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Forward Tomah Annual Meeting

Forward Tomah Development, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, April 21st at the Best Western in Tomah. The meeting will begin at noon and will feature Kurt Bauer from the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce Association. Forward Tomah Development, Inc. will also present the annual Forward Tomah Appreciation Award. The recipient will be announced at the meeting.

Forward Tomah Development, Inc. is a group of local business members who work cooperatively with the City of Tomah and Chamber of Commerce to bring new industries to Tomah. Forward Tomah currently has several acres commercial land available for sale.

The meeting is open to all Forward Tomah Members and their guests. Reservations are required and the lunch cost is only \$17.00. If you are interested in joining Forward Tomah Development, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 608-372-2166 for more information.

Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony

Special thanks to all who were able to attend our 54th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. We enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Wetlands Catering, celebrated the many positive things and people in Tomah, and capped off the night with music by the a cappella group "Blend." We thank everyone who was able to join us for this night of celebration and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the years ahead.

Lunch & Learn



The topic of discussion: Emotional Intelligence: Awareness, Adaptability & Empathy for 21st Century Leadership. Emotional Intelligence is the ability to effectively manage our own emotions and the emotions around us and it is quickly becoming the #1 competency for workplace leadership in the 21st Century. Shareholders, associates, customers and all of humanity crave for a workplace culture that values and is committed to Emotional Intelligence. Everybody is looking for a better human connection experience.

With the rapid acceleration of technology, distractions, change and stress—Emotional Intelligence is even more crucial for building healthy, trusting relationships both personally and professionally. Most importantly, building a healthy relationship with yourself...You can never pour from an empty cup. Learn about Emotional Intelligence and how to use self and social awareness, adaptability and empathy daily for 21st Century leadership.

Held March 23rd at Cranberry Country Lodge with the discussion starting at 11 a.m. The price is \$25 per member and includes the class and lunch. What's for lunch? A warp, cup of soup, chips, and a cookie. To reserve your spot today contact our office at 608.372.2166 or info@tomahwisconsin.com.

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LUNCH & LEARN

*Emotional Intelligence: Awareness,
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Century Leadership*

March 23rd

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Occupational Health & Wellness



“When it comes to your bottom line, count on the Occupational Health & Wellness team at Tomah Memorial Hospital.”

- Tracy Klass, Cardinal IG's Director of Employee Services
pictured with TMH Community Outreach Health Educator Whitney Sanjari, CHES, CWWS
(Community Health Education Specialist, Certified Worksite Wellness Specialist)

Cardinal IG selected Tomah Memorial Hospital for occupational health services, including **pre-employment physicals, on-site therapies** and monthly **wellness programming**. The Occupational Health & Wellness team helps area businesses like Cardinal IG lower healthcare costs, improve productivity and encourage a healthier workforce. Tomah Memorial is **taking care of business**.



Visit **TomahHospital.org** to learn more about our Occupational Health & Wellness Services

March

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

-Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

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				NAMI's Mental Health Support Group 6:30 p.m. TMH Classroom B 	American Legion's Fish Fry at 5 p.m.  The Parenting Place's Parent Cafe 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Marilyn School of Dance's Student Choreography Showcase 6:30 p.m. at Tomah High's Auditorium
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	NAMI's Family Support Group 6 p.m. TMH Classroom B 	Tomah Mem. Hosp.'s Parkinson's Support Group 2 p.m. at Tomah Mem. Hosp.		Boys & Girls Club's Annual Dinner 5:30 p.m. at Cran. Country Lodge American Red Cross's Blood Drive from 11a.m. -5 p.m. at 1st United Church		Families First's Annual Trivia Night 6:30 p.m. in Rec Park
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Queen of the Apostles St. Pat's Day Carnival 10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. at 315 W. Monroe St. 	Tomah Concert Assoc.'s Jen Bostic Concert 7:30 p.m. in THS Auditorium Kid's Kountry's 4K Open House at 5:30 p.m. 1319 Mark Ave		 Tomah Chamber's Business After 5 5 p.m. at Tomah Nursing & Rehab		Happy St. Patrick's Day American Legion's Fish Fry at 5 p.m. The Parenting Place's Parent Cafe 9:30 a.m. 7 Rivers FSC's Blades on Broadway 6 p.m. at the Ice Rink	7 Rivers FSC's Blades on Broadway Noon & 6 p.m. at Tomah's Ice Rink
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		The Parenting Place's Good Night, Sleep Tight Discussion 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Parenting Place		Tomah Mem. Hospital's Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. at Tomah Memorial Masonic Lodge's Scholarship Dinner at 5 p.m.	Shop Tomah's Swing Into Spring Open Houses at Shop Tomah Stores American Legion's Fish Fry at 5 p.m.	Shop Tomah's Swing Into Spring Open Houses at Shop Tomah Stores
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		The Parenting Place's Parent Cafe 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Lemonweir Elem.		The Parenting Place's Family Fun Night at B&G Club's Teen Center from 5:30-7 p.m.	Shop Tomah's Swing Into Spring Open Houses at Shop Tomah Stores 	

