# CHAMBER CHATTER

JUNE 2021

NEWSLETTER

GOLF OUTING







FRIDAY, JULY 16
HIAWATHA GOLF CLUB | 10 AM



ACCESS TO GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION



We can't wait to see our Members on June 7th. The hors d'oeuvres are going to be fantastic! And so is the live music!

We look forward to celebrating all of the good memories from 2020. Contact the Chamber if you want to get in on the fun!

CONNECT WITH THE CHAMBER









# Happy Thamber-versary! MAY 2021 MEMBER RENEWALS

The businesses and organizations below represent 717 years of membership with the Chamber.

Thank you for your trust in our work and partnering with us to strengthen our community.

American Family Insurance - Jason Lassen Agency, 3 years Pine View Recreation Area, 27 years

Burger King - Tomah (Cave Enterprises), 5 years

Carmichael & Quartemont, S.C., 29 years

CCFBank, 42 years

Culver's Frozen Custard, 27 years

Don Tralmer, 45 years

Doogie's Doggy Daycare & Spa, LLC, 2 years

Gerke Excavating Inc, 32 years

**Humbird Cheese Mart, 42 years** 

If The Shoe Fits, 5 years

Keene's Transfer, 42 years

Lake Shore Housing, 2 years

LYNXX/3RT Networks, 15 years

Magical Vacation Planner, 2 years

Penny J. Precour, Attorney at Law, S.C., 42 years

Fille view Recreation Area, 27 years

RIA Federal Credit Union, 28 years

Roh Construction, LLC, 33 years

S & S Distributing, 38 years

Shooting Star Fireworks, 16 years

Sparta-Tomah Broadcasting Co, 42 years

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 9 years

**TACU Credit Union, 42 years** 

TC Transcontinental, 45 years

The Market Place, 25 years

Thunderwash Car Wash, 8 years

Tomah Granite Co., 21 years

Tomah Public Housing Authority, 37 years

Tomah Youth Baseball, 2 years

West Central WI SHRM, 9 years

Chamber membership is open to all area businesses and organizations who want to promote their business, increase their visibility, strengthen our community, or simply just to support our scope of work.

Opportunities Await...Join Us!

# Your Leadership Team

Our Chamber and CVB Boards are comprised of community members who are nominated and voted to serve and support the Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center organization.

#### CHAMBER BOARD

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Joe Protz, City of Tomah
Matt Markin, Microtel Inn & Suites

#### CHAMBER STAFF

Tin<mark>a Thomp</mark>son, Pres<mark>ident/CE</mark>O Megan Divyak, Membership & Marketing Manager Kaylie Konsitzke, Office Support Assistant



#### MESSAGE FROM TINA

#### No Place Like Tomah

If you're reading our newsletter, I hope you've seen the information on our mixer that is coming up. In lieu of our annual banquet that typically takes place in February, we're hosting a mixer on June 7th to celebrate all of the good things that we enjoyed last year. Whether it was extra time spent with family, ordering take out, making donations to small businesses, or enjoying the outdoors, we want to celebrate all the ways that made your Tomah experience special.

When we were "sheltering at home" last year, I frequently took long walks with my husband on the city's walking trails. At one point, I remember seeing some kids, 2 on bikes and 1 running, on the trail. I remember thinking how great it was to see kids being active and enjoying the sunshine. As these kids got closer to us, I realized that they were my children. They had independently coordinated amongst themselves to schedule times to exercise together. (Insert all the mom feels! They weren't fighting!) Throughout the year, they also baked cookies together, played games, watched movies, and went on hikes. At the time, the kids were aged 15, 14, and 12, so getting along and creating a space for "together time" wasn't a normal priority for them.

I also have many fond memories of phone calls with friends, the Marco Polo "Happy Birthday" song that was sang to me, Zoom meetings, streamed conversations with members and officials, watching Reign, Criminal Minds, Schitt's Creek, Facebook story time with the library, and watching "Blainedog" (Blaine Meyer) stream live music from his living room with his son.







I know that each of you has similar stories. As we reflect on how far we've come in a year, we want to share those experiences with one another. Please send us your pictures from 2020! This could include your first selfie with a mask, the gift cards you either purchased or received, the virtual cocktail hours you enjoyed, or anything else you can think of that made the year memorable.

We hope you will be able to join us on June 7th for our mixer. Call our office to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### CHAMBER EVENTS



Make sure to register by
June 30th if you plan to
have an entry in the
Independence Day Parade!

