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## Bike raffle returning to 2023 Northwoods Fall Ride

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday, May 16, announced that nonprofit Chamber member Wa Wui LLC is bringing the bike raffle back to the 2023 Northwoods Fall Ride.

This year's Northwoods Fall Ride will be held in Tomahawk from Thursday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Sept. 17.

"Fall Ride attendees greatly missed the bike raffle the past couple of years, and it is (Wa Wui's) pleasure to be able to offer a bike raffle again this year," the Chamber stated in a release.

The motorcycle to be raffled is a 2023 Anniversary Edition Harley-Davidson Heritage Classis Cruiser, number 1,434 of 2,000. The Chamber said the bike is slated to appear around the state before Fall Ride.

Northwoods Harley-Davidson, of Arbor Vitae, delivered the bike to the Tomahawk Chamber on Wednesday, May 24. Members of the Chamber, Harley-Davidson Tomahawk



Pictured are representatives from Harley-Davidson Tomahawk Operations, WaWui, the Tomahawk Chamber and Wanderin Wisconsin with the 2023 Anniversary Edition Harley-Davidson Heritage Classis Cruiser to be raffled during this year's Northwoods Fall Ride.

Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce

Operations and Wa Wui were on hand for the reveal, and the public was invited to join for a sneak peek.

The Chamber noted that it will also feature a 50/50 cash raffle at this year's motorcycle rally. The first

prize winner will take home 30% of total receipts, while the second prize winner will receive 10%. Third and fourth prizes will receive 5% each.

Tickets for the raffles are one for \$10.00 or three for

\$25.00 and are available at the Tomahawk and Merrill Chambers of Commerce and Northwoods Harley-Davidson during business hours.

Tickets will also be available on-site during Fall



Ride and will not be sold online or via the postal service.

The cash raffle drawing will be held at the SARA Park Arena, 900 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 4:45 p.m. The bike raffle will follow at 5 p.m. Raffle ticket buyers are not required to be present to win.

"Proceeds from the Bike Raffle will go to Wa Wui,

who maintains the SARA Park Arena building and promotes youth and adult sports and the center," the Chamber stated. "Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will further promote the Chamber's mission and future promotion of Northwoods Fall Ride activities."

For more information about Northwoods Fall Ride, visit [www.northwood-fallride.com](http://www.northwood-fallride.com).

## After receiving state grant, School District of Tomahawk set to expand summer school program

### COURTESY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TOMAHAWK

TOMAHAWK – The School District of Tomahawk recently received a \$525,000.00 state grant that will go towards expanding summer school programming.

### ESSER III grant program

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently completed the external and internal review of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Summer School grant applications.

This grant authorized states to use 1% of their American Rescue Plan (ARP) 2021, in the amount of \$15.4 million for Wisconsin, to be used for evidence-based enrichment programs.

The purpose of this competitive grant funding is to address the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through high-quality and evidence-based summer learning programs.

The grants were allocated through a competitive grant process. All applicants were required to receive an average score

of 3 (or 48 average total score) to be considered for funding.

For this competition, 66 total eligible applications were submitted, with 51 applications meeting the average score requirement. In all, 48 applicants will receive funding from the \$15.4 million allocation. The project period for this grant is March 1, 2023 through Sept. 30, 2024.

The School District of Tomahawk received \$525,000.00 of the \$15.4 million, one of the largest grants awarded through the program.

Several other area districts also received funding, including Colby, Cornell and Medford.

To view a full list of ESSER III Summer School Grant recipients, visit [www.tinyurl.com/4ubjxp7n](http://www.tinyurl.com/4ubjxp7n).

### Tomahawk's grant application

Wendy Simonis, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education for the School District of Tomahawk, wrote the grant and led the team that developed the grant.

The grant required the district to identify stakeholders to be identified in the community to determine readiness for grant implementation, a de-

tailed plan demonstrating need, an action plan, measurable goals, the identification of barriers, data collection, community collaboration and sharing of information with the public.

Theresa Burzynski, Director of Teaching and Learning, compiled district data and worked with Simonis to identify root causes, determine barriers and establish priority statements. Patti Hilgen-dorf, Executive Director of Kinship of Tomahawk, then joined the process, committing as the first community partner of the grant.

District Administrator Wendell Quesinberry, Bookkeeper Sandy Holquist and Simonis then developed the budget narrative, determined the scope and sequence of the project and determined the action steps for implementation.

Following being selected to receive the grant, key team members took over the summer school programming.

Meghan Barker has assumed the role of summer school coordinator and has rejuvenated the summer school program. Her enthusiasm and commitment to developing quality programming is evident in

the initial programming being offered.

The grant started with a goal of one community partner the first year and five the second year, which she has already exceeded.

Barker also put in a great deal of time and effort with Coleen Frisch, District Administrative Assistant, to develop a system for online registration to simplify the registration process for families.

The grant runs for two years through the summer of 2024, covering summer school expenses outlined in the grant.

### Project narrative

The School District of Tomahawk sought to expand its summer school program to meet academic and social emotional needs of students. In recent years, we have seen a decline in summer school enrollment.

The goal is to achieve supporting our target population of students through a summer school theme of "Treasures of Tomahawk."

We recognize that our students, our natural environment, and community partners are those treasures that we seek to cultivate. In acknowledgement of these treasures and in an effort to support

student and community voice, we seek to incorporate a "community in residence" aspect to plan with groups and businesses to offer workshop experiences.

Our District Strategic Plan identifies pillars, including Teaching, Learning, and Relevance, the Whole Student, and Communication. Community Engagement developed in partnership with the community includes measurements based on data review, progress monitoring and regular reporting to parents, staff, the school board and the community.

Due to the rural setting of the district, access to resources and summer school has presented a challenge. One aspect of the grant would be to provide transportation to allow all students access to summer school programming.

Tomahawk has the privilege of being located in an area with diverse natural resources and we seek to take advantage of the outdoors to address physical wellness and mental health enrichment.

Teaching staff will collaborate with community partners to address the delivery of classes both on campus and in the community, using the rivers

and lakes, parks, school forest and trail systems.

Academic interventions will be implemented using project based learning to increase student engagement as well as build lagging skills. Based on our data, our target populations are students of low socioeconomic status, students receiving special education services, students experiencing behavioral and/or mental health challenges, and students at basic or below basic achievement on assessments. Programming will use evidenced based practices through summer programming to incorporate wellness, engagement, and instruction that enhances and extends learning.

Administration and summer school project coordinators had preliminary discussions regarding the needs, services and opportunities for engagement, enrichment and student growth academically and through overall wellness through the scaling up of the summer school programming and the "Treasures of Tomahawk" concept.

Community partners and services are excited to collaborate and co-plan

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with schools to increase engagement, awareness and opportunity for students.

Needs for programming have also been gathered through community wrap around services for students, Kinship input, the district strategic planning process and scheduled community conversations.

Demonstration of need for the funding was based on the following data:

Tomahawk has limited structured settings available to youth. Students in home or center-based child care settings don't often have a focus on academics.

