



Essential to a democracy It was with great interest that I read the opinion article, "A Sharp Reminder from Wisconsin That All Politics is Local" in the April 17 issue of the online edition of Newsweek.

The article featured the closure, and specifically sales of nursing homes in Wisconsin. Lincoln County was highlighted as one of three counties whose conservative county board members lost their seats as a result of selling county-owned facilities to private, for-profit companies. Former Chair Don Friske was mentioned by name in that he spearheaded the drive to sell Pine Crest Nursing Home. Actions have consequences.

Recent actions by the new Lincoln County Board of Supervisors raised some eyebrows regarding its questionable committee appointments at its organizational meeting on April 16th. Of concern is that fact that Supervisor Christine Vorpagel, who soundly defeated Don Friske for District 9 of the Board, did not get a single committee assignment. Historically, each board member gets at least two to three oversight committee assignments, unless they specifically request otherwise. That intentional exclusion should be challenged, and probably will be by the constituents of the 9th District who consequently lost their representation at committee level.

An important note is the fact that many supervisors, incumbent and newly elected, who did not support the sale of Pine Crest, garnered fewer oversight committee seats than those who voted for the sale of Pine Crest.

Also concerning is the fact that a newly elected, unchallenged but inexperienced supervisor to District 14 was appointed to two of the most consequential committees - The Administrative and Legislative and Highway Committees. Normally, the most experienced supervisors get those positions in order to serve the public most effectively. Not so in this case and one has to wonder why. Supervisor Lyskawa was also assigned to the Board of Health, which makes policy for the County Health Department, and also designated as the County Board representative or liaison to the Tomahawk Library Board.

Full disclosure, my husband and I reside in District 14. We do not support political agendas such as the refusal to wear facial masks during pandemics nor the advocacy for parental choices in the banning of library books. Personal opinion is one thing, but transparency in establishing county board policies is essential to a democracy. We sincerely hope that our fears over enactment or continuation of those policies will be unfounded.

Diana C. Smith Tomahawk



Scouting for Food

Tomahawk Boy Scouts Troop 548 and Cub Scouts Pack 548 recently thanked the community for its generosity during the annual Scouting for Food drive. More than 25 scouts participated in collecting and sorting approximately 550 pounds of food for the Tomahawk Food Pantry. Photo courtesy of Christina Schultz



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PROGRAM ASSISTANT Price County UW Extension Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of Program Assistant, within the UW Extension Department. This is a paraprofessional position assigned to the UW-Extension Office that performs a variety of clerical and administrative duties related to UWEX programs in accordance with established policies, routines, and procedures. This position also has receptionist/front desk duties and has extensive contact with the public. This is a part-time (16 hours per week), regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$19.62 (Grade 4). This position has no benefits except those required by law.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's Employment Opportunities page at www.co.price.wi.us, emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us, or calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications must be received by the Price County Office of Administration no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 8, 2024.

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FULL-TIME MALE CORRECTION OFFICER/ **DISPATCHER POSITION** PRICE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Price County is accepting applications for the position of Male Correction Officer/Civilian Dispatcher, within the Price County Sheriff's Office. The Correction Officer position maintains security within the Price County detention facility and is responsible for the safety and well-being of all prisoners committed to the detention facility. Work involves booking arrested persons upon arrival to jail, controlling the movements of prisoners, conducting searches, and transporting prisoners to and from other jail facilities. Dispatcher duties include answering phones, dispatching officers to complaints, time system data entry, management system data entry and other clerical duties as assigned.

Applicants must be willing to work 12-hour shifts and must be available to work days, nights, weekends and holidays. This is a full-time position with a starting hourly wage of \$23.88 for day shift and \$24.88 for night shift, and full benefit package. Benefits include **Wisconsin Retirement System with employer contribution of 6.9%**, income continuation insurance, multiple health insurance plans with a zero deductible option, 22 days of paid leave available within the first year, 10 paid holidays, paid maternity/paternity leave, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk. Dental, vision, Wisconsin Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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