**Register HERE** 

Join us for one of the best business networking opportunities of the year!

**More Event Info** 

BUSINESS AFTER 5
at the Monroe County Fair

WEDNESDAY

JULY 2

Join the Tomah & Sparta Chambers for

FUN, FOOD, DRINKS, AND NETWORKING

Under the Big Tent!



5PM AT THE FAIR GROUNDS IN TOMAH

National Touring Bands in the Heart of Tomah's Downtown

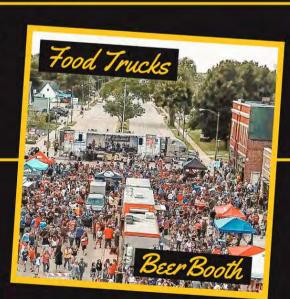


#### **2021 CONCERT DATES**

JULY 1 JULY 29 JULY 8 AUG 5 JULY 15 AUG 12

FREE ADMISSION!





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#### JUNE EVENTS

#### **JUNE 1-7**

#### 1 | Second Harvest Mobile Pantry

3:30 pm | Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah Drive through only pick-up. Food items will be prepacked and loaded directly into your cart.

#### 3 | Job Fair - Express Employment Professionals

10 am - 3 pm | Cranberry Country Lodge, 319 Wittig Rd., Tomah Looking for a new career opportunity?! Express Employment Professionals is hosting a Job Fair at the Cranberry Country Lodge in Tomah. Major employers from Tomah and surrounding communities that will be attending include Ocean Spray, Toro, Cardinal IG, and more! More information can be found on Facebook HERE.

#### 3 | Blood Drive - American Red Cross

10:45 am - 3 pm | Masonic Temple, 520 E. Saratoga St., Tomah

Give a pint, get a pint! Appointments preferred - register at <u>redcrossblood.org</u> or contact Scott at 608-609-0385. Receive a free coupon for a pint of Culver's Custard and a free T-shirt while supplies last!

#### 3 | Music on the Patio - Murray's On Main

6 pm | 810 Superior Ave., Tomah Live music with Blainedog on the Patio! View on Facebook <u>HERE</u>.

#### 4 | National Doughnut Day - Dunkin' Donuts

5 am - 8 pm | 1825 N. Superior Ave., Tomah It's National Doughnut Day! Stop by Dunkin' to get your free doughnut with any purchase of a beverage!

### 4 | Click Thru Job Fair - Dept. of Workforce Development (DWD)/Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

12 pm | Online

Employers - get in on this great opportunity! It's a great way for job seekers to learn about your business's job opportunities! Pre-register your business by contacting Jess Foss at <a href="mailto:fossj@westernwdb.org">fossj@westernwdb.org</a>. By Noon on June 4, provide the required documentation, as outlined in the flyer <a href="https://example.com/HERE">HERE</a>. The actual Click Thru Job Fair event will be held for job seekers on Wednesday, June 9th

#### 5 | COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic - Monroe County Health Department

7 am - 11 am | MDS Dairy, 9314 Kansas Ave., Sparta

Vaccination Clinic will be held at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast, located at MDS Dairy. The Clinic will be administering the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine. All individuals age 18+ are eligible to receive this vaccine. Walk-ins welcome; appointments are encouraged. Register online: <a href="COVID-19 Vaccination Registration">COVID-19 Vaccination Registration</a> (wi.gov) or call 608-269-8666.

#### 7 | Small Business Recovery Grant - Wisconsin Tomorrow

4:30 pm | Online Application Deadline

The Wisconsin Tomorrow Small Business Recovery Grants are open for applications. Eligible businesses can apply through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website **HERE**.

#### 7 | No Place Like Home Annual Mixer - Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center

5 pm | Cranberry Country Lodge, 319 Wittig Rd., Tomah Food, live music, and more! We can't wait to celebrate and share memories from 2020.



#### JUNE EVENTS

#### **JUNE 8-14**

### 9 | Click Thru Job Fair - Dept. of Workforce Development (DWD)/Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Online

Calling all job seekers! Recruitment information/materials provided from companies throughout Western Wisconsin will be distributed to local job seekers that are registered on **jobcenterofwisconsin.com**. Links to these materials will be made available on local workforce agencies/organizations' websites, social media, and email blasts. Monitor **jobcenterofwisconsin.com** for available positions!



