

## WJQ-FM- ISSUES AND PROGRAMS FIRST QUARTER 2020

State Senate January 3 Morning Forum 25 minutes

State Senator Tom Tiffany was here to recap the year that was, and to look forward to a tax cut for the state next month. The end of the Miller Park Tax, cleaning up voter rolls, and Governor Evers' nominees.

Snowmobile Racing January 15 Morning Forum 25 minutes

World Champion Nick Van Strydonk came in to talk about the upcoming World Championship race weekend, and it will be his last. He also has another raffle to benefit our local veterans this season.

Tomahawk School District January 16 Morning Forum 15 minutes

District Administrator, Terry Reynolds was here to talk about the Hatchet Pride Project moving forward. A new Football and track venue will be here for next season. School board elections too, but not as exciting.

State Assembly January 17 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Mary Felzkowski was here to talk about their failure to override a Governor veto on nurse training. Also discussed the partisan bickering that leaves many citizens frustrated and feeling like the government is broken beyond repair.

Chronic Pain January 21 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Linda Helmick from the ADRC of Central Wisconsin was here to talk about how chronic pain affects people and the dangers of opioid abuse.

Local Fundraiser January 22 Morning Forum 15 minutes

Mayor and EMT Steve Taskey, and first responders Gus Caylor, and Kendall Nelson were here to talk about a fundraiser for a local couple who both are in the emergency services profession who are dealing with health issues. A fundraiser has been planned this weekend to help with the financial burdens they are carrying.

Catholic Schools Week January 24 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Rita Lee is the principle at St. Mary's School here in Tomahawk and was here to talk about Catholic Schools Week next week. She revealed that you don't have to be Catholic to attend St. Mary or take advantage of the smaller class sizes and well-rounded educational experience.

City of Tomahawk January 28 Morning Forum 25 minutes

City of Tomahawk Public Works boss John Cole was here with a winter update. Plowing schedules, pot holes, and other general street info. Reminded us about overnight parking ban and why, and snow plow licenses need for private plowers.

Outdoors January 30 Morning Forum 25 minutes

John Bates is an area author and longtime outdoorsman was here to talk about birds. The lack of birds here this winter was answered by John and it's simple. There was plenty of natural food up north and many birds did not come south this winter. He gave some great tips though on how to attract the birds that are here this winter.

Merrill Fundraiser January 31 Morning Forum 10 minutes

Jeremy Ratliff told us about another fundraiser called, Merrill Community Ride. A poker run for sleds and cars to benefit a local veteran with huge medical bills, and how anyone can help.

### **February 2020**

Bell Tower residence February 5 Morning Forum 15 minutes

Deb Steinfest came on to talk about the Art Fair and how they use profits to make Bell Tower a better place for seniors to live.

Kinship February 6 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Patti Higendorf from Kinship of Tomahawk and Kris Berg came in to talk about how people can help with the Kinship program to match kids with adult mentors. There are many kids waiting for mentors. We learned that there are other ways people can help without the yearlong commitment to help get more adults involved in the programs.

State Senate February 7 Morning Forum 25 minutes

State Senator Tom Tiffany came in to talk about the Selfie when Voting Bill, restricting use of PFAS, the UW Missing in Action Project, the Beaver Bill, and what to do with the state's budget surplus.

Merrill Rotary Club February 11 Morning Forum 15 minutes

Danielle Green from the Merrill Rotary Club discussed a new fundraiser for the Lincoln County Humane Society. Also a push for donations of blankets, food and cleaning supplies that are always needed.

Tomahawk School District February 13 Morning Forum 20 minutes

District administrator Terry Reynolds, and Principle Guy Steckbauer were here to talk about the last school board meeting, and also more on the Hatchet Pride project that will be talked about in greater detail here, tomorrow.

Hatchet Pride Project February 14 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Jon Long, Aaron Evans, and Sam Hernandez gave some exciting details of the new football and track complex project. Pictures and descriptions are now available for the public to see. this is a totally privately funded project with zero tax dollars being used.

Community Thrift Store February 17 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Cindy Westcott and Sharon Eisenman from the Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop talked about their first donations back to the community. 7 different non profits here in Tomahawk received checks from the stores profits over the last quarter.

