

# Quarterly Issues and Program List

## Fourth Quarter

### October 2022

October 5 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Kris Reichelt and Chris Copiske were here to talk about the application process for parents to get help at Christmas time from the Lincoln County Giving Tree Program. Applications are now in place in the community for parents to pick up with the needs and wishes of their kids at Christmas.

Shoebboxes October 6 Morning Conversation 20 minutes

Maria Nahkla was here from Operation Shoe Box. We had a young lady from Ukraine join us for a conversation about what it meant to her as a 10-year-old in an orphanage when she received her shoebox. There will be a kick off and celebration of this year's shoebox stuffing tomorrow night here in Tomahawk.

American Legion October 11 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

John and Kathy Wolff from the Legion Hall came on to talk about the renovation going on at the Hall, but also, shared the history of the site and building going back to 1900. It was the first building that used the new "poured concrete" construction method, and it still stands today. New roof, and interior remodeling is continuing to best serve the community.

UWEX October 12 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Art Lersch is the director at UWEX Lincoln County. Tough budget times at the county level means the county is at risk of losing the UWEX, or at least some of the educational programs they offer. Art was here to tell people what they will be missing if some solutions cannot be worked out. An open invite also sent out to the county board to come on and explain the process they are working through.

Tomahawk Schools October 19 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Wendell Quisenberry is the District Administrator in Tomahawk and stopped in for his monthly school's update. Today it was all positive news. One Act Play is now at the sectional level, the girls' volleyball and swim teams are all in post season play, and the football team, although struck hard by injuries, showed promise and was even ranked in the top 10 early in the season. The theme is "It's your school, so come in and use it!" With that theme in mind, the school has opened up the fitness center, indoor track, and swimming pool for public use. Limited morning hours right now, but the plan is to expand those hours when it gets cold out. Lots of good things happening at Tomahawk Schools!

Tomahawk Library October 26 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Annette Miller from the Tomahawk Library came on to talk about the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reading challenges and all the holiday fun and learning going on at our library. Community cookbook recipes were once again requested to add to the publication.

Salvation Army    October 27    Morning Conversation    20 minutes

Terry Derleth of the Salvation Army stopped in to talk about the upcoming Bell Ringing Season. She pointed out what the Salvation Army does with funds, and 86% of all money stays here in Tomahawk. The rest goes to national relief efforts.

ADRC    October 28    Morning Conversation    25 minutes

Mary Rhineschmidt of the ADRC of Central Wisconsin came on to talk about benefits available to senior citizens and how she can help them get those benefits they have coming. Medicaid Unwind is coming soon in the new year, Mary wanted to warn people who qualified for Badger Care during Covid may not qualify any longer.

## **November 2022**

Tomahawk Schools    November 16    Morning Conversation    25 minutes

Wendell Quisenberry is the District Administrator here and stopped in with his monthly update at the Tomahawk Schools. Great fall sports season, the one act play group is going to State, and a couple student athletes in cross country and swimming just came back from participating at state. Kids will be selling the tee shirts they designed and created at the Venison feed on Friday. Annual school report cards came out, and the Tomahawk School District performed to the Exceeds Expectations" grade, which is great!

Christmas Spirit    November 18    Morning Conversation    25 minutes

Kris Riechelt and Chris Copiskie were here to talk about the next steps in the Christmas Spirit project. Some late applications came in and they wanted to let those families know that they will try to fulfill the wishes, but may not be able to. Tags are on trees in area businesses for people to start shopping so kids who's parents may not be able to afford gifts this Christmas.

Ice Drags    November 21    Morning Conversation    20 minutes

Cindy Opichka is the President of the Merrill Ice Draggers group and she was on to talk about this season's ice drags in Merrill. Drag racing on the ice with cars with spikes coming out of the tires. Speeds over 140 miles per hour have been reached on the glare ice drag strip on Lake Alexander. This year's season will be starting once the ice is safe, and schedules and dates will be known soon. She was on to encourage more folks tuning into ice drag races.

Advent Choir Concert    November 28    Morning Conversation    25 minutes

Jan Husby - Music Director at St. Mary here in Tomahawk and she was joined in studio today by Lynn Grube, and Sandy Bishop to talk about this Sunday's Advent Choir Concert. There are new instruments this year, and more kid members, so it will be a real difference from years past, and after a 3-year pandemic break, it's back this Sunday afternoon at 4.

## **December 2022**

Oh Tannenbaum Tour    Dec 1    Morning Conversation    20 minutes

Katie Taylor from the Oh Tannenbaum Tour in Merrill came in to talk about this year's event in Merrill.

23 decorated trees will fill St. Stephens Church in Merrill this weekend and all the proceeds' from the event will go right back to area non-profits.

Hometown Christmas Dec 5 Morning Conversation 20 minutes

Roxanne Consolver and Kathy Miller were here to highlight this year's Hometown Christmas coming up on Friday. The parade starts at 4, free movie in the theater, and the shop windows will all come to life after the parade.

Dream Park December 8 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Cathy Schmit and Kay Kissenger Wolf came on the show to talk about the Dream Park progress. Grants have been received, and more being written, and the funds are nearly half way secured. More fundraisers are planned, and they hope to break ground in 2024. This Saturday, the Grace Church Cookie Walk and Lefse Sale is back after a 2 year break, and all funds raised will go to the Dream Park.

Why I Love Tomahawk December 9 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Mary and Dale Krause were here to share their story of an over 2-year battle with Covid 19. Mary shared the story of her time in the hospital, what her family went through, and how they are coping today. She said the reason she wanted to share her story was to thank the community and some of its businesses for the support shown to her family in some of their darkest times.

TAIV December 20 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Joan Litwitz and Seely Katzenberg from Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers were here to talk about the benefits of being a volunteer. The organization serves over 30 people each month, and with only 6 volunteers, more are needed in the new year. They provide rides and home visits to people who need them here in the Tomahawk area.

Tomahawk Schools December 21 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

School district administrator Wendall Quisenberry was here to update us on the stuff going on at school. Awards won by staff, sports in full swing, Christmas programs were all great.

ADRC December 22 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Erin Wells with the ADRC of Central Wisconsin was here to talk about the service they provide to seniors and to adults with challenges. She hopes they will be the first call when someone needs services for caring for an elderly family member, or services for the adults with disabilities. She reminded us of the warming centers in the area, how to prep for cold weather emergencies that may arise, and put out a call for volunteers who can help.

Local Author December 27 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Greta Kurth is a freshman at THS and is a published author. She is working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of a series of books called "Divided". She will be speaking at a gathering at the Merrill library on Thursday afternoon. She gave us a lot of interesting insight into her background, and how at a young age, she knew she had books in her!

STAR Foundation December 28 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Jackie Leonard and Chad Grube were here to talk about the STAR Foundation and the STAR Splash. The STAR Foundation is Tomahawk's "Community Chest", they help support efforts of non-profits in our community. Chad Grube owns The Happy Snapper, a restaurant on the water where the STAR Splash takes place. This year's frigid fun starts at noon on January 7.

Tom Burg December 30 Morning Conversation 25 minutes

Local Author Tom Burg is a retired FBI agent here in Lincoln County, and he has just finished his second crime novel, "Special Deputy". Tom draws on many of the experiences he had while working as well.