#### 10 -13 | Sparta Butterfest - Sparta Festivals, Inc.

Rusk & Montgomery St., Sparta Carnival, food, live music, craft & flea market, parade, and so much more! Check out daily activities and events on their website HERE or view on Facebook HERE.

#### 10 | Childbirth Education Classes - Tomah Health

Various Times | 501 Gopher Ave., Tomah

Classes are resuming in-person on Thursday, June 10. The three classes being offered that day include a class for siblings of a newborn at 5:30 p.m., a breast-feeding class for new mothers at 6:30 p.m., and a hydrotherapy/water birthing class at 7 p.m. Call 608-377-8688 to register! For more Information on Women's Health Services, visit Women's Health Services - Tomah Health.

#### JUNE 15-21

#### 19 | Kindness Community Classic - Kindness Community Inc.

Races Times & Events Vary | Tomah High School, 901 Lincoln Ave., Tomah Race day is just around the corner! Various race events for all age groups; will start at the Tomah High School track and end at Winnebago Park. For more information and to register, visit kindnesscommunity.net.

#### 19 | Chicken-Q Fundraiser - Tomah Area Historical Society & Museum

11:30 am-2:30 pm | NAPA Parking Lot, 110 Jefferson Ave., Tomah Pick up chicken in the NAPA parking lot; ticket pre-sales: \$10, or day of event: \$12. Meals include ½ of a chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Contact the Museum at 608-372-1880 or Cheryl at 608-372-5121.





#### JUNE 22-28



### 24-26 | Budweiser Dairyland National Truck & Tractor Pull - Monroe County Agricultural Society

Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah

Not just a Pull...it's an experience! One of the Nation's Premier Event
for Truck and Tractor Pullers. Pullers from all over the World to
compete at this event. For more information, view on their website HERE.

### 26 | Cranberry Blossom Day - Wetherby Cranberry Company



Third-generation cranberry grower Nodji Van Wychen will present a free one-hour educational program on her family's marsh. For more information, call 608-378-4813 or refer to their website at **freshcranberries.com**.

#### 26-27 | Women's Weekend Archery Shoot - Tomah-Warrens Sportsman's Alliance

9 am | 26143 Broadway Ave., Warrens

Spend the weekend shooting or learning about archery. Youth bows available, so bring your daughter(s). Cost is \$25 for Saturday or \$35 for both days. Food will be provided and camping available. For more information, view on Facebook HERE.

#### 28-30 | God's Wonder Lab Vacation Bible School - St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

5 pm | 525 Superior Ave., Tomah

Free event offered for our community. Online registration via Facebook event by June 20.

- 5:00 pm Registration and greeting (Monday only)
- 5:30-6 pm Devotion (kids and adults) (Monday-Wednesday)
- 6-8 pm VBS for kids entering PreK-5th Grade
- Bible Study for 6th Grade-Adult



## JUNE EVENTS REOCCURRING

#### **Baseball Season - La Crosse Loggers Baseball Club**

Season Games Thru August | 1225 Caledonia St., La Crosse

Logger fans! Don't miss any of the action this season! You can catch every Loggers moment live on the Mixlr app: mixlr.com/lacrosseloggers or the Northwoods League website: northwoodsleague.com/watch. Their 2021 schedule and ticket information are available on their website at lacrosseloggers.com.

#### Commemorative Area & History Center - Fort McCoy

Open Thru September 4 | 1654 S 11th Ave., Fort McCoy

Open weekly on Fridays: 12 pm - 4 pm and Saturdays: 9 am - 3 pm. Extended hours available upon coordination. Visitors must have valid ID and be eligible for a visitor's pass. For more information, call 608-388-2407 or visit their website at <a href="https://home.army.mil/mccoy">home.army.mil/mccoy</a>.

#### **Spring Special - Jellystone Warrens**

Offer Valid Thru June 13 | 1500 Jellystone Park Dr., Warrens

20% off campsites, cabins, and golf cart rentals on all reservations (excluding Memorial Day weekend).

#### Jones Court Planting Project - City of Tomah

Input Appreciated by July 2 | 819 Superior Ave., Tomah

The City of Tomah needs your help with naming, planting and designing this project, which is spearheaded by the Lake Tomah Committee to enhance the natural beauty of the trail area located on Jones Court. The Public Works, along with the Parks and Recreation Department are assisting with the project. They are asking for assistance from the community. More information on the project can be found on the City's website **HERE**.

