engineering.





To be awarded this scholarship, Chase completed the required application, submitted an essay on how the pulp and paper industry has impacted his life and why he should be chosen, interviewed, and went on a mill tour.

To maintain the scholarship, a 3.0 GPA is required. Chase will also be working at the Tomahawk Mill as a summer student for the 2025 summer and will have the opportunity to complete co-op/internship with PCA during his college career.

Future Tomahawk and Merrill High School students that are going to college for a degree in engineering can apply in the fall. Please speak to your guidance counselor regarding this opportunity.

Congratulations, Chase on this great accomplishment! Pictured (L to R): Jordan Renn HR Manager, Don Gennrich Mill Manager, Chase Klebenow, and proud parents Keith and Sara Klebenow.

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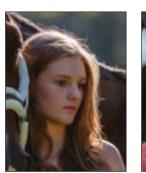
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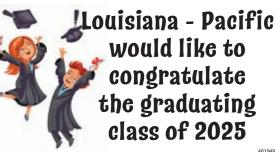
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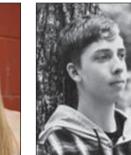


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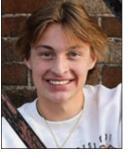


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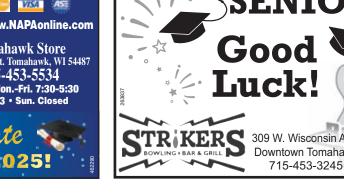


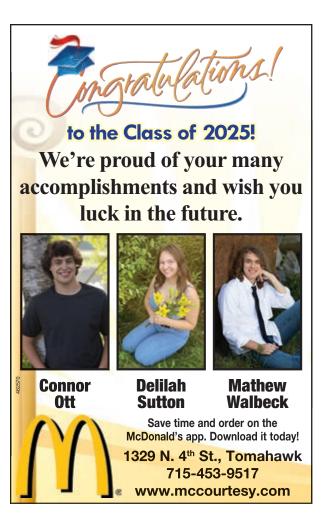
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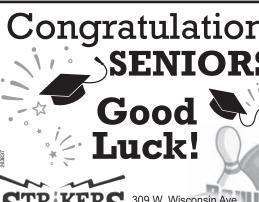


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FAMILY SKILLS WORKER

Price County Health and Human Services Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **Family Skills Worker** in the Department of Health and Human Services. This is an advanced-level, para-professional position within the Children & Youth Unit serving children, youth, and families faced with child welfare or youth justice issues. Major responsibilities include teaching parenting and functional home-maintenance skills and linking families to critically needed community resources. Position functions are performed in an office, client home and community setting.

This is a full-time (40 hours per week) position with a starting wage of \$24.35 (Grade 6) per hour, and full benefits package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.95% employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a zero deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternityleave,andquarterlyemployeelifestyleenhancementreimbursement perk.Dental/vision,flexspending,WI Deferred Comp, life,short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at <u>www.pricecounty.wi.gov</u>, by emailing a request to <u>hroffice@pricecounty.wi.gov</u> or by calling 715-339-5131.

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A resume and completed application must be received by the Price County Office of Administration by June 4, 2025, to be considered for this position.

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Schoenenberger completes Nicolet College Jail Academy

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office last week gave a shoutout to Corrections Officer Dane Schoenenberger for completing the Nicolet College Jail Academy. Schoenenberger began his service with the Sheriff's Office in Sept. 2024. "We're proud to see him reach this important milestone in his corrections career," the Sheriff's Office said. "Dane's dedication and commitment to public safety reflect the values we uphold every day. Congrats to Corrections Officer Schoenenberger and all the graduates of the spring academy." Photos courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office





WisDOT reminding motorists to keep Adopt-A-Highway volunteers safe

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is reminding drivers to focus on the road ahead to keep Adopt-A-Highway volunteers safe.

WisDOT initiated the Adopt-A-Highway program in 1991 to allow groups to volunteer and directly support the state's anti-litter program. These volunteers routinely collect trash and recyclables along Wisconsin roads.

"We are grateful to the thousands of Wisconsinites who generously volunteer each year to pick up trash and recyclables along the roadside," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "For nearly 35 years, Wisconsin's Adopt-A-Highway program has truly blossomed as nearly 15,000 volunteers participate in the program each year. Their pride to keep our state beautiful should inspire all of us to properly dispose of trash."

In 2024, Wisconsin Adopt-A-Highway groups collected more than 170 tons of trash and recyclables, and Nearly 5,500 volunteer hours were reported last year to help pick up trash, according to a release from WisDOT.

