

Rumor has it Wisconsinite wins 'Survivor'

Speculation on the rise as show nears end with truck driver in final four

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Palmyra — She has moved to Eagle, purchased a new home, but has been seen still hauling concrete. Could Susan Hawk have won \$1 million on the CBS hit show "Survivor"?

Now that she has made it to the final four, rumors abound in the small Jefferson County community of Palmyra on whether Wisconsin's remaining "Survivor" wins the grand prize.

"I heard she won and bought a house," said Amy Hill of Palmyra. "That's the rumor anyway."

Those who know the ending

— Hawk and her husband, Tim — are not telling. Others said they have tried to get the answer out of Hawk's husband, a real estate agent with an office in downtown Palmyra. Until June, the couple had lived in Palmyra for three years.

"All he'll hint is that Palmyra should be proud of how she's done," said Red Garlock, co-owner of the local Amoco service station. Garlock plays cards weekly with Tim Hawk.

Rumor has it that Hawk traveled to Los Angeles Wednesday and that her husband will join her next week.

Hawk, too, has been tight-lipped. She hasn't given up her job and was seen hauling concrete last week to Milwaukee City Hall. She refused to give any details about the show.

Other indications are that Hawk may not have returned a

millionaire from Pulau Tiga in the South China Sea.

The couple purchased a modestly priced home, \$149,000, in Eagle in June. Before the move, the couple held a rummage sale at their lakefront property. The event turned into a souvenir photo session with neighbors more interested in having a picture taken with Hawk, said Lynn Moyer, manager of the Sugar Plum Shoppe in Palmyra.

"If she would have won the money, I don't think she would have had a rummage sale," Moyer said.

The final 2-hour episode of "Survivor" airs Wednesday at 7 p.m. A one-hour town hall meeting with all 16 castaways follows at 9 p.m.

According to the poll on the CBS Web site, Hawk is not favored to win. Rudy Boesch, the retired Navy Seal, is picked to

win, followed by Kelly Wiglesworth, the river guide, then Hawk, and finally Richard Hatch, the corporate trainer.

She did not come home empty-handed, friends say. She brought home a wood wind chime that she displays at her new home, and all castaways receive some cash. Depending on how long each person is on the island, the amount ranges from \$2,500 to the first person kicked off the island to \$100,000 to the runner-up.

Whatever the outcome, people in Palmyra are still behind the tough-talking truck driver. Those who know her said she is exactly like she is on the show — strong-willed and a woman who speaks her mind.

"If she thinks 'hell yes,' then it is 'hell yes,'" said Dar Garlock, co-owner of the service station.

Thomas Wheeler, a friend of



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"Survivor" castaway Susan Hawk, a 38-year-old truck driver from Wisconsin, is pictured on Pulau Tiga as the contest winds down.

the couple, has watched several episodes with Hawk.

"It's exciting to see somebody see themselves as they were and as they are now," he said.