#### **Races - Tomah-Sparta Speedway**

Weekly on Fridays | 7:30 pm | 11215 Flagstaff Rd., Tomah

Enjoy races every Friday night until the end of September! View their 2021 racing schedule HERE.

#### **Tomah Farmers Market**

Open Thru October | Gillett Park, 1316 Superior Ave., Tomah Open weekly on Wednesdays: 11 am - 6 pm and Saturdays: 7 am - 1 pm.

#### Little Red School House Museum - Tomah Area Historical Society

Open Thru Labor Day | Gillette Park, 1316 Superior Ave., Tomah

Open weekly on Wednesdays: 1 pm - 4 pm and Saturdays: 9 am - 12 pm.

#### Free Ice Cream Treat - River Bank

June 4, 11, 18, & 25 | 12 pm- 5 pm | 1301 Superior Ave., Tomah

Celebrate June Dairy Month with a free ice cream treat, courtesy of River Bank! Stop by the Tomah Branch on Fridays during the month of June and receive a treat to beat the heat! \*1 ice cream treat per visitor per visit. Do not need to be a River Bank customer to receive ice cream\*.

#### **Crayon Drive - BeMobile**

June 1 - June 30 | 222 Buan St. Suite A, Tomah

With your help, crayons can be recycled and re-manufactured into new, free crayons for kids in children's hospitals across the U.S. BeMobile is excited to be a donation partner for this great cause. Drop your crayons off anytime during the month of June.

## JUNE EVENTS REOCCURRING

#### **Timber Pups 4K Program - Tomah Area School District**

129 West Clifton St., Tomah

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year for preschool age children is now open! More information on how to enroll can be found on the Timber Pups webpage <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. For additional questions, contact the District Registrar at 608-374-7009.

#### Free Pool - The Break Room Sports Bar and Grill

Weekly on Tuesdays | 1123 Superior Ave., Tomah Free pool every Tuesday! View on Facebook HERE.

#### **Meeting - BNI Cran-Country Referrals**

Weekly on Wednesdays | 8 am | Blackberry Hills Adult Family Home, 1116 Superior Ave., Tomah

BNI (Business Network International) is now hosting weekly business education/networking meetings in-person; virtual option is still available; featured speakers each week. Visitors are welcome to participate and attend by accessing the online meeting link <a href="https://example.com/HERE">HERE</a>. For questions, contact Wendy Wright at 608-343-3936 or Tabitha Lueneburg at 608-393-6552.

- June 2: Mark Flock, Owner Flock's Heating & Air Conditioning
- June 9: Tabitha Lueneburg, Insurance Agent AFLAC
- June 16: Kristin Stutz, Agent New York Life
- June 23: Valerie Smith, Owner Blackberry Hill Adult Family Home
- June: 30: Dan Lueck, Accountant CLA

#### **Moving Past Trauma - CBD American Shaman**

Weekly on Wednesdays | 3 pm | 201 Helen Walton Dr., Suite 6, Tomah

An hour of group healing every Wednesday. Remove the negative and replace it with positive vibes. Learn to master coping skills and tools to promote a healthy mind, body, and soul. FREE SAMPLES of CBD! Call 608-548-5505 to register!

#### **Hump Day Seminar - The Parenting Place**

Weekly on Wednesdays | 12 pm - 1 pm

Free virtual parenting seminar every Wednesday with Mike Scott. Register online HERE.

#### **Bingo - Taphouse Twenty**

Weekly on Wednesdays | 7 pm | 201 Helen Walton Dr., Tomah Enjoy bingo every Wednesday night! View on Facebook HERE.

#### DJ Trivia - The Break Room Sports Bar and Grill

Weekly on Thursdays | 7 pm | 1123 Superior Ave., Tomah Enjoy DJ Trivia on Thursday nights! View on Facebook HERE.

#### Karaoke - Marco's Italian & American Grill

Weekly on Fridays | 8 pm | 3514 Blarney Rd., Warrens Karaoke every Friday night! View on Facebook HERE.

#### Bingo - Marco's Italian & American Grill

Weekly on Sundays | 2 pm | 3514 Blarney Rd., Warrens Enjoy bingo every Sunday - cash prizes too! View on Facebook HERE.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

"Wrinkles are cute for some, for the rest of us......**Dejuvu U**!"

> Barbara Stafslien FNP-BC Aesthetic Nurse Injector 608-518-0499



Barb is a lifelong Tomah native who has a broad spectrum of experience in family medicine, occupational health, women's health, urgent care, compensation and pension exams for service members and most recently, telemedicine. Many Tomah natives will know Barb and her husband, Dale, through their involvement with the Area Community Theater.