Monthly Events & Meetings

**Ambassadors /
Membership Meeting**
2nd Wednesday
at Noon

**City of Tomah
Long Range Planning**
Last Tuesday, 5:15 pm
at City Hall

Our Town Tomah
3rd Thursday at Noon
Community Room at
Tomah Police Dept.

Ho-Chunk Gaming

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Fill up your wallet while you fill up your tank. Just 3 miles east of Tomah on Hwy 21, you'll find *Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah* conveniently connected to *Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store*. Enjoy nearly 100 of your favorite slots while surrounded by some of the friendliest smiles and best game prices in town.

While you visit, join the Rewards Club to enjoy cash back and other special perks no matter which of the six *Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin* locations you choose to game. Visit ho-chunk.com for more information. Must be 21 years or older to play in the casino.

a special thank you

Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter (CDAS) held its annual Chili Cook-Off on January 28, 2017 from 5 – 8 pm at the Tomah VFW. Due to the generous support from the Toro Company, the event was able to be expanded upon, and a craft beer tasting was added. For just a \$10 donation to the animal shelter, guests could sample up to 20 chili recipes and 10 craft beers. Additional fundraising activities including a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, CDAS apparel sales, and tip jars to round out the evening.

When volunteers initially met to plan the event, their goal was to attract at least 100 people, double the attendance numbers from previous years. You cannot imagine the surprise and excitement when the line to get in the door wrapped around the building! The hard work volunteers put in promoting the event paid off, and we are still over the moon ecstatic about the community's positive response. However, with this fantastic of a turnout, there were unexpected lines our guests had to wait in for both food and drinks. Volunteers poured and scooped with speed and determination to keep lines moving, and avoid any major standstills. We would say that our volunteers worked their tails off – yes, pun intended.

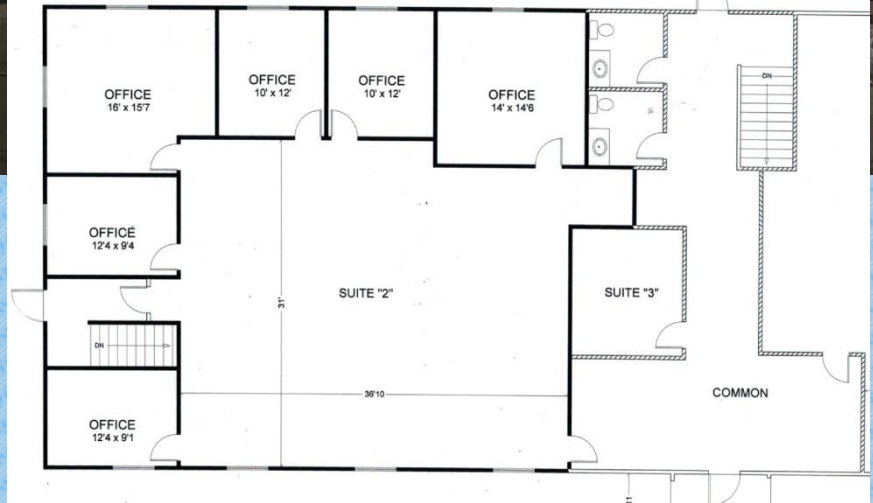
CDAS would like to extend our appreciation to all guests for their patience and positive attitudes throughout the evening. "This is a great problem to have," guests stated when referring