25% of our students in their program are or have been in the primary custody of a grandparent.

45% of our students are below grade level in literacy on our winter assessment.

44% of our middle and high school students are below grade level in math.

Over 50% of our elementary students are below grade-level in math.

Student groups experiencing lagging skills in both areas as evidenced by our state report cards are students of low socioeconomic status (SES) and those who receive special education services.

We have 3.1% chronic absenteeism. Student groups of greatest concern have a higher rate of chronic absenteeism. Our low SES group has a chronic absenteeism rate of 5.7%, and students identified with Special Needs have a chronic absenteeism rate of 4.6%.

Behavior challenges have increased. Elementary school behavioral referrals have increased from 653 prior to COVID to 1,597, which is over double the referrals.

Middle school post-COVID has doubled behavioral

referrals with 80 referrals prior to COVID and 256 reported post-COVID.

Middle school students self-reported through S.A.B.E.R.S that over 38% of them are at risk of social or emotional behavior problems with social issues. Feelings of anxiety, hopelessness and despair are of concern for these students.

Academic and behavioral needs are based on state, local and students' self-identification. A low chronic absenteeism shows our families value attendance during the regular school year.

Learning loss trends occur during summer for students without resources or summer transportation.

Summer learning loss due to summer was tracked with Title I data. Over half our students show learning loss in reading after summer. Most prevalent was in our students with low SES and served through Title I.

Data analyzed over a two-year period showed that it took an average of three months to recover from summer learning loss. Due to no transportation being provided the students we most need in summer school haven't been able to attend.

School closure compounded the learning loss. Evidence of disengage-

ment were 1) low numbers of logins during synchronous learning; 2) the lack of social interaction during learning; 3) elementary students not having the technology skills or attention to connect with synchronous learning; 4) incomplete homework.

Elementary students had devices, but relied more on paper materials sent home. Provision of support during learning and feedback was limited and delayed. The socialization of students was almost non-existent, they were unable to join a community of learners and limited interactions with peers and family. Basic social skills were limited in sheltered settings. Child Protective Services reported a decline in referrals, indicating children were receiving few supports.

Through the grant funding and summer school programming the district has identified four priority statements:

We believe that we can increase student attendance and opportunity to access quality programming by providing transportation and meals.

We believe that we can increase student connectedness, wellbeing and reduce anxiety and negative behaviors by providing a safe, consistent environment through activities focused on positive inter-

actions in school and the community.

We believe we can increase reading proficiency by offering activities grounded in explicit instruction a high leverage instructional practices.

We believe we can reduce behavioral referrals by providing programming that offers the opportunity to be in a structured, positive environment, takes advantage of our natural resources around our community, and provides instruction and practice in self-regulation and mindfulness activities.

The goals are:

• During the 2023 summer school session, the School District of Tomahawk will increase summer school participation from 15% (2022) to 30%. We will subsequently increase to 40% by the 2024 summer programming.

• Set up and create transportation routes to allow access for all students to summer programming.

• Provide free lunch for all students in attendance at summer programming.

• Develop courses that include both wellness and academic activities

• Create a course around community connections "Treasures of Tomahawk" theme

• Provide project based learning, engaging activities, use of outdoor resources, include community partners

• Culminate in a capstone event, community showcase to build community, student, and family connection through a community event showcasing student projects and learning.

Learn more about ESSER III grant program

For more information about the ESSER III grant program, visit www.dpi.wi.gov/arp/esser-iii.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, May 22:

On 05-15-2022 deputies with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office assisted deputies from the Marathon County Sheriff's Office with a chase in progress.

Deputies from Marathon County attempted to stop a vehicle on USH 51 in the Town of Maine when the driver refused to stop and a chase was initiated. The chase reached speeds of 100 MPH. Once the chase entered Lincoln County, LISO deputies assisted.

LISO deputies were able to get in front of the chase and deploy a tire deflation device, which was successful in deflating the vehicle's tires. However, the suspect continued to flee at slower speeds. A short distance later a LISO deputy was able to use a pursuit intervention technique (PIT) to end the chase. The driver was taken into custody and immediately turned over to the Marathon County deputies. One LISO squad sustained minor damage, and no injuries were reported.

The suspect was later booked into the Marathon County Jail. On 05-18-2023 a deputy on patrol observed and stopped a vehicle for failing to stop for a stop sign and speed on USH 8 and USH 51 in the Town of Bradley. Upon investigating, the deputy observed signs of impairment and asked the driver, a Rhinelander man, 33, to perform SFSTs. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for first offense OWI. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

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# Competition Cheer, THS track team, Historical Society receive STAR Foundation grants

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Grants from the Support Tomahawk Area Resources (STAR) Foundation were recently awarded to a trio of local groups.

Competition Cheer, the Tomahawk High School track and field team and the Tomahawk Area Historical Society each received grants after submitting applications funding.

### Competition Cheer

A grant of \$1,500.00 went to Tomahawk's Competition Cheer team to cover the cost of two mats.

The team's grant application explained that Competition Cheer is a group of cheerleaders who compete against other teams.

There are competitions held all around the state and country, and the Hatchet squad is looking to bring one to Tomahawk.

"When you go to a competition, you will hear music all day long (and) large crowds cheering on the cheerleaders," the application stated. "You will see multiple different teams taking the mats, putting on a routine. Typically, the routines are three minutes long. These routines are full of endurance, cardio, stunting and yelling."

When Competition Cheer started last year, a total of 37 girls signed up. That number is expected to be around 50 this year.

The Hatchets are aiming to compete in one competition per year, and the mats will be used for practices that start in July, the grant application said. The team is working towards purchasing a total of nine mats, each carrying a price tag of \$750.00.

"With these mats, we will be able to offer much safer practices for stunting for our girls," the application stated.

**THS track and field**  
The Tomahawk High



A STAR Foundation grant totaling \$1,500.00 went to Tomahawk's Competition Cheer team to cover the cost of two mats.

Photos courtesy of Kay Kissinger Wolf

School (THS) track and field team received a \$3,000.00 grant to purchase mats.

The team has been raising funds for mats for five years, the grant application said.

The Hatchet Booster Club matched the \$9,000.00 the team has raised for the mats, and the \$3,000.00 from the STAR Foundation will help make up for a recent cost increase, according to the application.

### Tomahawk Area Historical Society

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society will be able to make some technological upgrades thanks to a \$1,900.00 STAR Foundation grant.

In its grant application, the Historical Society explained that the program used to design its website will become obsolete in August, and a new host for the website is needed.

The accessioning system for recording artifacts is also in need of updating, which is necessary for an upcoming indexing of artifacts and an inventory of the museum's items.

These lengthy processes will be undertaken by one or more volunteers over the

summer, the Historical Society said.

The Historical Society is also planning to digitize hardcopies of the numerous binders that contain photos and information about Tomahawk history.