"WisDOT encourages more people to get involved,"

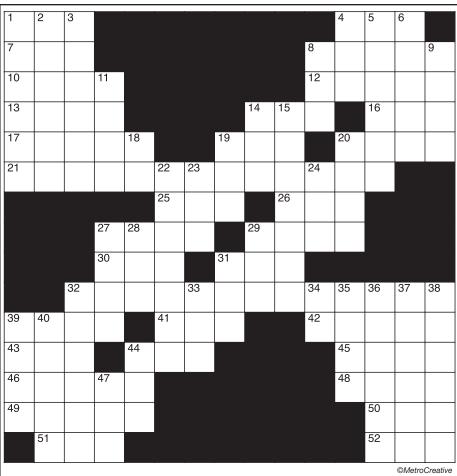
WisDOT's interactive map shows highway segments maintained by Wisconsin's 3,000 Adopt-A-Highway groups, but more than 2,700 miles of state highway are still available for adoption.

Adopt-A-Highway workers are asked to clean up their assigned two-mile state highway segment at least three times per year. All volunteers must be at least 11 years of age or in the 6th grade on two lane highways and 16 years of age on four lane highways. No other persons should be on the work site. Each group must provide one adult supervisor for every five or six volunteers.

Automated forms on the Adopt-A-Highway website streamline reporting cleanup efforts. County highway crews gather the bagged materials for proper disposal. As part of the program, WisDOT furnishes safety vests, highway worker signs, a safety training video, trash bags and two permanent signs identifying the group. Groups do not work in dangerous areas like medians, bridges or steep slopes, WisDOT said.

"WisDOT reminds drivers to buckle up, put the phone down and follow speed limits on Wisconsin highways, especially when these volunteer groups are working along the roadside," WisDOT stated.

Learn more at *www.wisconsindot.gov/adoptahighwav.*



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- 4. British thermal unit
- 7. Afflict
- 8. Refrain from harming
- 10. Galls 12. Leg bone
- 13. Rhine distributary
- 14. Recipe measurement
- 16. Chap
- 6. Wild, long-legged sheep
 8. Engine additive
 9. "CSI" actor George
 11. Stony waste matter
 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
 15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis
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- 32. Professional drivers
- 33. Atom or molecule type
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Town of Nokomis bids -

Estimates for asphalt parking lot crack sealing and sealcoating amounts at fire station: Crack Sealing: Approximately 5,300' Sealcoating: Approximately 52,500 sq feet Bidders are encouraged to visit the fire station at 2675 County Road L to confirm measurements in order to submit their bid amount for this project. Sealed bids can be submitted to Town of Nokomis, Fire Department Bid, 2541 Lake Nokomis Rd, Tomahawk, WI 54487 by 5:00 PM June 5th, 2025. Bids will be opened at the June 9th town board meeting.

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NOTICE **Request for Qualifications**

City of Tomahawk requests interested firms to submit Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for construction administration services for the City of Tomahawk, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Sidewalks (E King Road) Project ID: 9855-00-70. SOQ will be received in the Clerk's Office at 23 N 2nd St, PO Box 469, Tomahawk, WI 54487 or at abartz@tomahawkwi.gov until June 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Full ROQ can be accessed on the City's website at www.tomahawkwi.com. All questions should be directed to Amanda L. Bartz, Clerk/Treasurer, 715-453-4040 or email at abartz@tomahawkwi.gov

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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 application to the City Clerk's office located at 23 North Second St, Tomahawk WI 54487 by 4:00pm on May 30th, 2025 or until the positions are filled. The city is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Advertised: May 21st, 2025 and 28th, 2025

The Town of King is passing a new ordnance to eliminate WAKE BOATS ENHANCEMENT DEVICE for use on Lake Alice within the Town of King borders.

Since the Town of King borders over 60% of the waterway, the town will be enacting this ordinance to encompass all waters in Lake Alice.

As a courtesy to the town of Bradley, which has a small portion of Lake Alice waterfront off of Echo Valley Road, the Town of King will hold a special meeting to inform the residents of that area the reason for this new ordinance on May 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the King Town Hall at W4450 County Road A. Tomahawk.

Andrew Tomaszewski Supervisor for the Town of King 715-453-4683 Published May 21, 2025

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CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN M. BOWMAN

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

Case No. 2025IN30

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6/16/1930 and date of death 5/18/2023 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 314 E. Lincoln Ave., Tomahawk, WI 54487. 3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office before Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on 6-12-25 at 10:00 A.M.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection. 4. The deadline for filing a claim

against the decedent's estate is

August 15, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill,

TOWN OF KING

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for licenses have been filed in the office of the Town of King, for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 all according to Section 125. of the Wisconsin State Statutes. **CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE**

Sure-wood Forest Bar & Grill, W4276 Sandy Lane,

Tomahawk, WI 54487 DMTN, LLC, Donna Napierala 861 W17th Street Edgar,

WI 54426 Pine Pointe Resort and Campground, W4249 Pine Pointe

Lane Tomahawk, WI 54487 Pine Pointe Resort & Campground, LLC - Dena & Tom Wulf, W4210 Sandy Ln Tomahawk, WI 54487 Rivers Edge Bar and Grill, W4011 County Road A, Tomahawk, WI 54487.