to the large event turnout. While we are thrilled and humbled by the outpouring of support, we hope this situation will not deter anyone from attending in the future. Planning is already underway for next year's fundraiser, and the number one task on the to-do list of booking a larger venue, has already been completed! Additionally, more chili contestants will be recruited as well as more tasting glasses ordered. A local craft beer enthusiast has joined the planning committee and will provide insight on the 15 craft beer selections available. We have a few other tricks up our sleeve to keep the event fresh and fun! Overall, every aspect of the event is under review, to ensure it flows smoothly and can be fully enjoyed by all attendees.

Thank you to the Toro Company, VFW, chili cooks, volunteers, and the community for your support of Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter's Craft Beer Tasting and Chili Cook-Off. A total of \$4,000 was raised from the event, which will be used towards the daily expenses of animal care and utilities. Mark your calendars for January 27, 2018 at the Tomah American Legion, 800 Wisconsin Ave, for next year's event! It's going to be one heck of a good time for a good cause! Like Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter on Facebook to receive updates on special events, or visit chasingdaylight.org. We thank you again for your support!

Deana Protz- CDAS Board Member and Event Chairperson

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Subdividing Newer Office Building
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Office space 1 (Suite 2)
2288 sf including 6 offices +
36' x 31' Open work area +
2000 sf unfinished basement
and common area.

Office Space 2 (Suite 3)
11' x 13' Office + common area.

**Contact Tomah Property
Management at (608) 372-4553**

St. Patrick's Day Annual CARNIVAL

315 W. Monroe Street, Tomah

Sunday, March 12, 2017

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Join Queen of the Apostles for the annual

St. Patrick's Day CARNIVAL!

There will be many classic and new games for all ages to enjoy, silent auction baskets, raffle prizes, a lot of food and even more FUN!

Cake walk! Plinko! Ring Toss! Prizes!

BBQs! Hot Dogs! Ice Cream!

Everyone's a Winner!

**FREE Admission
Open to the Public**

- ☐ Game tickets are 3/\$1.00 and will be available at the school office or at the carnival.
- ☐ Donations can be dropped off at the school or at the back of the church in the specified boxes.
- ☐ Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00 and will be available in the office or from any school student.
- ❖ If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or sponsoring a game, please contact pta@queenoftheapostlestomah.com or the school office at 608.372.5765.
- ❖ Sign up to help run a game at <http://signup.com/go/XCeDM3>.



MONDAY MARCH 13TH 4K OPEN HOUSE

Open to the public from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Current enrolled families open from 3:30-5:30 pm

We invite you to explore and discover the 4K program Kid's Kountry Learning Center offers. Questions and curiosity are welcome! Stop by and grab a kid friendly snack or drink. We look forward to visiting with you!



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www.kidskounry.info

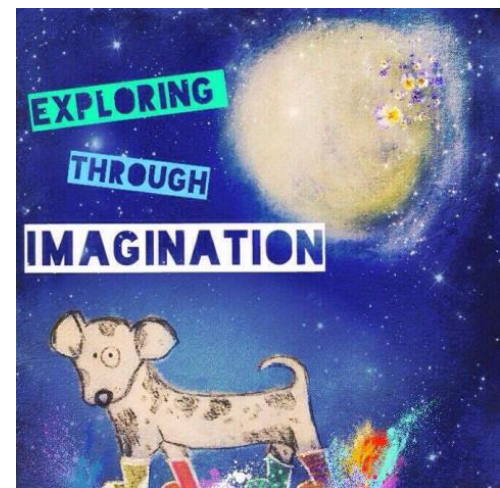
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Tuesday Oct 10th, 2017

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audiences the world over with
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Tuesday, Feb 20th, 2018

Combining rich and smooth
vocal blend, fine guitar work and
the great American music of
Simon & Garfunkel

Season tickets:

Adult - \$45, Student - \$10,
Family - \$95 (2 adults & your
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Tomah High School
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901 Lincoln Avenue - 7:30 p.m.