The grant funds will ultimately cover the costs of a laptop computer, a printer, the needed programs and associated fees as the projects get underway.

"Our success will be measured by completing these projects and continuing to share Tomahawk and area history with the public," the application stated. "Tomahawk has a rich history that the Tomahawk Area Historical Society believes is crucial to preserve and share."

### Learn more about the STAR Foundation

For more information about the STAR Foundation, visit [www.tomahawk-starfoundation.org/](http://www.tomahawk-starfoundation.org/).



The Tomahawk Area Historical Society received a \$1,900.00 grant for technological upgrades. Pictured, from left: STAR Foundation representatives Jackie Leonhard, Kay Kissinger Wolf (Historical Society board), Melody Chambers, Kelly Embree-Milcarek and Keri Kelley, along with Historical Society members Kathy Tobin and Carmi Pietila Cleary.

## News Briefs

### United Methodist Church rummage sale

United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., Tomahawk, will host a rummage sale on Friday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. No items are priced. Donations are encouraged.

### Crossbridge, Aspirus blood drives

A blood drive will be held in the second floor Community Room at Crossbridge Community Bank, 15 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, on Friday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102 or visit [www.wisconsinblood.org](http://www.wisconsinblood.org).

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### The Half Moon Lake District's

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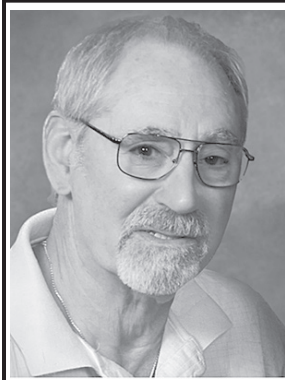
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**Pastor Joel Kuhner**  
June 18, 1939 – January 29, 2023  
Joel grew up in the state of New York. He served our country with the Navy and then with the USAF. He married Marlene Dupee in 1973. Joel next graduated from Elohim Bible Institute, in Castile NY, majoring in Theology. Over the years Joel and Marlene ministered in several churches as well as being missionaries in Southern Ireland. Their last pastorate was in Tomahawk, WI.  
Joel is survived by his wife Marlene, five children, eight grands and 14 greats. There will be a memorial service at the Wisconsin Veterans Home (King, WI) June 19th at 12:45. There will be a meal following the service at an area restaurant. For further info please contact Pastor Alex Lindsay (715-612-1841).



**John Russo** passed away peacefully on May 14, 2023 at the age of 80. He was born Aug. 8, 1942 to Phillip and Grace (Vitale) Russo in Palermo, Sicily, both whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Jane (Hrovat), and her parents Frank and Dolores (Strey) Hrovat.  
John's family immigrated to the United States in 1948 and they put down roots in Milwaukee, Wis. After marrying, raising a family, and long-time employment with the Falk Corporation in Southeastern Wisconsin, John and Jane enjoyed their retirement years living the life of leisure in Tomahawk.  
He is survived by his daughter, Michelle (Phil) Doney and their children Nicholas and Robyn; and by his son, Bryon (Angie) and their daughters, Lauren (Matt Nowak) and Sara. He is further survived by many, many dear family and friends.  
A celebration of John's life will be held Thursday, June 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Aud Mar Banquet Hall, S79W15851 Aud Mar Dr., Muskego, Wis., 53150. A time of remembrance and sharing is planned for 7 p.m.  
The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the caring staff with Aurora at Home Hospice for their expeditious guidance and comforting support in his last days.  
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in John's name to the charity of your choice.

**'A FAMILY PLACE ON THE LAKE'**

**Greg and Trish Beatty open Castaways Bar and Grill**

BY SARAH GREIL

TOMAHAWK – For 18 years, owners Rick and Lynn Grube have made The Happy Snapper, 1315 S. Tomahawk Ave., a place where people can unwind after work or have a private party with a water view.

This year they decided it was time to sell and retire, so on April 30, they served their last patrons and turned ownership over to Greg and Trish Beatty.

Greg and Trish have longtime ties to the Northwoods.

Greg's family has had a place in the area for about 40 years. They moved to the Tomahawk area last October from Pewaukee, Wis. Since all their children are now in college, they decided it was time to make their hunting cabin their permanent residence and move up north.

Before the move, Greg and a partner owned 5 Diamonds Infinity Field for 13 years before selling it in December. Prior to that, he owned his own construction company for eight years.

Trish worked for 20 years at the Wisconsin Athletic Club. After leaving there four years ago, she ran a bar and restaurant on Pewaukee Lake. She said it's always been her dream to own a bar/restaurant up north.

Last year, around Fall Ride, Trish began working at The Happy Snap-



per. When Rick and Lynn decided to retire, they offered the business to Trish.

Greg and Trish had been busy doing a full remodeling of the bar and dining room areas before reopening on Wednesday, May 24 as Castaways Bar and Grill.

"We just want to be a family place on the lake," Trish said.

Much is staying the same. The room with a water view will still be available for parties and groups and they have plans to redo the docks for patrons who come by boat. Most

of the same staff will be continuing at Castaways.

Their new menu will be a mix of some of the old favorites, as well as new fresh ideas, including wraps and build-your-own burgers and chicken sandwiches. They will still be offering Friday night fish fry using the same recipe as before. It is also in the plans to offer Sunday breakfast.

For hours of operation, follow Castaways Bar and Grill on Facebook at [www.tinyurl.com/yc37td39](http://www.tinyurl.com/yc37td39).

**The Pastor's Corner**  
**Who is My Neighbor?**

Do you know the people who live in your neighborhood? What are their names? What are their joys and struggles? Wouldn't the world be a better place if we got to know and care for the people who live right next door to us? Jesus thought so too, and He stated that the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself. He even said that all the law and the prophets is summed up in this one commandment, meaning, if you keep this one truly, you will be on the right track in keeping all the rest! (Matt. 22:36-40; Luke 10:27)

So who is my neighbor? This is the exact question that an expert in the law had for Jesus in Luke 10:25-37. He wanted to justify the way he was living, to pat himself on the back, but Jesus challenged him with this story. There was a Jewish man who was robbed, beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Several people walked by and could have helped him but chose not to. Two of them were fellow Jews and religious leaders, but instead they avoided him and passed on by. Perhaps they were too busy or didn't want to be inconvenienced. Finally a Samaritan, who was an enemy of the Jews, was filled with compassion and dropped everything in order to help him. He took him to an inn, cared for his wounds, and paid the tab so he could recover. Jesus said, the Samaritan man truly loved God and his neighbor by displaying love in action.

So God is calling each of us to love Him with all we have and to live out our faith in serving others. Who is God calling us to display His love to? Just like the good Samaritan, we start with those who are right in front of us! The question is, do you believe that God has chosen you to live in your neighborhood and that he wants your neighbors to experience His love through you? The truth is that in our busy lives, most of us don't take the time to interface with our neighbors. In trying to love everyone, we love no one well and neglect those God has placed in our lives to encounter His love.