A few decades ago (or more) she was first introduced to the term "botox" when it was recommended for her youngest daughter for a medical diagnosis and years later, the FDA approved BOTOX® as a temporary aesthetic treatment for moderate to severe frown lines in adults.

Aha! The concept of nursing and medical aesthetics united. It wasn't until the COVID pandemic that Barb decided to follow her dreams and certify in neurotoxins and fillers. She deduced that in a masked world, we are looking people directly in the eye to make a connection. Lines and wrinkles became more obvious and some of us didn't like what we saw. Off to Fort Lauderdale, FL for training and certification and "Dejuvu U" was born!

Barb has a home office "up on the hill", south of Tomah as well as an office in Sparta. She will also come to your home for consultation and treatment.

Looking forward to joining the Tomah Chamber of Commerce Community! Stay tuned for the ribbon cutting!





325 Butts Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 608-372-5951

#### New surgical robot brings innovative orthopedic care close to home

**Mayo Clinic Health System** recently celebrated the first case performed with robotic arm assisted orthopedic surgery, and is the only health care provider offering these innovative procedures in the Coulee region.

These new and expanded orthopedic services are made possible with the introduction of the Mako surgical robot. Robotic arm assisted orthopedic surgery is used for partial and total knee replacements and total hip replacements. Currently, Orthopedics team members Kariline Bringe, M.D., Nathan Johnson, D.O., and Charles Nolte, D.O. are performing this procedure.

A computerized tomography (CT) scan taken before the surgery is used to plan exactly how much bone should be removed and to aid in maximizing the accuracy of the alignment and placement of the implant. During the surgery, the robotic arm ensures that this plan is followed exactly.

"We are excited to offer another differentiated service to patients in our market," says Dr. Charles Nolte, Chair of Orthopedics at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse. "The higher precision and enhanced accuracy of robotic

- assisted orthopedic surgery allows our patients to leave the hospital sooner and

heal faster."

For more information on robotic orthopedic surgery, visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org or call 608-392-9876 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Johnson in Tomah. Mayo Clinic Health System Orthopedic services are also offered in Sparta, Onalaska, La Crosse, and Prairie du Chien.



9789 Enterprise Road Tomah, WI 54660 608-797-7350

Since 2012, **Write Like That Inc** has helped businesses with their business writing needs. Functioning primarily as a government solicitation proposal managing and writing firm, we have helped our clients win more than \$10B in contract value, assisted local nonprofits in securing more than \$100k in grant funding, and written numerous articles, blogs, and other marketing materials for clients all over the United States. From resumes to policies and procedures, quality control manuals to email campaigns, Write Like That Inc can say what you want to say, when you don't know how to say it.



2224 S. Superior Ave. Tomah, WI 54660 608-372-5158

Torkelson Funeral Home has been in business for nearly 90 years, and the family has passed the same quality, caring service from generation to generation. We pride ourselves on serving families in Tomah, Cashton, Sparta, Ontario, Necedah, and Norwalk, and the surrounding areas with dignity, respect, and compassion. Our staff is knowledgeable in a variety of funeral services and can help you celebrate your loved one no matter your religion, culture, or budget. When you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you can trust Torkelson Funeral Home to guide you through the process of honoring their life.





1516 N. Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 608-372-7464 This year, **Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin** is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. It has been part of the Tomah community since 1989, where its programs serve individuals with barriers to employment to make a life-changing impact through job training, addressing financial literacy, promoting access to services, supporting community participation, and more.

When you shop and donate, you're helping support local programs and services, including School-to-Work and L.I.F.E. that helps high school students with disabilities. Along with Work Skills Training in the Tomah Retail Store, Training Center, virtual access to digital and social skills training, and Financial and Debt Solutions Services.