Sunday, May 13th, 2018

Blessed with charm, wit,
charisma, humor and
showmanship!

TOMAH CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Our office functions as both the Greater Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) and Tomah Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB). We brand ourselves as the "Tomah Chamber and Visitor's Center" because, well, it's clear, concise and easier to say when making introductions. As I write this, I am thinking about our tourism efforts for the region and wanted to take some time to explain how this part of our organization works.

The CVB is funded through room tax dollars, or in other words, when people stay the night at one of Tomah's hotels, they pay 8% which goes to support tourism promotion. Of that 8%, 3% goes to the CVB to promote and develop tourism, 2% goes to the renovation of the Ranger Station building, 2% goes to pay off debt on the ice arena and warming station at Recreation Park and 1% is retained by the City of Tomah to be used in a manner deemed appropriate by the council.

The CVB uses our operational 3% to fund salaries, pay rent and monthly bills, and advertise and promote Tomah. Our entire purpose is to encourage visitors to come to Tomah, stay in our hotels, eat at our restaurants and shop in our stores.

As I mentioned, this money is tax money from people that choose to visit Tomah and stay in our hotels (meaning this is not taxes from our local residents.) Tomah's City Council is the legal taxing entity, which means that I report monthly to City Council to share the work and progress done in our office. I also work on behalf of our local entities to encourage their support of tourism efforts and visitor spending in Tomah.

What Does This Mean and Why Does It Matter?

This matters because we all benefit from tourism. If you own a drywall company, you benefit from tourism. If you own a beauty salon, you benefit from tourism, if you sell insurance, you benefit from tourism. Tourism is the low-hanging fruit of economic development. Tourism spurs quality of life in a community. Tourism funds our hotels, our restaurants and our shops. The employees of those hotels, restaurants and shops are building houses, getting their nails and hair done and insuring their property and businesses.

ATVs Prove to Help Communities Flourish

In countless cities and counties across Wisconsin, those that have allowed ATV riders in to their communities have seen a significant boom in tourism spending. Tomah is currently surrounded by communities that have embraced this type of tourism. After several months of researching, working with city and local officials, speaking with clubs and neighboring communities, we proposed an ordinance for review.

The proposal to allow ATV's into Tomah and around the perimeter of town went in front of two city committees and was supported by the CVB, Chamber and many other businesses and individuals. While every city committee that saw the proposal was supportive and recommended the City Council to approve the ordinance, the Council voted it down in a split vote.

Since this decision was made the week of February 13th, our phones have been ringing off the hook with upset residents and businesses. In a recent conversation with Tony Vrana who owns Vrana Drywall and Vrana Storage, Mr. Vrana asked me the simply question, "doesn't everyone benefit from tourism?" Mr. Vrana gets it. As I mentioned earlier in this article: everyone benefits...including the city.

In property tax alone our hotels pay \$503,656.10. \$41,153.28 was paid in property taxes by Tyson and Julia Koput who own T & J Hospitality, Ground Round and Wetlands Catering. (This does not include the \$10,000 fee for their liquor license nor personal property tax.) In a statement, Mr. Koput stated in part, *“That (ATV traffic) is a pretty big chunk of businesses on the North end of Tomah. I would love an opportunity to sit and discuss this further. I believe Tomah made a mistake on their decision and would hope that it will be reconsidered. I am surprised that (my city council representative) did not reach out to us and ask our opinion in a matter that could help increase business. Honestly, my opinion on it, it has little financial burden on the city, it would be a great asset for area hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, gas stations, and overall, just a boost to our economy.”*

Tomah is indeed missing out on a significant opportunity to help our businesses and our residents. With this article, I am including a copy of the proposed ordinance. Please note that our current ordinance allows for ATV's to be used in the city of Tomah on roads and sidewalks if they are for the purpose of snow removal. I would be amiss if I failed to thank those who have shown support for ATV/UTV access to be permitted into the City of Tomah. For their enthusiastic support I would like to thank:

- City Administrator Roger Gorius,
- Mike Murray who is the District 3 Alderperson representing Wards 7,8 & 17,
- Eric Prise who is the District 5 Alderperson representing Wards 11 & 12,
- Lamont Kiefer who is the District 6 Alderperson representing Wards 9, 10 & 18 ,
- Larry Siekert, who is the District 8 Alderperson representing Wards 15, 16 & 19, and
- Mike Pierce with the ATV club that has done so much background work to present information to the council.