So as summer ramps up and your neighborhood comes to life, take a walk down your block and introduce yourself to those who live next door. Invite them into a conversation, over for dinner or a campfire. Ask them to share their story with you and see how God leads you to befriend and care for them. Who knows what God will do in your neighborhood and in your heart as you obey the greatest commandment.

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**Ask the PASTOR**

Readers are invited to submit questions about God, the Bible, and religion. I shall try to answer them for you, using the Bible as the authority for my answers.

This last weekend was Memorial Day weekend, and so I would like to focus this article today on Memorial Day. And if you will allow me, I would like to borrow from the past and give to you a short speech that was given at the dedication of a cemetery dedicated to men who fought and died to bring freedom to all. In fact, it was a war that inspired the first Memorial Day observances.

The speech is President Abraham Lincoln's famous speech at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1863. Although he gave this speech at the dedication of a cemetery over 150 years ago and did not feel it would be remembered beyond the day he gave it, its appeal to the living stands just as relevant for us today as it did for them in 1863. The following is known as *The Gettysburg Address*:

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

The best way we can honor those who have fought and died for our country is for us, who live, to be sure we live to preserve what they so nobly defended. All the memorial services and remembrances of Memorial Day mean little if we squander in selfish pursuits what they selflessly sacrificed to maintain. Our country has been blessed for the last 240 years with a free, democratic form of government defined by our constitution. Will we preserve what God has allowed us to prosper under for over 240 years? May we be grateful for those who have paid the ultimate price to protect what we have by laboring as selflessly as they to pass it on to the next generations.

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# 'Wall That Heals' brings veterans, community together

BY EILEEN PERSIKE  
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – A three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. visited the Northwoods recently.

Called The Wall That Heals, the exhibit at Nicolet College from Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21 included a mobile Education Center and digital photo displays of service members from around the area whose names are on the Wall.

Veterans of all eras, family members and community members paid homage to the vets who lost their lives during the war in Southeast Asia. Some left mementos at the wall, while others took photos and rubbings of the names etched into the granite composite material.

The process to bring the Wall to Rhinelander began last summer for Nicolet College financial aid advisor and military veteran Casey Lehmann. She was notified that her application to host the Wall was approved around Veterans Day last fall.

Lehmann said it is good to give Vietnam vets and their families the respect that wasn't always afforded them as the vets returned home.

Especially heartwarming, she said, is seeing the numbers of people who are "connected to others on this wall" who visited the display to find those connections.

"I got to meet a Gold Star mom yesterday, she's 93 years old and she came and found her son's name," Lehmann said. "He died when he was 19, and just to get to talk with her and connect with her a little bit and give her a hug – that was awesome. That was a good moment for me."

The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.



A semi truck hauled the Wall That Heals to Nicolet College, where it was assembled and displayed. Photos by Dave Melancon



The "Wisconsin Remembers" display featured photos of Wisconsin residents who served and died in Vietnam, and whose names are on the Wall. MMC photo



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# Bike Rodeo: Kinship, local sponsors offering bicycling safety event for kids

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Kids ages 4 to 14 are invited to take part in a bicycle safety event in Tomahawk this weekend.

The Bike Rodeo, offered by Kinship of Tomahawk in conjunction with ten other local sponsors, will be held in the Crossbridge Community Bank parking lot on E. Wisconsin Ave. on Saturday, June 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Kinship said the event is “designed to teach bicyclists the skills they need to be better cyclists.”

“By learning bike handling and traffic skills, one can enjoy bicycling more and reduce the chance of injury,” Kinship stated.

As part of the Bike Rodeo, bike checks and hel-



met checks will be offered at no cost. Several refurbished bikes and free helmets will be available for those who need them.

After getting properly equipped, bikers will work their way through a variety of stations that focus on important aspects of cycling.

“Participants will practice the safe way to exit a driveway, how to look for traffic, negotiate an intersection and avoid common road hazards,” Kinship stated.

Upon completion of the course, each participant will receive a certificate, goodie bag and popcorn or

cotton candy.

Each participant will also receive one raffle ticket for a new girl’s bike and a new boy’s bike, donated by Taves Construction. The winners will be drawn during the event.

For more information on the Bike Rodeo, contact Kinship Executive Director Patti Hilgendorf at 715-966-0996.

Joining Kinship in sponsoring the Bike Rodeo are Aspirus Community Health Improvement, Coasters Cycle Works, Crossbridge Community Bank, Domtar Paper, the Gifts from Heaven Foundation, the Mike and Leslie Hilgendorf family, Taves Construction, Tomahawk Pharmacy, Trig’s of Tomahawk and Woodland Lakes Realty.



Tomahawk’s Boy Scout Troop 548 and American Legion Post 93 teamed up for an Adopt-a-Highway cleanup project last weekend. On Sunday, May 21, the crew picked up litter on County Hwy. S from the Lincoln County garage to U.S. Hwy. 51. Those involved with the project were American Legion members Mike Mackin, Paul Bishop and Gerry Johnson; Boy Scout Leaders Jay Morrison, Kevin Larsen, Maya Sigl, Rob Lucas, Renee Lola, Bobbie Jones, Beth Voermans and Michelle Vanderwyst; and Scouts Keagan Jones, Connor Jones, Johnathan Lucas, Michael Lucas, Eli Larsen, Ajax Lola, Mason Vanderwyst, Aidan Sigl, Trey Morrison, Luke Morrison, Drew Voermans and foreign exchange student from Germany Silas Busch.

Photo courtesy of Pat Johnson

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[communityblood.org/donor](http://communityblood.org/donor), log in, click “Donate Now” and enter sponsor code L014. A blood drive will be held in the Spruce and Tamarack Rooms at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., on Friday, June 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102.

### Shred Day in Merrill

A Shred Day, sponsored by Crossbridge Community Bank and Incredible Bank, will be held at Incredible Bank, 3210 E. Main St., Mer-

rill, on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. On-site document shredding services will be provided by Confidential Records. The event is open to all Lincoln County residents. The service is free, but a donation of \$5.00 per box is suggested. All proceeds will benefit Lincoln County Crime Stoppers.

### LCVSO closed next week

The Lincoln County Veterans Services Office (LCVSO) will be closed from Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9 to allow for the County Veterans Services Officer (CVSO) and Deputy CVSO to attend off-site training in Madison. The training is required to main-

tain certification and accreditation with the National County Veterans Association and Disabled American Veterans (DAV). LCVSO staff will have limited access to emails and voicemails and will respond to requests and inquiries upon return.