820 N. Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 608-372-5000

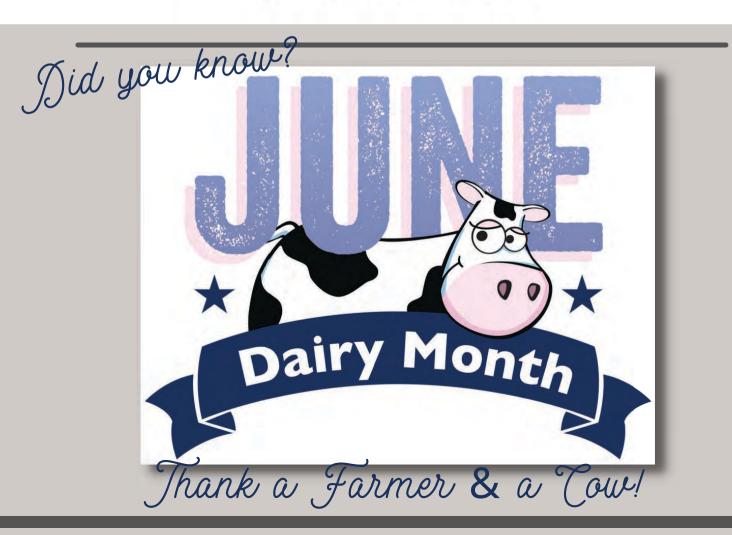
Deer Creek Dental Clinic is a comprehensive care dental clinic for the entire family. We offer everything from preventative care to teeth replacement options. We strive to provide the highest quality care in a comfortable setting with treatment that is customized to your needs. Our doctors and staff are continually pursuing continuing education to better meet our patient's wishes. We really enjoy taking the time to get to know the individuals that call our practice their dental home. Call us today to see how we can help you achieve the smile you have always wanted!



1825 N. Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 608-374-5678

The Tomah **Dunkin' Donuts** opened in August of 2014. As the first daily stop for many Tomah residents, the main objective of our team - led by Manager, Julie Eckelberg - is to ensure an OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE to every guest. While famous for donuts, Dunkin' also makes fantastic drinks and has a great line-up of breakfast items, including the newly popular AVOCADO TOAST.

We invite any businesses/organization in the community to reach out to us to partner for community events, support, and fundraisers. We also encourage anyone looking for a fun, part-time or seasonal job OR growing career to APPLY anytime by texting "TEAMSPIRIT" to 85000, or visiting Indeed.com. Visit us on June 4th for National Donut Day!





Let's Get You On The Road!

ONLINE 30 HOUR CLASSROOM COURSE \$100 BEHIND THE WHEEL 6HR DRIVING/ 6HR OBSERVATION \$275 BEHIND THE WHEEL 9HR DRIVING/ 0HR OBSERVATION \$395

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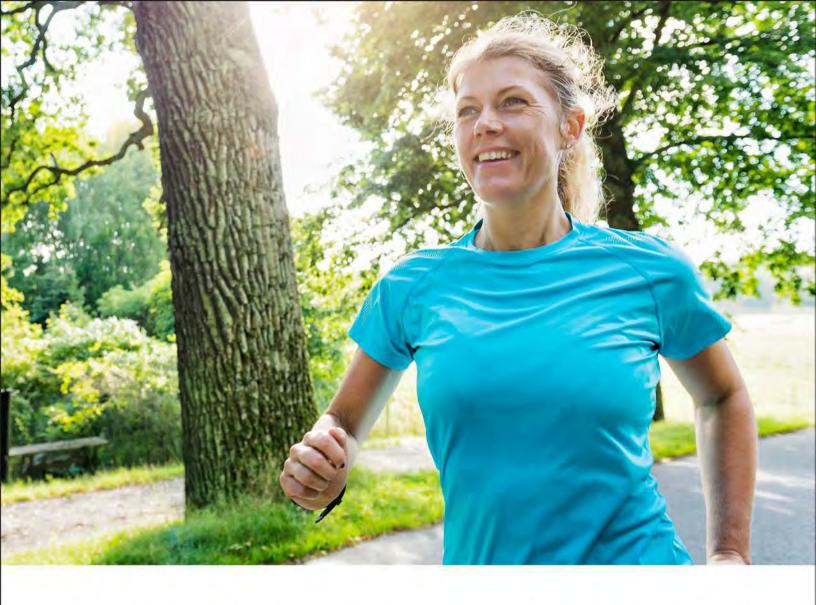












# Easy access to orthopedic care in Tomah.

Do you have discomfort and mobility issues associated with joint pain or an injury? Mayo Clinic Health System provides innovative orthopedic care that uses greater precision for a quicker recovery.

Virtual and in-person appointments now make it easier than ever for patients in Tomah to receive expert care in Orthopedics — every day, for life.











#### **Open Enrollment and Hiring Teachers**

Tomah – Childcare is an important piece of our state's response to the COVID-19 crisis. As essential employees are called into action, Noah's Ark Christian Preschool is providing safe, quality childcare for the children of healthcare workers and essential first responders, ensuring they can dedicate themselves to the needs of our community.