Unfortunately, as I mentioned, we also had those who were opposed to the ATV trails entering the city limits. Those elected representatives are:

- Luke Bohlen, District 2 Alderperson representing Wards 3 & 4,
- Mary Ann Komiskey, District 1 Alderperson representing Wards 1 & 2,
- Wayne Kling, District 7 Alderperson representing Wars 13 & 14,
- Nellie Pater, Mayor for the City of Tomah.

Chris King was not in attendance and it is unclear what his position is.

A few days after the council meeting, Mayor Pater and I met to discuss her position. Mayor Pater stated that she would be willing to consider a compromise and that she did not intend to vote against tourism or our businesses, but instead, wanted more time to review the proposals. We had a very promising conversation and it is my hope that this is reviewed in the future with a different outcome. I would like to thank Mayor Pater for sharing her thoughts with me. It is my hope that we can come to a solution that benefits our community.



The 2017-2018 All-Star Tax Series Schedule

Edward Jones is once again sponsoring The All-Star Tax Series, an accredited continuing education program for **CPAs, EAs, attorneys and AFSP-participating tax preparers**. These three-hour broadcasts, presented by nationally recognized tax and legal industry professionals, provide up-to-date information on tax and estate planning laws and regulations that may directly affect your clients. Registration begins in March.

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May 17, 2017	How to Settle an Estate When a Client Dies
June 7, 2017	Dealing with the IRS When a Client Gets Audited
June 21, 2017	Retirement-Related Tax and Financial Planning Topics Tax Advisors Should Know
July 12, 2017	Key Tax Principles and Strategies Applicable to Pass-through Entities
Aug. 9, 2017	What Tax Practitioners Should Know about Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs and Qualified Plans
Sept. 27, 2017	Employment Law Update for Tax Practitioners
Oct. 18, 2017	Exit Strategies for Clients Selling or Passing on a Business to the Next Generation
Nov. 1, 2017	Individual and Business Tax Planning Strategies to Implement before Year-end
Nov. 15, 2017	Individual Tax Update
Dec. 6, 2017	Tax Update for Small and Medium-sized Businesses and Their Owners
Jan. 10, 2018	Getting Ready for Busy Season: New IRS Forms and Compliance Requirements

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Fort McCoy

UPDATE BY
Theresa Fitzgerald

Armed Forces Day Open House event set for May 20

The annual Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House event will be held from 9 am-3pm May 20. This Family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The installation's Commemorative Area will serve as the hub of activity for this event and will showcase the History Center, five World War II-era buildings, the Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. Planned activities include guided installation bus tours, a sandbag-filling station, personalized ID tags, camouflage face painting, military equipment displays, and much more.

Guests must enter the installation through Gate 15 off Highway 21 between Sparta and Tomah, Wis. Adults must be prepared to present photo identification. For more information about the event, call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.

Return of cold-weather training resonates with installation's past

Fort McCoy training planners have worked hard to return the installation to its roots as a primary cold-weather operations training installation. Cold-weather operations training has been part of Fort McCoy's framework in one

way or another for more than 70 years. The post has hosted cold-weather training as early as 1943.

The first Cold-Weather Operations Course coordinated by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) concluded Feb. 6, and more classes are planned for late February and March.

DPTMS Director Brad Stewart said cold-weather-focused training largely took a break at the installation after the events of 9/11 because the military was focused on training for desert environments. In late-February 2015, 20 Marines with Marine Air Control Group 48 of Great Lakes, Ill., participated in a four-day cold-weather training exercise at Fort McCoy.