### Lincoln County chip sealing

Lincoln County Highway Commissioner John Hanz advises that the following roads will be closed for chip sealing, weather permitting: County Rd. H, from County Rd. V to S. Silver Lake Rd. (1.13 miles), closed from Monday, June

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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**A Simple Feeding**

Dear Reader,  
I'm no expert on taking care of babies... not by a long shot. Upon hearing that I had recently changed a diaper, my son-in-law comically responded, "3 kids, 7 grandchildren, 1 diaper 🍌🍌🍌🍌 Well done!!!" When our three daughters were born and raised some time ago, my wife Mary shouldered the lion's share of the day-to-day childcare responsibilities as I worked outside the house to financially support our family.



gets a little bit bigger and her needs grow in conjunction with this expansion, there's something to be said for these basic elements embedded into the process of a good bottle feeding. In many ways, these basic steps that fulfill the needs of an infant are not entirely unrelated to what can fulfill ours. After all there's nothing like a good meal, a warm hug, and the sound of song from loved ones.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

Today we have grandchildren and recently with the last granddaughter born in March, I've jumped into the fray after basically skipping a generation. No, I'm not retired but I have things a little more under control these days as an entrepreneur than when I was in the corporate rat race.

As I take a more hands on approach to supporting the everyday subsistence of a baby, I am reminded of the little things that bring contentment. Just in feeding my granddaughter a bottle, I find the simple things like a bottle of warm milk, a shoulder to snuggle into, and the sound of a loved one singing goes a long way.

While each day little Maddie's world

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5 through Tuesday, June 6; County Rd. S, from Cattail Ln. to Brief St. (4.11 miles), closed from Monday, June 5 through Tuesday, June 6; County Rd. JJ, from County Rd. J to Lincoln Dr. (4.9 miles), closed from Tuesday, June 6 through Wednesday, June 7; County Rd. Q, from Tree Ln. to County Rd. K, (3.35 miles), closed from Wednesday, June 7 through Friday, June 9; County Rd. K, from County Rd. Q to Joe Snow Rd., (2 miles), closed from Wednesday, June 7 through Friday, June 9.

**Historical Society seeking volunteers**  
The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is look-

ing for people willing to be volunteer greeters at its two historical museums on E. Washington Ave. Shifts are two-hours. Volunteer as an individual or with a friend, one time or more often. Volunteer greeters help keep the museum doors open to give visitors an opportunity to see displays of Tomahawk's past. It is not necessary to know all about local history. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from June 13 through mid-August. For more information, contact Gordy Lovsletten at 715-453-4783 or Historical Society President Pat Pietila at 715-966-4801.

**THS Class of 1993 30th reunion**

The Tomahawk High School Class of 1993 is holding a 30-year reunion at Maday's Fish Trap, 9408 County Rd. N, Tomahawk, on Saturday, July 1 at 3 p.m. Food, drinks, music, a photo booth and cornhole will be featured. For more information, contact Nora Boomer on Facebook.

**Chamber accepting applications for Arts, Crafts and Vendor Fair**

The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for its annual Arts, Crafts and Vendor Fair, slated for Monday, July 3 at SARA Park, 900 W. Somo Ave. The outdoor fair will be held from 9 a.m. to

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Lincoln County Board Chair Don Friske on Pine Crest Nursing Home**

In June of 2022 the Lincoln County Board formed an ADHOC committee to prepare a report on the Pine Crest Nursing Home. The ADHOC committee submitted its report to the board at the March county board meeting. The report can be found online on the Lincoln County website or copies have been supplied to the local libraries.

Pine Crest Nursing Home has not been able to cover its operating expenses since 2007, with a couple of years being the exception. In addition Lincoln County has contributed \$1,000,000 dollars a year for maintenance and repairs every year since contracting with North Central Health Care in 2019. In 2023 North Central Health Care made a request for \$1.1 million dollars to cover the 2022 shortfall in operating expenses. By contract we are obligated to cover that shortfall. At the last county board meeting, the board voted to pay the shortfall out of ARPA funds unless the state provides the money in the next budget.

Given the information presented, On May 16, the County Board directed the Administrative and Legislative committee to complete a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a broker to investigate the possibility for the sale of the Pine Crest Nursing home. The process will take multiple steps over the next few months. First the Administrative and Legislative Committee (A&L) will submit a Request

for Proposals (RFP). The next step is to publicly open those proposals and decide which Broker will represent the county for considering any potential offers to purchase. That decision making process will occur at the following A&L committee. Following that, A&L will explore conditions of sale and what the county would expect in order to move forward. Any offer to purchase the Pine Crest Nursing Home will need a majority vote by the full county board.

When considering responses to the RFP from brokers, the A&L committee will continue to make decisions in line with our three guiding principles; the residents of Pine Crest will continue to reside there and receive care, the staff providing the care to the residents/patients are able to continue to provide that care and the tax payer is well represented during the considerations.

I anticipate that a final determination will take several months or longer and I want to assure the staff and residents of pine crest as well as their families we will have your interests in mind as we continue to consider the best way forward.

While the 22 member county board may disagree on how to best move forward, the one thing I have seen the board agree on is that the discontinuation of a skilled nursing home (Pine Crest) is not an option we are willing to consider.

Don Friske  
Lincoln County Board Chair

3 p.m. and will also feature food trucks, a kids' bouncy house, a shade tent and live music. For more information and/or an application, visit [www.gototomahawk.com/fairapplication](http://www.gototomahawk.com/fairapplication).

**Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays**

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship

with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

**Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms**

Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms, W5676 Water View Ln., Tomahawk, are open every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 7:30 for

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Golf: Tomahawk misses cut for Sectionals

### Sawyer Hanna advances individually

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RICE LAKE – The Tomahawk Hatchet golf team took part in Regionals at Turtleback Golf Course in Rice Lake on Tuesday, May 23.

Tomahawk came away with a fifth-place finish. With the top four teams moving on to this week's Sectionals, the Hatchets missed the cut by three strokes to end their season.

Individually, Sawyer Hanna advanced to Sectionals after finishing with a score of 85 strokes. He was slated to compete at Lake Wissota Golf Course on Tuesday, May 30.

Coach Garth Gerstenberger noted that Carson Childers broke his own personal record by six strokes on the difficult course, ending the day with a 92.

Other Hatchet scores: Austin Lamer, 89; Owen Dickrell, 90; Drew Albert, 102.



Sawyer Hanna  
Photo courtesy of Garth Gerstenberger

Team scores: Medford, 333; Rice Lake, 341; Antigo, 347; Northland Pines, 353; Tomahawk, 356; Hayward, 362; Ashland, 364; Northwestern, 372; Spooner, 376; Cumberland, 396.

"The Great Northern Conference (GNC) was really good this year," Gerstenberger stated. "We had

three teams that won their respective regional tournaments – Lakeland in D1, and Mosinee and Medford in D2. We also had three other teams advance to the next round. Six sectional qualifying teams and one individual has not happened as far as I can remember."



Club members and parents recently celebrated the season with an Awards Night ceremony in the LMC. Pictured with awards, front row, from left: Sam Kurth, two Captain awards, President; Michael Walbeck, participation; DJ Scott, participation; Jax Loka, participation; back row: Ryan Sanders, MVP Rocket League; Elliot O'Connor, participation and Secretary; Mathew Walbeck, MVP Valorant; Payton Loka, MVP Fortnite; Elias Repinski, Captain; John Groat, Treasurer.