RPE's Rivers Edge, Robert P Everts, N10306 Pine Shore Ln, Tomahawk, WI 54487. Bottoms Up Bar & Grill, W4096 County Rd. A

Tomahawk, WI 54487 Bottoms Up Resort, LLC - Sherrie Emmerich, 223157 Sungold Ct. Wausau, WI 54401 Organique Clinic, LLC, W4771 Gatewood Heights Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Organique Clinic, LLC, Jeff Roberts P.O, Box 538 Rhinelander, WI 54501

Lori Weber, Clerk

Town of King Submitted for publishing 5/15/2025

The above notice will be on the June 9h, 2025 agenda at the Regular Town of King Meeting. Meeting time 7:00pm at King Town Hall, W4450 County Road A. Tomahawk, WI 54487. Published May 21, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSES in the City of Tomahawk

Notice is hereby given that the following application has been filed in the Clerk-Treasurer's office of the City of Tomahawk, Wisconsin for the sale of intoxicating beverages in said City for such classes of licenses and at the location the premises to be licensed in the City of Tomahawk, for the license year ending June 30, 2026 all according to Section 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes

Name	Premise Address	Mailing Address
	Class "A" Beer	
CAPL Retial LLC/Joe's Kwik Mart	706 N 4 th St	645 Hamilton St Suite 400, Allentown, PA
Remington Oil Co. Inc/Remington Oil - Corner Mart	4 W Wisconsin Av	PO Box 399, Antigo, WI
Kwik Trip, Inc./Kwik Trip 119	682 N 4th St	1626 Oak St, PO Box 2107, La Crosse, W
Clas	s "A" Combination	
T.A. Solberg Co., Inc./Trig's Tomahawk	662 N 4th St	PO Box 50, Minocqua WI
Chase's C Store, LLC/Tomahawk Shell	434 S Tomahawk Av	1329 N 4 th St, Tomahawk, WI
Chase's C Stores, LLC/Tomahawk BP	1329 N 4th St	1329 N 4th St, Tomahawk WI
Dolgencorp, LLC/Dollar General Store #10102	105 N 4 th St	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN
GMP Southease, LLC/RStore #4489	1727 E Somo Av	5865 Magellan Pkwy, St 400, Richmaond VA
Tomahawk Warehouse Liquor, LLC	1515 N 4th St	1515 N 4th St, Tomahawk, WI

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Wisconsin, Probate Office This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

X. The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: The children of Lawrence Eric Anthes, date of death 10-4-2011.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. BY THE COURT:

DATE SIGNED: April 30, 2025 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Published May 14, 21, 28, 2025

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID L. WEIZENICKER

Notice To Creditors

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

The decedent, with date of birth

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 08-25-2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, 2nd floor.

Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar

Form completed by: Attorney Mark D. Munson Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C. P.O. Box 8050 Wausau, WI 54402-8050 Telephone 715-845-4336 Bar Number 1043255

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GUN SHOW: May 23-25, 2025 Eagle River Ice Arena , 4149 Hwy 70E, Eagle River, WI, Proceed go to Camp Neal & Save the Dome, Friday 3pm-8pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-3pm. \$8. 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

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Case No. 2025 IN 31 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application administration was filed

08/05/1939 and date of death 3/15/2025, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N11445 County Road A, Unit 17, Tomahawk, WI 54487

DATE SIGNED: May 8, 2025

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8am-3p

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Rummage Sale to benefit Warm for Winter 4197 River Rd, Rhinelander, WI

Friday, May 23, 8-4 and Sat., May 24, 8-1

Clothing and household items Pine Lake Community Building (behind fire station)

TOMAHAWK- 116 Pine Ridge Ln. Thurs., May 22 thru Sat., May 24, 9:00-4:30. For both men & women. Free items and items priced to sell fast!

TOMAHAWK-Pine Grove Storage, N9353 Pine Grove Ln. Memorial wknd- May 22-26, 9-4. Hutch, (2) mobility scooters, bdrm set, misc.

TOMAHAWK- W2335 County Road D. Fri. & Sat., May 23 & 24, 8-4 and Sun., May 25, 9-1. Multi-family garage sale- something for everyone!

Wausau: 1134 S. 17th Ave. 5/31, 8a-3p Big Sale Handcrafted Metal & Wood Art

Free-Form Metal Art: flowers, wheels & water pumps. Salvation Woodworks: hand-

turned wood bowls, charcuterie boards & wooden benches.

Miscellaneous Sales 7212 HOME BUILDERS SHOP SALE: HOME BUILDERS SHOP SALE: Everything must go! Equipment, tools (air & electric), supplies, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, fix-tures (electrical & plumbing), trin, siding, fascia & soffit, ladders, cords and painting. Friday thru Monday, May 23, 24, 25 & 26, 9-4. 9111 Hwy 70 West, St. Germain.

7244 Firewood DRY OAK & Hard Maple, \$250/cord. Over 15 mi is extra. Have hard wood in wood shed over a vear old. Clean & no bark.