During Fort McCoy's recently completed Cold-Weather Operations Course, Capt. Travis Michelena was among 11 students with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade who participated. He said he enjoyed the course and that he believes Fort McCoy's cold-weather training capacity will continue to grow.

Michelena's team of 181st Soldiers in the Cold-Weather Operations Course were set up much like the Soldiers from 1943 when they bivouacked on post for several nights, moved around on skis, and learned to survive and operate in cold weather.

Tomah Concert Association

UPDATE BY
Cathy Coffey

The Tomah Concert Association (TomahConcertAssociation.com) is excited to announce the shows for the 2017-18 season! Our season starts with the *Main Street Souvenirs*, performing on October 10th, 2017. Take a journey with Scott Kirby, spanning 150 years of Americana including: Scott Joplin, Stephen Foster, John Philip Sousa, and continuing up to the present. Presented as a multi-media stage performance featuring live piano music, a spoken narrative, and a video presentation featuring many of Kirby's original artworks. Throughout the show, Kirby will explore historical and visionary dimensions of the American Great Plains and the Prairies.

Main Street Souvenirs are just the first of 4 shows that will be performed this upcoming season. Next up are *Roy & Rosemary*, November 2nd, 2017. From the stages of Carnegie Hall to Walt Disney World, pianist Roy Tan and violinist Rosemary Siemens have been capturing the hearts of audiences the world over with their fresh arrangements, musical versatility, soul-stirring passion, stellar musicianship and style. A very unique part of their show involves taking requests from the audience, often learning and arranging unfamiliar tunes and even composing pieces instantly.

Following on February 20th, 2018, will be *Scarborough Fair*. Brothers Jeb and Jock Guthrie sing and play guitar with a natural affinity for Simon & Garfunkel music. They combine rich and smooth vocal blend, fine guitar work and the great American music of S & G. The brothers playfully

engage the audience with stories, trivia and humor. Jeb and Jock are natives of Green Bay, WI.

The season concludes on May 13th, 2018, with *Cahal Dunne*. Blessed with charm, wit, charisma, humor and showmanship, this classically-trained pianist, singer, storyteller, humorist is a complete one-man show which delights every audience. Sample performances include: Danny Boy, Wild Irish Rose, Unchained Melody and Maria.

TCA operates through yearly season ticket purchases from dedicated concert goers. We would like you to be one of those individuals! Adult tickets - \$45, Student Tickets - \$10, Family Tickets (Two Adults and your own children under 18) - \$95. We also offer co-sponsorships of a concert; giving businesses the opportunity of having a flyer in our program and being listed in our advertising for the concert season (as well as two adult tickets!), for \$500. We also welcome Corporate - \$250, Benefactor - \$175, and Patron - \$125 sponsors.

Come enjoy with us! Season Tickets available at TomahConcertAssociation.com or contact Bonnie Dana at 608-372-0677. As a bonus to next season's concerts, we are offering FREE attendance at the May 1st, 2017 performance of the *Scott Woods and the Twin Fiddle Express*. This concert completes the 2016-17 season and is included with the purchase of a 2017-18 season ticket! All performances are held at the Tomah High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

ANNUAL DINNER



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WEST-CENTRAL WISCONSIN

TOMAH

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Starting at 5:30 pm at Cranberry Country Lodge, Tomah

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\$60 per person

\$400 per table of 8

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Wear your Western apparel or come as you are!

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www.bgcwcw.org.



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\$6.00 per Person
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news around town

CONGRATS & WINTER FUN AROUND TOWN



CONGRATULATIONS TO:
VA Medical Center's Victoria Brahm,
TACU Credit Union
and Marilyn School of Dance



SOME WINTER FUN:
Painting Party
Chili Cook Off & Craft Beer
Freeze Fest

Congratulations!

VA MEDICAL CENTER DIRECTOR



Victoria Brahm has been selected as the new Medical Center Director for the Tomah VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Tomah, Wisc.

As Director of the Tomah VAMC, Brahm will oversee the delivery of healthcare to more than 56,110 Veterans at the 246-bed hospital and its four outpatient clinics, and will be responsible for an operating budget of \$152,694,461 and a workforce of 1,182 personnel. Please, join us in congratulating the VA and Victoria Brahm.