Photo courtesy of Paula Norman

## eSports club holds end-of-season Awards Night ceremony

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet eSports Club finished its season earlier this month.

The team ended spring action with a 5-3 record.

Coach Paula Norman noted that most of the

team's six players were beginners and "learned the game on the fly."

"Their communication and strategy paid off, along with their perseverance," Norman stated. "The last three matches went into overtime, which earlier in

the season wouldn't have happened. I'm just so proud of them and can't see what the future holds for this young team."

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## DNR reminding motorists, ATV/UTV operators to share trails, roadways safely

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding all-terrain (ATV) and utility-terrain vehicles (UTV) operators and motorists to safely share trails and roads as summer begins.

"Sharing these popular routes is a shared responsibility between ATV/UTV drivers and other motor-

ists," DNR stated. "In 2022, there were 92 ATV/UTV crashes on public roads and routes in Wisconsin, with 11 resulting in a fatality."

DNR said motorists have seen more ATVs and UTVs on the roads since 2018, when a law began allowing local communities to designate local roads with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or slower as permissible routes for multi-terrain



The Wisconsin DNR is reminding all ATV/UTV operators and motorists to safely share trails and roads as we enter a busy summer season.  
Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

machines to use.

DNR offered the following safety tips for motorists:

- When you approach ATV/UTVs on the road, slow down and be patient for a safe opportunity to pass. As ATV/UTVs are much wider than bicycles or motorcycles. Motorists will need to ensure they can achieve a wide berth that many times can extend into an oncoming traffic lane.
- Keep an eye out for ATV/UTV route postings.
- The law allows postings at territorial boundaries, so motorists might not see additional signage along individual roads.
- Watch for riders, stay off your phone and avoid other distractions.

Safety tips for ATV/UTV riders:

- If riding on a road, stick to authorized areas. Most highways and roads statewide remain off-limits. Check for posted signs or with local authorities to see if certain highways and roads are legally open. Always follow the posted speed limits.

- When on a trail, make sure you stay to the right, respect others on the trail and stop at all stop signs.

- Travel at an appropriate speed and stay aware of your surroundings.

- Stay as visible as possible, as some drivers might not expect to be sharing the road with ATVs.

- Riders are required to operate headlight(s) when on or around roadways.

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Solunar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is June 18th.

# Wisconsinites encouraged to take steps to avoid confrontations with black bears

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging Wisconsin residents and visitors to take precautions to avoid potential conflicts with black bears.

Black bears are most common in the northern half of the state; however, populations have been slowly expanding southward for the past few decades. They are naturally cautious animals that normally avoid contact with people, but conflicts do still occur, most often when food or attractants are involved.

Bears can associate human activities with food when food sources are readily available, which can lead to further conflict.

“The majority of bear complaints we receive involve some type of attractant,” said Brad Koele, DNR Wildlife Damage Specialist. “Grills, bird feeders and unsecured trash containers or garbage cans are the most common attractants. It is important to make sure these attractants are inaccessible to bears at all times of the year, but it’s especially important in the spring, when natural food sources are limited. Taking proactive steps now will decrease the likelihood of conflict.”

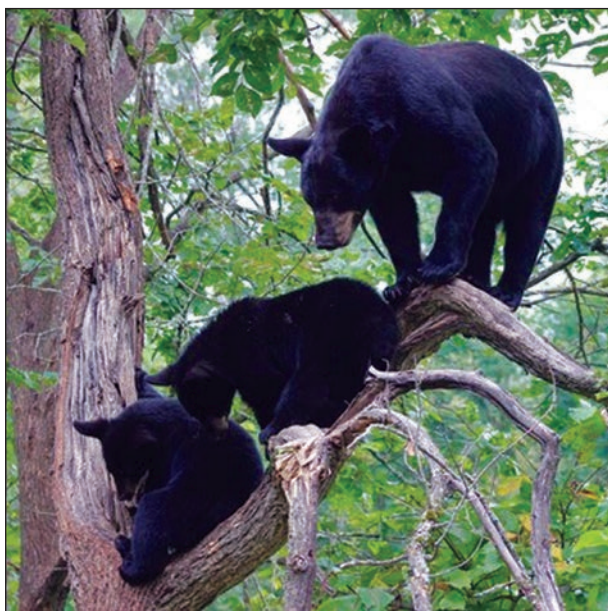
If a bear finds food, such as bird feed or garbage near homes and cabins, it will often return until the food source is unavailable. Even then, bears will periodically check sites where food was once available, so it may take several days to weeks after a food source has been removed for a bear to discontinue visiting food sites entirely. The best approach is prevention through reducing bear attractants or access to them.

Follow these steps to avoid attracting black bears:

- Completely remove bird feeders, even during daytime hours – bears are active during the day and may cause problems even if the feeders are out only during that time.
- Clean areas where bird

### ATV/UTV FROM PAGE 10

- Wearing a helmet is always the best idea for riders of all ages.
  - If you are in a UTV, wear your seatbelt.
  - Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during ATV and UTV operation.
  - If you were born after Jan. 1, 1988, make sure you have taken an ATV safety course ([www.tinyurl.com/mr432zwb](http://www.tinyurl.com/mr432zwb)). It’s your license to operate on routes or trails.
- To learn more about ATV/UTV safety, visit [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv).



Wisconsinites are encouraged to take precautions to avoid potential conflicts with black bears.

Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

feeders were located so accumulated deposits of spilled seed are removed.

- Reduce garbage odors by rinsing food cans before putting them in covered recycling containers or garbage cans.

- Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day, and if possible, keep garbage cans in a closed building until the morning of pick-up.

- Be sure to lock commercial dumpsters.

- Keep pet food inside or inaccessible to bears, even during daytime hours.

- Keep barbecue grills and picnic tables clean.

These are several of the ways people can reduce negative human-bear conflicts around their homes. More information can be found in the DNR’s Living With Black Bears In Wisconsin pamphlet ([www.tinyurl.com/mp9uujmx](http://www.tinyurl.com/mp9uujmx)).

### When conflict does arise

Conflicts will still occur to some degree, so the DNR recommends knowing what to do if you encounter a bear.

If a bear is near your home or cabin, from a safe

location or a safe distance from the bear, try to scare the bear away by making loud noises or throwing objects in the direction of the bear. When scaring a bear away, make sure it has a clear escape route. Never corner a bear, and do not turn and run away.

If you encounter a bear while in the woods, stay calm and do not approach the bear. Wave your arms and make noise to scare it away. Back away slowly and seek a safe location where you can wait for the bear to leave. Never approach a bear, and for your safety, do not attempt to break up a fight between your pet and a bear.

If unable to resolve a conflict with a bear, contact the USDA Wildlife Services toll-free line at 1-800-433-0663 for properties in southern Wisconsin and 1-800-228-1368 for properties in northern Wisconsin.

For more information regarding bears and safety, visit the DNR’s Black Bear Management webpage at [www.tinyurl.com/y9vfep59](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9vfep59).