Noah's Ark Christian Preschool is committed to taking the necessary additional precautions to keep children safe while continuing to provide an enriching learning environment to meet the overall well-being of children and their families.

The following special safety precautions have been implemented:

- Limiting access to our program including staggered arrival and pick up times for families with drop off and pick up outside of the program
- · Health screening upon entry for children and staff
- Social distancing within activities and groups
- Increased sanitation and hygiene practices

Open Enrollment! Families can register their children (ages 2.5 to 12 years) by contacting Danielle Anderson at preschool@tomahumc.org, 608-372-4543, or 608-343-0884. Noah's Ark Christian Preschool is open all year from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm.

Coming soon...New playground and gardens for the kids to plant and take care of.



#### St. Paul VBS and Week in the Word

June 28-30, 2021

5:00pm – registration and greeting (Monday only)
5:30-6pm – Devotion (kids and adults) (Monday-Wednesday)
6-8:00pm – VBS for kids entering PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
and Bible Study for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Adult

The Bible Study theme is "Ask Me Anything" –
Submit a Biblical-based question with your registration.
A selection of questions will be reviewed and discussed during the week.

This is a free event offered for our community.

Online registration via Facebook event by June 20, 2021.

See you there!





The Queen of the Apostles PTA would like to thank all of the businesses and families that donated to our Carnival this year! We had a spectacular event! We are truly blessed with an amazing community!

#### **Carnival Sponsors**

Bronze (\$100-\$249)	Silver (\$250- \$499)	Gold (\$500 and up)
All American Do-it-Center	The Dirty Turtle	Catholic Financial Life
Band Box Cleaners	Gary Electric, LLC	Valley Corporation
Cram's Computer	Knights of Columbus	Zastoupil's- Beef Donation
Gerke Excavating	Larry and Ann Scheckel	
Oakdale Electric Corporation	Lions	
Penny Precour	McNally Spinal Care	
Ray Olsen Construction	Meca	THANK
	Scott and Dorothy Nicol	YOU
	Thrivent	9
	Wal- Mart DC	

Ace	Diamond Valley Custom Leather	Lucy Gross	Peking
Advance Auto Parts	EAA Aviation Center	Magnum Media	Pizza Hut
Alpha Company Firearms	Everfit	Mallards	River Bank
Arby's	Flying Wheels Roller Rink	Marco's	Stoney Creek RV Resort
Bank First	Gundersen	Mark and Megan Von Haden	TACU
Barb Stoda	Hiawatha Golf Course	Mary Beth O'Dell	Tammy Sankey- Norwex
Beaver Spring	Hillsboro Brewery	Mayo Clinic	Tardiff Family
Breakroom Bar and Grill	Jan Koranda	McDonald's	The Station
Brian & Sandy Katzenberg	Janninne & Mark Massicotte	Meca	Thomas Wolf
Casey's	Jellystone	Megan Von Haden- Color Street	Thunderwash Car Wash
Cave of the Mounds	Jimmy John's	Molter's	Timbavati Zoo
Children's Museum- La Crosse	Jumpstart	Olson Chiropractic	Timber Rattlers
Chitwood, Nicol and Matthews	KFC	Only Prettier- Calista Jilek	Tomah Health
Culver's	Kwik Trip	P.C.C,W.	Tomah Lumber
Dean's Refrigeration	La Crosse Loggers	Packers	Tomah Parks and Rec
Deer Creek Dental	Larry & Ann Scheckel	Papa Murphy's	Wisconsin State Fair
Dells Boat Tours	Lisa and Ryan Bliznik	Paul and Jackie Dwyer	



The Fort McCoy Exchange is gearing up for the 2021 Military Training Season. We need your help so we can have enough associates to support our troops this year.

Join Our team of amazing associates who are truly passionate about serving those who serve.

Apply Now!

www.applymyexchange.com

or call Edith Wagner at

608-269-4860 for an interview.



#### NEWS AROUND TOWN



802 Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 608-372-9444

#### **Carlson Advisors Earns Ameriprise Client Experience Award**

**Carlson Advisors**, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, has earned the 2020 Ameriprise Client Experience Award.

This award was given to Carlson Advisors because their ability to consistently deliver personalized, goal-based advice and exceptional client service. Award recipients earned an overall client satisfaction rating equal to or greater than 4.9 out of 5.0 and maintained stellar business results. The award represents an elite group of Ameriprise advisors recognized as leaders for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of their clients. Less than 15% percent of Ameriprise practices have earned this distinct honor.