TACU CREDIT UNION

Through their Annual Bowling Tournament, brat and bake sales, employee Casual Fridays and customers gracious support, TACU Credit Union was able to donate \$11,392.26 to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Gundersen Health System in 2016! They are excited to see what 2017 brings.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Gundersen Health System said "we are so fortunate for our AMAZING friends



at TACU Credit Union. Generous, kind, and always willing to help...your efforts will support so many local children and families in need. Thank you so much!"

MARILYN SCHOOL OF DANCE

Suzanne Swanson Wagner of Marilyn School of Dance was inducted into the Dance Masters of Wisconsin Hall of Fame at their recent Miss DMW Pageant. She was recognized for her years of instructing students and offering them limitless opportunities to enhance their love of dance. Suzanne's children, Annaliese and Edric were present, along with many of "Miss Suzanne's" students, as she was inducted into the Hall Of Fame. Please, help us in congratulation Suzanne and Marilyn School of Dance!



Having Some Winter Fun

PAINTING PARTY



F&M Bank was a proud sponsor of a Paint Party held in the end of January for Tomah Area Montessori School! It was a very fun event for parents and children of all ages! F&M Bank employees Veronica and Rebecca were lucky enough to go and help out. Staci Habelman was the artist giving the class, providing expert instruction throughout the day; the event was held at Strike Zone & Pizones Pizza.

CHASING DAYLIGHT ANIMAL SHELTER

More than \$3,000 was raised for the animals of Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter at the (hopefully annual) CDAS Chili Cook-Off and Craft Beer Tasting Event in the end of January held at the Tomah VFW.



Next year they will be in a larger venue, will have even more Chili Crafters, and will also be ordering more glasses. Hopefully they can continue to grow this fun and worthy event!

They would like to extend many thanks to their sponsors Toro & the VFW! Also, to Chairwoman Deana Protz, the Chili Crafters, the attendees, the volunteers and all of the CDAS supporters!

FREEZE FEST 2017

Right: Did you snow shoe or cross country ski across Lake Tomah during Freeze Fest? Tomah Memorial Hospital staff were on hand to help!



Right: Kevin Croninger, Monroe County District Attorney warming up by the fire after the 2 mile fun run at Freeze Fest.



Below: F&M Bank employees had a great time at the Kid Zone and Movie Night!





Masonic Scholarship Dinner

Tomah Masonic Lodge, 520 East Saratoga St.

Tomah, WI

608-372-5507

Thurs., March 23rd, 2017

Doors open at 5:00 pm - Meal at 6:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Door Prizes

1st - Fire Table

**2nd - Meat package from
The Meat Smyth (\$150 value)**

3rd - \$100.00 Cash

Silent Raffles

50/50 Raffles and more

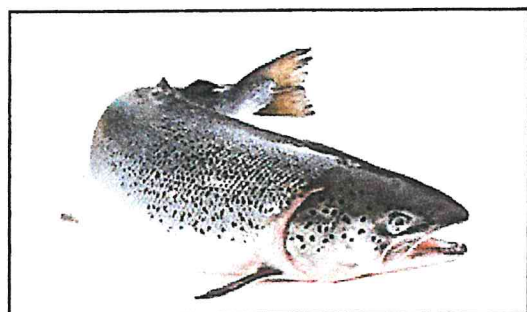
Tickets at the Door

\$20.00 Adult Ticket

\$10.00 Children 12 and under Ticket

Separate Kid's door prize

Proceeds support The Tomah High School Scholarship Program



March is National Sauce Month



Our featured Cranberry Sauce Gift Basket for \$35.00

Here are some fun upcoming holidays to celebrate; why not give a gift of cranberry wine or cranberry gourmet products to show your appreciation or friendship.

March 3rd is Employee Appreciation Day

March 6th is National Dentist Day

March 29th is National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day

April 4th is National School Librarian Day

April 10th is National Siblings Day

April 18th National Lineman Appreciation Day

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