715-351-1888 or 715-873-4196.

7260 Sporting Goods

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ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following have applied for Class B Combination Liquor License for the time period of 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 in the Town of Schley, Lincoln County:

Adam Paulus, Club X to C Inc., W890 County Rd C, Gleason WI 54435 Gina Vandergeest, Gina Marie's Bar & Grill, N4297 County Rd X. Gleason WI 54435 Christopher Streich, Hub Inn, N3294 State Rd 17, Merrill, WI 54452

The Town Board of the Town of Schley will consider and receive public input and comment regarding issuance of the above referenced licenses at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Schley Hall.

Becky Dallman - Town of Schley Clerk Remember to Recycle

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Tomahawk Tattoo & Tan, LLC Viegut's Express Inc./Viegut's Do-It Best Express

Cheese Shoppe, LLC/The Cheese Shoppe

Krishna Hotels 2, Inc./Rodeway Inn & Suites

Marilyn Helen Nuernberger/Mary's Hangout

Michael Wavne Ludwick/Northwoods Pub

American Legion Post #93/Kilroy's Klub

Wilmes Silverado, LLC/The Silverado Co.

Pine Tree Club, LLC./Pine Tree Supper Club

BNB Ventures, LLC/Outboards Bar & Grill

Tomahawk Sports Bar & Grill LLC

Sideways Wine & Craft Beer, LLC

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DNA Bar & Restaurant LLC/Floyd's Timber Tavern

Wurl-Feind-Ingman Veterans Post 2687/VFW Post 2687 203 S 4th St

TT Family Enterprises LLC/Corner Pub

Paul Kathamegos/The Gin Mill

Nachos 1, LLC/Nachos

TB's Bar LLC/Castaway's

Tomahawk Bowl, LLC/Strikers

LAW Holdings, LLC/Shorthorns Bar

22 N Railway St 981 N 4th St

22 N Railway St, Tomahawk, WI 7 Shore Dr South, Barrington, IL

Class "B" Beer and Class "C" Wine

Kwahamot Water Ski Club Inc/Kwahamot Water Ski Club 100 Deer Park Rd Swami Bapa, Inc./AmericInn 108 W Mohawk Av Bridge Inn of Tomahawk Inc. 15 Deer Park Rd

PO BOX 4. Tomahawk, WI 108 W Mohawk Ave, Tomahawk WI 6800 Diamond Court, Chanhassen MN

Class "B" Combination

705 N 4th St

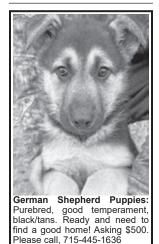
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Miscellaneous Pet

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Miscellaneous Recreational 7530

PARK CITY CREDIT UNION -MERRILL TWO 2022 SEA-DOOs MODEL: 64NB ID# YDV12066I122 and ID# YDV21275J122 HOURS: 4.5 & 5.1 and 2022 TRITON TRAILER, MODEL: WAVE-2 ID# ATCSM1110NH202651 MINIMUM BID \$10,700 OR BEST OFFER Please contact Ashley @ 715-536-8351 Ext. 4821 Or Trish @ 715-536-8351 Ext. 4233

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General Employment

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Quality Homes of Irma, WI is seeking a full-time experienced carpenter with a meticulous eye for detail with a heavy background in drywall, carpet/trim work & framing. Pay based on your set of le are seek a posi team based member who doesn't mind longer hours, to stay on top of our customer base in order maintain a positive clientele & overall business. Call 715-453-6613 to APPLY TODAY!

DHS: Wisconsin underage tobacco, vape sales decreased in 2024

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) last month reported a decrease in the rate at which tobacco and vape retailers sold to underage consumers last year.

Annual data showed a decline from 13.6% in 2023 to 11.8% in 2024, according to a release from DHS.

These results come from the Synar Survey, an annual statewide assessment of the retailer violation rate. In 2019, the rate was 5.5% and reached its highest point in 2021, when the rate was 14.1%, the release said.

"We are glad to see a decline in overall sales of tobacco and vape products to underage kids, yet the rate remains too high," said State Health Officer Paula Tran. "We know that more than 80% of adult smokers started before the age of 18, and about 95% of them before turning 21. This is why it is so important to continue the work to prevent young people from starting to use commercial tobacco and nicotine products to protect their health today and long into the future.'

DHS said the most recent Synar Surveys have monitored sales to those under age 21.

"This aligns with a change in the federal law



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

that raised the federal legal tobacco sales age from 18 to 21 at the end of 2019," DHS stated. "Wisconsin remains one of only eight states that has not changed its state law to match the federal law, which has caused confusion and enforcement challenges statewide."

In response, DHS launched the statewide Tobacco 21 public awareness campaign. First introduced in 2022, the campaign reinforces the message that 21 is the minimum legal sales age for tobacco and vape products. It includes messages for both the public and tobacco and vape retailers.

DHS said the 2024 data revealed that the most underage sales took place at tobacco and vape shops.