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 132

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports trivia question per week, provided by Bob Skubal, retired coach, historian, and author of “History of Tomahawk Sports.” Email [leadernews@mmclocal.com](mailto:leadernews@mmclocal.com) if you know the answer!

The first person to tell us the correct answer each week will have

their name published in the paper if they wish, along with their correct answer to the question.

Week 131 question: What year was the first golf dual victory for THS: 1967, 1968 or 1969?

Week 131 answer: Tomahawk’s first dual victory in golf was in 1968, when THS defeated Lakeland 171-178. The coach that

year was Russ Schauf. Congrats to Don Stelter for being the first to correctly answer last week’s question!

Week 132 question: Kathy Schmit went on to do gymnastics after high school. Where did she go: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Eau Claire or UW-Superior?

## Sports Briefs

### Indoor track

The indoor track above the fieldhouse at the Tomahawk complex will be open Monday through Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool).

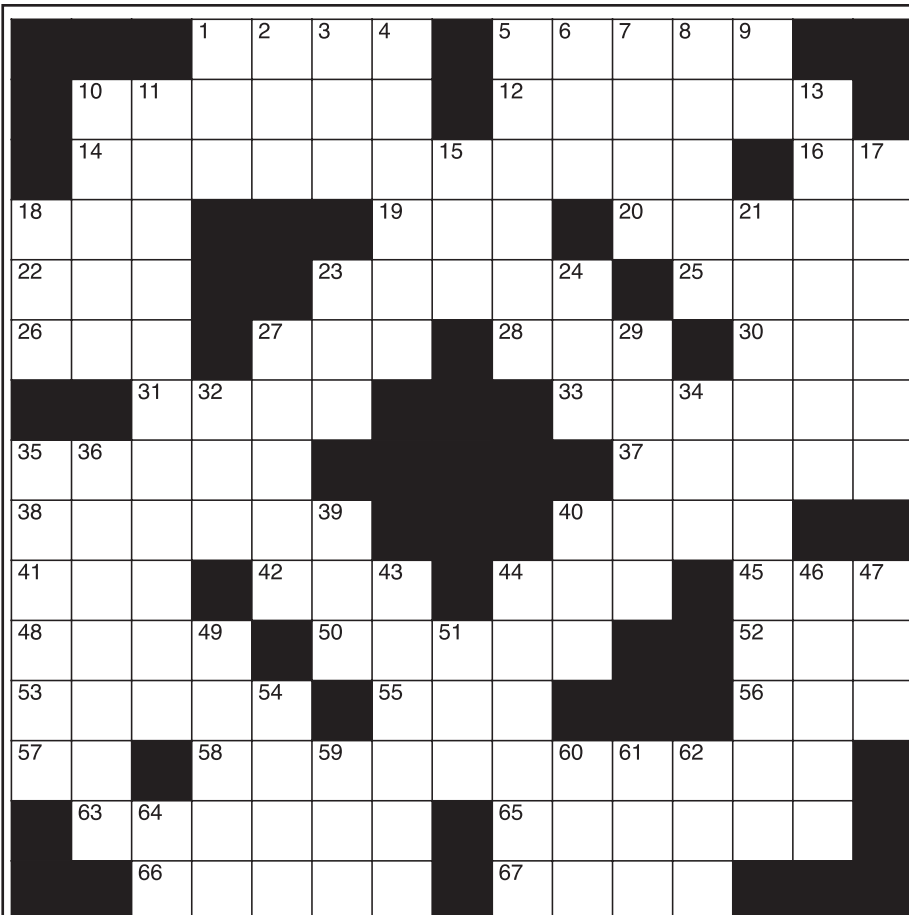
### Water aerobics

Water aerobics will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Entry is through Door 18 (back pool door).

### Morning lap swim

Morning lap swim will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool).

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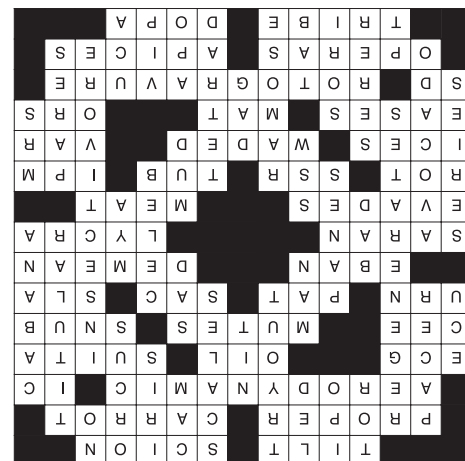
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35. Type of wrap
37. Polyurethane fabric
38. Avoids capture
40. Vegetarians avoid it
41. Decay
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Vessel to bathe in
45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
48. Frosts
50. Dipped into
52. Controversial replay system in soccer
53. Comforts
55. Needed for yoga
56. Ands/\_\_\_
57. South Dakota
58. Printing system
63. Dramatic works set to music
65. Highest points

66. Social division
67. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease

### CLUES DOWN

1. Hill or rocky peak
2. Initial public offering
3. Type of light
4. Test
5. Flaky coverings
6. Former NFLer Newton
7. Part of the eye
8. Roman god of the underworld
9. Negative
10. Indiana pro basketball player
11. Replaces lost tissue
13. Denotes one from whom title is taken
15. Historic college hoops tournament
17. Hut by a swimming pool
18. Defunct European monetary unit
21. Feeds on insects
23. Adult male
24. Melancholic
27. Sheets of glass
29. Slang for famous person
32. Not good
34. “Ghetto Superstar” singer
35. The “World” is one
36. Used to make guacamole
39. Midway between south and southwest
40. Wet dirt
43. Ancient Egyptian name
44. Set of four
46. Strips
47. Wife
49. More dried-up
51. Socially inept person
54. Clusters on fern fronds
59. Bar bill
60. Prefix indicating “away from”
61. Very important person
62. Fiddler crabs
64. Special therapy



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The Lincoln County Retired Educators' Association (REA) recently named member Terry Derleth as the group's Volunteer of the Year. A release from the Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association (WREA) said Lincoln County REA members contributed 2,626 volunteer hours this year, valued at \$73,186.62, serving more than 24 organizations in local communities. Statewide, WREA members logged a total of 137,944.75 volunteer hours, valued at \$3,844,520.18, serving 1,236 organizations, the release said. WREA has served as a professional organization representing Wisconsin's retired educational community since 1951. Today, WREA has more than 9,000 members and 56 local chapters. To learn more about the Lincoln County REA, contact Terry Derleth at 715-453-5116.

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## DOJ: Wisconsin ranks first in U.S. during spring Drug Take Back Day

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), on Wednesday, May 17, announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected during the spring 2023 Drug Take Back Day.

Wisconsin collected 55,472 lbs. of unwanted medications this spring, according to DOJ.

DOJ said Wisconsin has collected a total of 1,148,917 lbs. of unwanted medications since Drug Take Back began in 2010 under the leadership of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Wisconsin ranks third in the nation for the most medications collected since inception, behind California with 1,344,373 lbs. and Texas with 1,338,115 lbs. collected.