City of Tomahawk February 18 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Public works director John Cole came in to talk about plowing procedures, and the potential for spring flooding due to all the snow. The city is running out of places to put it also.

Salvation Army February 25 Morning Forum 15 minutes

Tom Kelly from the Tomahawk Food Pantry came in to thank the community for their generous support of the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign once again. Although the goal was not reached, many people will still get help.

Treehaven February 25 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Scott Johnson and naturalist Eli were here to talk about ongoing programs at Treehaven, an outdoor classroom facility of the UWSP. They promoted the dinner and speaker series for the rest of the winter and previewed some spring programs.

UWEX February 26 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Melinda Osterbureg of the UWEX was here to talk about community development. She is involved in several projects and offered her assistance to others involved to combine efforts and avoid duplications.

VFW February 27 Morning Forum 15 minutes

Dave Hubatch came in to talk about the VFW Pool Tournament to raise money for the VFW. Their ongoing roof project, and interior remodeling is all coming together and invited the public to use the VFW if needed for gatherings and events.

### **March 2020**

Homeless shelter March 2 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Jill Galarowitz came in to talk about needs at Our Sisters House shelter. From volunteers, to sponsoring a meal, to cleaning supplies.

State Assembly March 4 Morning Forum 25 minutes

State Representative Mary Felzkowski updated us on the end of the session in Madison, bills passed and listening sessions with constituents. When asked the question about Covid-19 she replied, what's that.

High School Musical March 5 Morning Forum 25 minutes.

Mr. Delonay and several actors and actresses came in to talk about their latest production, "Big Fish". The kids did a great job explaining their roles and how this particular play will stick with them for their whole life.

State Senate March 6 Morning Forum 25 minutes

State Senator Tom Tiffany gave us an update on bills passed by the state senate, confirmations, regulating educational camps, and the allocation of supplemental road funding.

3D Mammography March 11 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Leslie Hilgendorf from the Sacred Heart Foundation came on to talk about 3D mammography and how obtaining the new equipment for the local hospital will help with better diagnostics, and more comfortable for the patient experience.

Lion's Club eyeglass project March 12 Morning Forum 15 minutes

Mary Thompson from Remax was on to promote eyeglass collection for the Lion's Club, and issued a challenge to other Remax offices to be drop off locations for peoples old and unused eyeglasses.

UWEX March 13 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Ag specialist Dan Marzu was here to talk about spring planting prep. Dates to start getting seeds planted and started indoors before moving them outside.

Medicare Basics March 18 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Mary Rhien Schmidt of the ADRC was here to talk about help for seniors in sorting through the alphabet soup of Medicare. She touched on social security issues also. She raised awareness of all the benefits that seniors can take advantage of through the ADRC.

Pet rescue March 20 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Katie Crandall of Fetch Foster and Rescue told about their efforts to save animals from shelters that are about to euthanize them. They arrange foster homes before they go to Texas to bring the dogs back here to Wisconsin.

Little Lakes March 23 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Doug Williams from the Little Lakes Memories Board of Directors came on the show to talk about the cancelled banquet due to Covid -19. He took time to raise awareness of their outings for vets and kids with many different challenges. Scholarships and other forms of support for those people as well.

City of Tomahawk March 24 Morning Forum 25 minutes

John Cole from the Tomahawk Public Works Department was on the phone with us to talk about the upcoming election, and upcoming road repairs.

Pharmacy issues March 25 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Tyler Stephenson from the Tomahawk Pharmacy was on to talk about changes at the pharmacy and how the Covid-19 is affecting how they do business. Walk up window now open!

State Assembly March 27 Morning Forum 25 minutes

State Representative Mary Felzkowski was on again this month to give us an update on how we are handling the corona virus here in the state and to show she now understood what it was. Then went on to state some misinformation about it. We then approached the county health department to set the record straight. Shelly Hirsell from Lincoln County Health Department came on the show during the news on Monday, March 30th, to clear up her mistakes.

Lincoln County Clerk March 31 Morning Forum 25 minutes

Lincoln County Clerk Chris Marlow was on to talk about and hopefully clear up some of the confusion on the upcoming Presidential primary vote next month. He talked about early voting, voting by mail, and times those papers need to be in.