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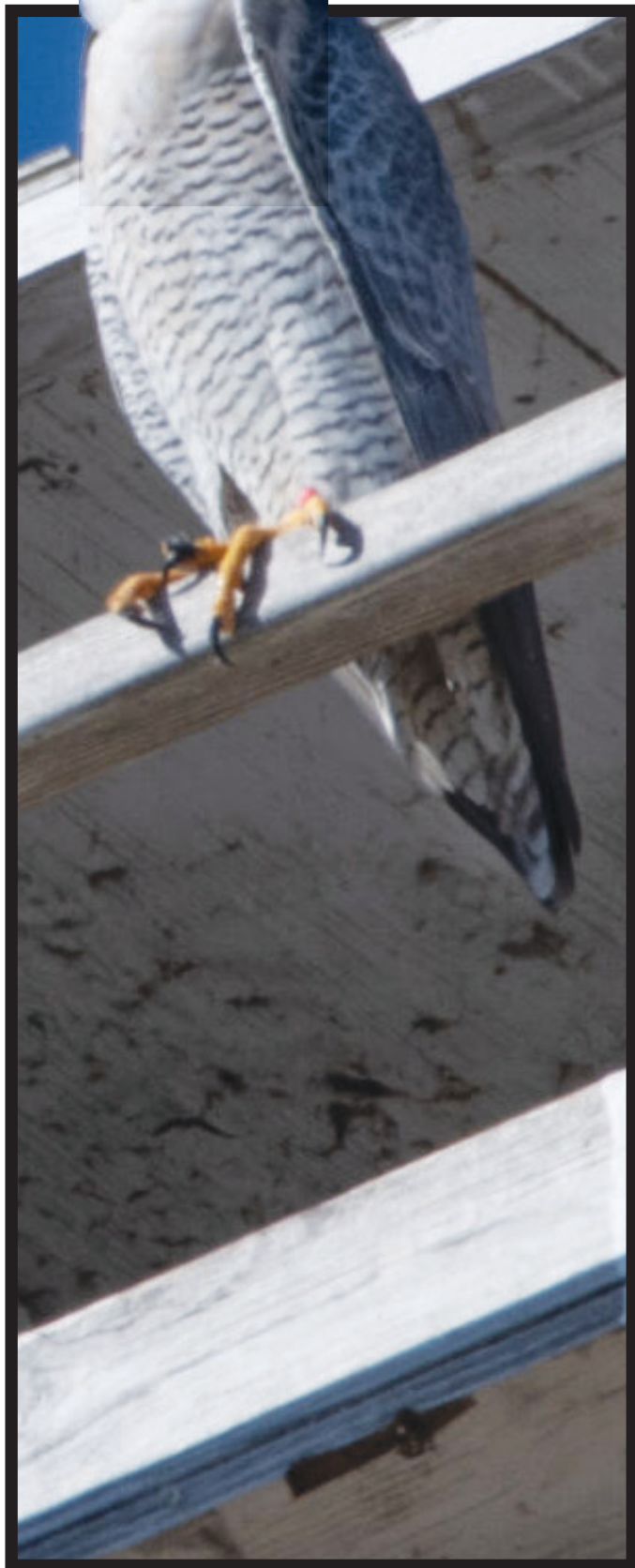
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SPEED DEMONS SOAR OVER ASHLAND

Peregrine pair returns to Xcel plant

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Her name is Penny — and boy, should you see this Penny drop.

Penny was born in Manitowoc about three years ago. Her husband's name is Peter — no one is really sure where he came from — and they have a fancy diet of mostly squab and duck that keeps them in perfect trim to do the one thing they were born to do: Fly.

Penny is a peregrine falcon — the fastest animal on the planet — and she and Peter have just returned to Ashland to bring the next generation of speed demons into the world.

Penny and Peter are the latest pair of peregrines to set up house in a wooden box perched on a stanchion atop Xcel Energy's Bay Front Power Plant. Last year, they successfully raised two chicks — Thomas and Timmy — that



NAME THE CHICKS

The Daily Press, Xcel Energy and Ashland School District are partnering this year to name the chicks that hatch at the plant. Students will come up with a list of names, Daily Press readers will vote on their favorites, and when the chicks are banded they will be assigned the winning names. In following years, students in other districts will be asked to participate.

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Peregrines can lay up to five eggs — though two or three is more common — and it's not unusual for half to die before reaching adulthood.

presumably are out in the world, helping to restore a species that once was on the brink of extinction.

The story of how they recovered, and the role that Ashland quietly

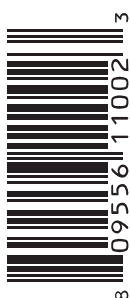
has played in that recovery, is one of the great ecological success stories in history.

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A peregrine falcon believed to be Penny, who hatched in 2020 in Manitowoc, surveys her hunting grounds from a nesting box atop Ashland's Xcel power plant in early April.

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