"These outlets sold to underage consumers at a 30% rate, higher than the rates at gas stations (11.8%) and other types of retail outlets (10.8%)," DHS said. "The DHS Wisconsin Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program has seen a recent uptick in local zoning ordinances that limit the number and location of these shops.'

sin communities stepping up to take positive actions that protect young people in their communities," said Vicki Huntington, Section Manager of the DHS Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program. "These communities are reducing youth access to commercial tobacco products by limiting the number of tobacco retailers in proximity to schools, playgrounds and other places young people gather."

The 2024 Synar Survey also included the following data points, according to DHS:

• The rate of overall underage sales to males was 14.4% and the rate of overall underage sales to females was 9.8%.

• Underage males were most often sold e-cigarettes (17.9% of completed sales). Underage females were most often sold cigarillos (15.7% of completed sales).

"The data here tell us that public and retailer awareness are key, and that local actions have great impact," Huntington stated. "The data also show where we can focus to help prevent young people from

specific retailers reduce underage sales. In addition, a regulation to move flavored cigarillos (short, narrow cigars) behind the counter like other tobacco, vape and pouch products would make a very positive impact on the health of Wisconsin's youth."

Free training to help retailers comply with the Tobacco 21 sales law is available at www.witobaccocheck.org.

Retailers can also order free materials on the Tobacco 21 webpage at *www*. dhs.wisconsin.gov/tobacco/tobacco21.htm.

Wisconsinites who want to learn more about quitting commercial tobacco and e-cigarettes can visit www.WIQuit.org or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or text "READY" to 34191 for free assistance, including free nicotine replacement therapy if medically eligible.





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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Missouri Synod 715-453-5391 12 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk Pastor Stephen P. Gillet	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
Missouri Synod 715-453-5391 12 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk	Methodist Church Tomahawk & Spirit Rev. Lisa Weaver 715-453-4378 Join Us Sunday: 8:30 in Spirit, 10:30 in Tomahawk

Leader Sports & Nature

Hatchet tracksters take part in Otto Bacher meet

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MERRILL - The Tomahawk High School track and field team recently competed in the Otto Bacher meet in Merrill.

A total of 13 teams participated.

The Lady Hatchets finished in second place, while the boys took 7th.

Girls results are as follows: 1st, Alicia Voermans, 100m Dash; 1st, Siennah Calkins, Triple Jump 1st, 4x200m Relay, Alicia Voermans, Elise Gibeault, Faith Derleth, Siennah Calkins; 1st, 4x100m Relay, Claire Albert, Ellie Micke, Faith

Derleth, Alicia Voermans; 2nd, Abbie Micke, 3200m Run; 2nd, Elise Gibeault, 200m Dash; 2nd, Elise Gibeault, 400m Dash; 2nd, Alli Palmer, 1600m Run; 2nd, Kaylynn Sandry, High Jump; 2nd, 4x800m Relay, Abbie Rosenmeier. Lvdia Shaney, Norah Mann, Allie Palmer; 3rd, Alicia Voermans, Pole Vault; 4th, Faith Derleth, 200m Dash; 4th, Ellie Micke, High Jump; 5th, Shelby Borrowski, Discus; 6th, Abbie Rosemneier, 300m Hurdles; 6th, Norah Mann, 800m Run.

Boys results: 3rd, 4x800m Relay, Jerry Johnson,

Dominic Boos, Beau Stromberg, Sam Zastrow; 4th, Jonah Dickens, Long Jump; 4th, 4x100m Relay, Nathan Rosenmeier, Jonah Dickens, Mason Riebe, Kaiden Kappellusch; 5th, Nathan Rosenmeier, High Jump; 6th. Hudson Sevmour. Shot Put; 6th, Dominic Boos, 3200m Run; 6th, 4x400m Relay, Sam Zastrow, Beau Stromberg, Jerry Johnson, Mason Riebe; 7th, Michael Samundsen, Shot Put; 7th, Beau Stromberg, High Jump; 7th, 4x200m Relay, Kaiden Kappellusch, Luke Morrison, Nathan Rosenmeier, Edwin Riese.



Photos by Peter Tesch

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 234

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 question.

Week 233 question: How many goals did Tim Stiff score during the 1984-85 THS boys' hockey season: 20. 25 or 30

Week 233 answer: Tim Stiff scored 25 goals during the 1984-85 THS boys' hockey season.

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

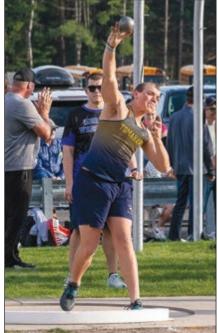
Week 234 question: In the 1984-85 state wrestling season, Eric Strauss lost to Tran Brooks 10-2 at State. Where was Brooks from: Mosinee, Medford or Nekoosa?