As a financial advisory practice, Carlson Advisors provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and is delivered in one-on-one relationships with their clients. For more information, please contact Rick Carlson and Martha Klatt, financial Advisors at 608-372-9444 or visit the Ameriprise office at 802 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660.



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#### NEWS AROUND TOWN



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#### **Tomah Health Recognizes Brown with DAISY Award**

Jackie Brown never thought she would receive an award for taking care of people. The Tomah Health Emergency Services registered nurse was named the hospital's 2021 recipient of the internationally recognized DAISY Award May 10 as part of Nurse's Week.

"I feel very honored; it is a special thing and I definitely don't feel like I deserve it," said Brown, who has been a nurse for nearly 12 years, and a member of the Tomah Health Emergency Services Dept., the last three years.

The recognition program was established by the not-for-profit DAISY Foundation, based in Glen Ellen, California, by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), an autoimmune disease. Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation said the care Patrick and his family received from nurses inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Tomah resident Wendy Wright nominated Brown based on the care Brown gave to Wright's husband, Todd, during a visit to the Tomah Health emergency room Dec. 10.

"Due to COVID, I was not able to stay, but Jackie kept me in the loop," Wright wrote in the nomination form. "Her compassion with me as a spouse not being able to be his side was simply amazing," Wright wrote. "The first thing my husband said when he got in the car (following his hospital visit) was, 'My nurse was great'," Wright explained. "I'm so thankful Jackie was the nurse on duty that night. This was our first experience with Tomah Health, and I would recommend anyone to visit your facility for the health needs," Wright concluded.

Brown said she was a "bit shocked" by the feedback saying she was simply doing her job.

Tomah Health Emergency Services Director Suzanne Downing, DNP, RN, said she was not surprised by Jackie's reaction but very proud of the accomplishment. "Jackie is wonderful. She is caring, she is knowledgeable and jumps right in to help the team wherever is needed and gives excellent care to patients," Downing said.

Brown, who lives in Elroy, was the first Emergency Services nurse at Tomah Health to receive the award.

"I think it says a lot about our department especially this past year with the pandemic," Downing said. "It shows that our department has staff that really cares and wants to keep families involved even when they can't be physically present in the (department) rooms."

Tomah Health now allows one visitor over 18 yrs. old in the hospital's Emergency & Urgent Care Departments.

Brown was one of 30 nurses at Tomah Health nominated for the award this year, and the fifth person to receive the DAISY award since the hospital first participated in 2017.

"It is always hard to select the winner," Tomah Health chief nursing officer Tracy Myhre, MSN, RN, said. "It speaks to the depth of the nominations."

Myhre said the hospital takes part in the DAISY Award because it validates the type of nursing care provided at Tomah Health. "It is an international award and given all over the world, and when someone says they are a DAISY Award recipient, it is recognized and to me signifies the care we provide."

Myhre added that patients, families and colleagues can nominate nurses for the recognition using a DAISY Award nomination form located at the hospital and on the hospital's website at www.tomahhealth.org. More than 180 nurses are part of the Tomah Health staff.

Tomah Health Emergency Services registered nurse Jackie Brown, left, is congratulated by hospital Emergency Services coordinator / registered nurse Ariel Bohm, BSN, RN and Chief Nursing Officer Tracy Myhre, MSN, RN as part of this year's Nurses Week salute.



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#### **Commemorative Area and History Center Summer Open Hours**

Fort McCoy Commemorative Area will be open for extended operational hours every Friday, noon – 4p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. All Commemorative Area and History Center open hours are available in the events section of Fort McCoy's Facebook page. Small groups are encouraged to reach out and schedule personal tours during normal business hours Monday through Friday. For more information, call 608-388-2407.



#### **Tactics Paintball and Laser Tag**

Fort McCoy's tactical paintball and laser tag is open to the public! Featuring 3 outdoor course and includes a unique 2-story castle constructed from railroad ties. This is a great place to host a birthday party or group event. Call Outdoor Recreation at 608-388-3517 or 800-531-4703 to schedule a time to play!

More information can be found in The Real McCoy at <a href="https://home.army.mil/mccoy/index.php/my-fort/all-services/real-mccoy">https://home.army.mil/mccoy/index.php/my-fort/all-services/real-mccoy</a>.

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