Nationwide, since inception, 17, 300,454 lbs. of unwanted medications have been collected during Drug Take Back events, according to DOJ.

The DEA leads two Drug Take Back days a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. DOJ partners with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to organize and promote Drug Take Back throughout Wisconsin.

“Drug Take Back provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the community about the potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of these medications,” DOJ stated.

“Wisconsin's Drug Take Back once again led the nation thanks to the hard work and collaboration of many partners and, of course, the many Wisconsinites who participated by safely disposing of their unused and unneeded medications,” said Attorney General Kaul. “Thank you to everyone who helped make this effort such a success.”

“While Drug Take Back Day technically only happens twice a year, any day can be Drug Take Back Day at one of Wisconsin's more than 490 permanent drug disposal boxes,” DOJ stated. “These boxes are accessible year-round at law enforcement agencies, hospitals, pharmacies and health clinics.”

In Lincoln County, drug disposal boxes can be found at the Tomahawk and Merrill police departments, Tomahawk Pharmacy and the Marshfield Clinic Health System-Merrill Center.

Visit [www.bit.ly/3Mcxh8q](http://www.bit.ly/3Mcxh8q) for a full list of permanent drug disposal box locations.

## New report lays out Nicolet College's plans to incorporate more indigenous knowledge into curriculum

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – A new report providing information on the framework Nicolet College will use to incorporate more indigenous knowledge into its curriculum is now available to the public.

The recently-completed Indigenous Ways of Knowing report also offers insight into how Nicolet will award college credit for prior learning when Native American students enroll at the college.

The report can be viewed at [www.nicoletcollege.edu/about/sovereign-nations](http://www.nicoletcollege.edu/about/sovereign-nations).

A release from Nicolet said Native knowledge holders from across Wisconsin, through the Wisconsin Indian Education Association, partnered with the college on the project from 2019 to 2022.

“Along with incorporating Native ways of knowing into curriculum, other goals included creating a plan to establish pathways to college for Indigenous learners and also create a curriculum and grant credit for prior knowledge in Native culture, governance, history and language towards a technical certificate and associate degree,” Nicolet stated. “The report honors the



work of the project, which closely adhered to Native pedagogy and ways.”

Nicolet noted that curriculum was developed by Indigenous leaders and members of area tribes, with the support of college faculty and staff.

“This report highlights the depth of work of this project, which shows that institutions of higher education can value Indigenous knowledge and infuse that across our curriculum to make it more holistic,” said Laura Wind-Norton, Nicolet's associate vice president of Academic Services. “The story is the pedagogy.”

The report features stories from Indigenous elders and leaders that allow a glimpse into the learning that occurred within the project.

Nicolet said the project

also represents input from dozens of individuals, led by many members of tribal communities across Wisconsin, including members of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, Ho Chunk Nation, Oneida Nation, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee Nation, Forest County Potawatomi Band and the Wisconsin Indian Education Association and the Indian Community School in Milwaukee.

“The recently-completed work builds on previous work at the college, which includes offering a 13-credit certificate in Tribal Business Management and the new online Native American Art class,” Nicolet stated.

The final report was pre-

pared by StrategyForward Advisors, a postsecondary policy and strategy consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

“Honoring Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Community College Programs tells the story of sovereign nations that worked with Nicolet College to grant credit to Native American learners for their knowledge related to indigenous history, culture, language and governance,” wrote lead author Julie Johnson from StrategyForward Advisors. “Their unique model is shared through the voices and stories of Native leaders and college participants. It shows how the project was Native-led and based on indigenous approaches and pedagogy.”

Nicolet College President Kate Ferrel said she looks forward to incorporating the findings in the Indigenous Ways of Knowing report.

“We have not even begun to unleash the power and energy that this curriculum can produce to advance relationships with tribal partners and help these learners achieve their postsecondary goals,” Ferrel stated.

For more information, contact Laura Wind-Norton at [lwindnorton@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:lwindnorton@nicoletcollege.edu).

## Aspirus: How to get the most out of allergy medications

### FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – With spring in full swing, Aspirus Health is providing tips on how to get the most out of allergy medications.

“Also known as hay fever, seasonal allergies affect as many as 60 million people per year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),” Aspirus stated. “Symptoms can occur during certain seasons or year-round, depending on the allergen, and include sneezing, congestion, itchy eyes, and throat irritation.”

“There's no cure for allergies, but there are a variety of medications available to help alleviate symptoms,” said Megan Fleischman, Aspirus Pharmacy Resident. “Remember to always consult with your health care provider before taking any medication, and to discuss the best allergy treatment plan for your individual needs.”

Aspirus provided the following tips from the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) to help get the most out of allergy medications:

1. **Choose the right medication.** There are many different types of allergy medications available, so it is important to choose the right one for your symptoms. Antihistamines are a common type of allergy



Fleischman

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medication that can help relieve sneezing, itching, and runny nose. Decongestants can help reduce congestion and sinus pressure. Nasal corticosteroids can help relieve inflammation and nasal congestion. Combination medications that include both an antihistamine and a decongestant are also available.

2. **Follow dosage instructions.** It is important to follow dosage instructions carefully when taking allergy medications. Taking too much medication can be harmful, while taking too little may not provide relief. Always read the label and follow the instructions provided by your health care provider or the package insert.

3. **Take medications at the right time.** The timing of allergy medication can be important. Some

medications, such as antihistamines, work best when taken before exposure to allergens. Others, such as decongestants, may be more effective when taken after exposure.

4. **Be aware of side effects.** Allergy medications can have side effects, so it is important to be aware of these before taking them. Common side effects of antihistamines include drowsiness, dry mouth and blurred vision. Decongestants can cause nervousness, jitteriness and increased heart rate. Nasal corticosteroids can cause nasal irritation, sore throat and nosebleeds.

5. **Avoid alcohol and other substances.** Some allergy medications can interact with alcohol and other substances, such as certain medications or herbal supplements. It is important

to read the label and talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist before taking any new medications or supplements. Alcohol can also exacerbate certain allergy symptoms, such as nasal congestion and headache, so it is best to avoid it during allergy season.

6. **Keep medications on hand.** Allergy symptoms can strike at any time, so it is important to keep your medications on hand. Consider keeping a supply at home, at work and in your car. This can help ensure that you have access to relief when you need it.

7. **Consider allergy shots.** If your allergies are severe or persistent, allergy shots, also known as immunotherapy, may be an option. This treatment involves regular injections of small amounts of allergens over a period of several years. The goal of this treatment is to desensitize the immune system to allergens and reduce the severity of symptoms. It is important to talk to your healthcare provider about the risks and benefits of allergy shots.

“If you are experiencing persistent or severe symptoms, talk to your health care provider about the best treatment options for you,” Aspirus said. “You can talk to your provider or pharmacist if you have any questions about medications you are taking.”

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