Four new CWD cases detected in Vilas, Oneida wild deer herd

BY KURT KRUEGER CORRESPONDENT counties, three new cases Larson said the department were detected.

focused its efforts on in-







Fishing Report: Well on our way to a fantastic summer

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN With Memorial Day just around the corner, we're hav-

ture. It's worth trying leeches now – both on jigs and slip bobbers. Evenings have been best by far, with some great after-dark action, too. Expect the bite to improve as the weather stabilizes later in the week. Northern are still hammering anything flashy. Focus on shallow weed beds, brush, and back bays - especially if you can find warmer water. Spinnerbaits, large spoons, and bigger sucker minnows are working. These fish remain aggressive from the post-ice-out surge and are a blast to target right now. Bass are continuing to move in and stage. Smallmouth are hanging around gravel and rock near shore and on points. The largemouth are moving into shallower, softer-bottom bays. Both species are active feeders right now, and anglers are scoring well with soft plastics, minnow-imitating crankbaits and live bait presentations.

of the spawn, and we're just hoping this cold-snap doesn't totally turn them off. Look for them in warmer bays and backwaters in three to six feet of water. Light jigs tipped with minnows or Cubbies near wood and brush are the ticket. We're just starting to see some good bluegill action this past week, too, with more activity in two to four feet of water. Look in the afternoons as the sun heats up the shallows. A small worm under a float is still the best place to start for the kids or casual anglers. Once we're through this cold snap, we should be well on our way to a fantastic summer game fishing season. Get out there before the weekend, if you can, as Saturday will mark the start of the summer busy season on the water. Get ready to put your "patience pants" on! Early mornings and late evenings are always the most peaceful times out there and tend to be the best fishing times, anyhow.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Four new cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the wild deer herd were detected last fall from hunterprovided samples in Vilas and Oneida counties, more proof that the prion disease is slowly spreading statewide.

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), just one of those new detections came from Vilas, where a yearling buck harvested in an area between Spring Meadow and Anvil Lake east of Eagle River tested positive.

That is just the second positive detection in Vilas, the first of which occurred iust east of the City of Eagle River in 2021.

In Oneida, where there were previously just four positive cases in the Harrison Hills area near the border of Oneida and Lincoln

One of those involved a 3 1/2-year-old doe that was harvested just northwest of Stella Lake and a second was a 3 1/2-year-old doe harvested east of Jennie Webber Lake.

The third case, involving a 3 1/2-year-old buck, was taken in a large block of countyowned land and mixed industrial forest located between Rhinelander and Pelican Lake, about two miles south of the Pelican River.

CWD is a fatal, infectious nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk and reindeer/caribou. It belongs to the family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) or prion diseases.

According to the DNR, CWD occurs only in members of the cervid or deer family, both wild and captive. For the 2024 season, DNR herd health specialist Erin

creasing sample collection in designated priority areas in northern and central counties where recent positive cases showed in both game farms and the wild herd.

She said additional samples tested from the priority areas helped the DNR better understand disease levels and distribution in areas with recent detections.

There were 272 deer tested in Vilas, one of them positive, and 361 deer tested in Oneida, with three of them positive.

In total, 17,399 deer were sampled throughout the state during the 2024 CWD year, with 1,786 samples testing positive.

Most (89%) of these detections were in the Southern Farmland Zone, with the largest impact in a seven county area west of Madison — the area where CWD

CWD CONTINUES ON PAGE 16 ing some fine spring fishing up here.

After a week of mild temperatures and steady sunshine, we've got one more cold snap to get through this week – but after that, we can expect warming temps. That incoming stable, warm weather will do wonders for fish activity and weed development.

Lake levels are still good for this time of year, despite the lack of rain, and nearly all landings are wide open and in great shape. Weed growth continues to expand, which is pushing many species into more predictable spring patterns. Water temperatures are currently ranging from the 50s and even lower 60s, depending on lake size and sun exposure.

Walleye action is ok. The fish are moving out of spawning areas and transitioning toward mid-depth weed edges and rock-gravel struc-

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Five takeaways from the Packers' 2025 schedule

BY JALEN MAKI

Well folks, the most important sports day of the year has finally happened: National Football The League has released the 2025 schedule. This will remain the most important sports day of the year for the next 365 days, give or take, until the 2026 schedule comes out.

When I say "the most important sports day of the year," I don't mean the league's announcement of when the schedule will be released - that's the secondmost important sports day of the year, which happened during the NFL Draft in Green Bay last month. I'd say a distant third is the Super Bowl, followed by the deciding game of the World Series. Rounding out the top five, it's neck and neck between the start of March Madness and the final day of the American Cornhole League World Championships.

I'm going to level with you guys: I find all the hoopla around the NFL schedule release a little annoving. Look, I get it. The NFL is a several-billion-dollar corporation that, in order to remain profitable and culturally relevant, has to constantly increase (or at least maintain) the number of eveballs, clicks, and views on its content, and the only logical way to do this is to make the NFL season a year-round affair. You have the regular season, and the playoffs, and the Super Bowl, of course. But then you have a few weeks of post-Super Bowl coverage, followed by the free agency circus, three-ish months of nonstop Draft coverage, the Draft itself, post-Draft coverage, the announcement of the day of the schedule release, rumors and leaks surrounding the schedule release, the schedule release itself, coverage of the schedules (guilty as charged), OTAs, minicamps, training camps, the preseason...then the whole thing starts over. I think only the real sickos (myself included) are truly locked into every facet of the NFL day in and day out, but it's clear that the league wants the more casual fans among us to be increasingly involved in what used to be considered its more or less procedural aspects. The Draft is a good example - after holding it in New York City for many years, the NFL made the (very wise) decision to move it from city to city each year, highlighting the league's diverse markets while providing those markets with an influx in revenue. I went to the Draft in Green Bay, and I'm proud to say my beverage purchases helped sustain the local economy. If you're reading this from the greater Green Bay area: you're welcome.

Although we know pretty much right after the end of the regular season who teams will play the following year, the order of the games is undeniably important. There are a few, for lack of a better word, goofy details about the Packers schedule this year. Keep an eye out for a more in-depth breakdown of each matchup closer to the start of the season. For now, here are a few thoughts on the Packers' 2025 schedule.

NFC North teams face the toughest schedules

The NFC North teams the Packers, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, and the Minnesota Vikings - are projected to have four of the toughest schedules in the league in the upcoming season.

I'm always a little dubious on strength of schedule, which is essentially calculated by adding up the previous-year records of a team's impending opponents. Strength of schedule is useful in that it can be used as a tiebreaker in standings. and it's a decent projection of how a team's season is anticipated go. But the key word there is "projection."

Strength of schedule is one of those things no one's talking about once the season starts, because it's simply a projection, and projections and reality can end up being quite different as the season goes on. Take the 2024 Cincinnati Bengals, for example. They were eved as a near lock for the playoffs in the AFC, but they lost four of their first five games, and although they went on a heater and ended the season with five straight wins, they ultimately missed the postseason with a 9-8 record. For various reasons, sometimes teams we think are going to be danger-



ous simply don't live up to the hype. And conversely, there are always teams that are surprisingly good. Strength of schedule can offer a rough idea of what a team can expect in its opponents, but it's probably not something they should spend too much time thinking about.

Nevertheless, Green Bay is slated to face several teams that are expected to be good in 2025. Notable matchups: Each division opponent (Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings) twice, as usual; and the Washington Commanders, Dallas Cowboys, Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles, Denver Broncos, and Baltimore Ravens. Green Bay also faces the Pittsburgh Steelers - maybe they'll get to chum around with Aaron Rodgers a bit before kickoff?

The back half of the season is division matchup-heavy

The placement of the Packers' division games is, to me, by far the most bizarre thing about their 2025 schedule

The Packers host the Lions in Week 1 to kick off the season. But after that, Green Bay doesn't face another NFC North team until Week 12, when the Vikings come to Lambeau. Let me rephrase that: the Packers have a 10-week stretch in which they don't face another team from their division. That's wild! So, that means the back half of the season is obviously loaded with division games.

The Week 12 Vikings matchup marks a seven-week run where Green Bay plays five North teams. Immediately after the Vikings, the Pack travels to Detroit, and then hosts the Bears. Threestraight division games is... interesting! After that, the Packers go to Denver before facing the Bears again - this time in Chicago. In the final two weeks of the season, the Packers host the Ravens and travel to Minnesota.

To have so many division games in the stretch run of the season presents some challenges - and opportunities.

Let's address the backto-back-to-back NFC North matchups. Regardless of what shape the Packers are in heading into that block of games, if they lose them all, their season could be cooked. Even if Green Bay goes 1-2 in those games, unless Chicago, Detroit, and Minnesota are each dumpster fires, the Packers will likely be on the ropes through the rest of the year, and they'll probably have to play near-perfect football through the end of the season to have a shot at the playoffs. The Packers could have help in avoiding this scenario with at least one of the other three North teams being bad and outside the playoff bubble. I mean, the Packers could also simply win all three games. That's certainly possible, and would be cool and good, in my opinion. If they do that, a playoff berth is very realistic.

You also have to hope the injury bug avoids the team in this key part of the season. This is a tall order. It's football, man. Guys are going to get hurt. You can't try to plan for injuries, but you can cross your fingers and hope you're relatively healthy when it matters. And, with a Week 5 bve (more on this in a bit), Green Bay won't be able to bank on a break later in the season. Let's pray that the Football Gods are kind to the Packers

CWD

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was first detected in 2002. Those counties include Dane, Columbia, Iowa, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Crawford. There were 1,334 positive CWD cases in those seven counties last year.

A full breakdown of sampled and positive totals by zone and year is available on the DNR's Summary of CWD Statewide Surveillance webpage. Results by county are also available on the DNR's CWD Deer Testing Results by County webpage.

The website also includes a new map of the CWD-positive detections in wild deer, showing both the historic detections (2001-2023) and the 2024 detections. According to Larson, a total of 242 sampling locations were available throughout the state, including 166 self-sampling kiosks and 76 staffed sites. Disposal sites (154 in total), including dumpsters, landfills and transfer stations, were available for

Week 5 bye (insert thumbs down emoji here)

Here is my nuanced, fully fleshed-out take on the Packers' Week 5 bye: it stinks!

Simply put, a Week 5 bye does basically no good for anyone, except the teams you have to play later. I know that's a little hyperbolic; if a player's got, say, a hamstring thing going on in the beginning of the season, a week off might help him be good to go for the rest of the year. But ideally, you'd like to have a bye somewhere further down the line, when you're (hopefully) gearing up for a playoff run. And with Packers' most important part of the season happening in the final seven weeks, an early bye could come back to haunt them if they're beat up. Are you listening, Football Gods? It's me again.

Staying in the States After opening the 2024 season in Brazil, the Packers won't be playing abroad in 2025. There were some rumblings that Green Bay was going to face the Steelers in Dublin, Ireland, in Week 4, but the Vikings ended up getting that game, and the Packers will instead head to Pittsburgh in Week 8.

Look, I'm not necessarily going to complain about the Packers having no international games this year. I think it's great that the NFL is now a global market, and you can make the argument that playing in another country provides neutral ground. But traveling can present challenges: players might not adjust well to the time change, and playing in another country can be weird, from a routine perspective. Also, field conditions are not always the best, as we saw in Bra-

ships this year," she said.

This year, two counties within the priority sampling areas, Pierce and Menominee, had their first wild CWDpositive detection. In the northern part of the state, Polk and Vilas detected the second wild positive in the county.

Several areas in eastern Wisconsin saw additional positive detections in 2024. Waushara and Fond du Lac had only detected one positive prior to the 2024 season, and each county detected several additional positives Waupaca detected its third CWD positive. Shawano detected three additional CWD positives, and two of them were in different areas of the county from past detections. CWD positives were also detected in several of the counties in the west-central or central part of the state including Adams, Buffalo, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Monroe, Portage and Trempealeau.

zil against the Eagles last year. It's also worth noting that it's a bummer to have to give up a home game to play not at home. For this year at least, the Packers won't have to worry about any of these things.

Primetime games

The Packers have four primetime games on the schedule this year - and more may be coming.

The four locked in primetime games are in Green Bay against the Commanders on Thursday night in Week 2, in Dallas on Sunday night in Week 4, in Pittsburgh on Sunday night in Week 8, and in Green Bay against Philadelphia in Week 10. But they face the Bears in Chicago on the Saturday of Week 16, and that game will either start at 3:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. And the dates and kickoff times of Green Bay's final two games - hosting Baltimore and traveling to Minnesota - are TBD. Each could fall on the weeks' respective Saturday or Sunday.

I wouldn't be the least bit surprised to the see the Chicago game get the 7 p.m. timeslot, and a Week 18 Vikings showdown in primetime would be compelling. The Packers are as national and worldwide as any brand in the NFL, so the league certainly has incentive to put them in as many night games as it can.

It's been a pleasure to be back with a new Free Play - thanks for reading. Keep an eye out for more columns ahead. But please, for the love of God. don't make me write about the fact that the Cubs are good.

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first detected. These results (from the Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer and Predator Study) were recently presented to the Natural Resources Board (NRB).

The results showed that CWD substantially reduces deer survival rates, suppresses population growth, and can cause deer populations to decline in areas where CWD prevalence is high. While there are areas of high CWD prevalence in several counties in southern Wisconsin, the prevalence rate is not consistent throughout those

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She said the average number of days statewide from when a sample was dropped off at a sampling location to when the CWD result was emailed to the hunter was 8.4 days.

"The DNR sincerely thanks all the hunters who submitted a sample for CWD, the business owners who managed a CWD sampling site, and those who participated in the Adopt-a-Kiosk or Adopt-a-Dumpster partner-

Endemic area

CWD sampling in southern Wisconsin continues to help measure disease patterns and changes in the disease prevalence over time.

During the 2024 CWD year, 7,680 samples were tested in the Southern Farmland Zone, and 1,583 were positive for CWD.

Additionally, the DNR shares results from a large CWD study on the endemic area, the area of southwest Wisconsin, where CWD was

Rest of the state

Two counties (outside of the priority sampling areas and endemic area), Chippewa and Manitowoc, had their first wild positive detection in 2024. Oconto County detected its second wild positive in the center of the county, three years after the first positive was detected.

"Although we have detected CWD in new areas of the state in recent years, many of these areas are at a low prevalence rate, and opportunities still remain to slow the spread and growth of the disease statewide," said Larson.

The DNR reminds the public that there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans to date. However, public health officials recommend against consuming meat from deer that test positive for CWD and to consider testing deer prior to consumption, especially in areas prevalent with CWD.