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REMEMBERING TYPO

## Tomahawk Leader Office Cat passed away last week at age 15

BY SUNNIE MERCIER AND KATHY TOBIN

Many of this newspaper's readers will remember Typo, the Tomahawk Leader Office Cat.

He was a stray kitten who was rescued by Lennie Calhoun. She stopped at the Leader on her way to the Humane Society and asked if we would take him. Former Publisher Larry Tobin was "not a cat person," but he was gone at the time and consensus was that the stray would be housed for the time being.

Needless to say, Larry was not thrilled when he returned, but he tolerated the kitten and, in time, grew to really like him. Thinking it was a female feline, Larry suggested the name Miss Print to recognize the newspaper connection. But a trip to the vet soon proved otherwise and he was dubbed Typo.

Typo lived at the Leader office and became the official greeter. He was quite the celebrity in Tomahawk and beyond. He even had his own newspaper column, although he wasn't particularly interested in dead-



No cat naps for **TYPO**  
Tomahawk Leader Office Cat

lines. Visitors regularly stopped in to bring him toys and treats. He was a favorite among children.

During his breaks from business, you would find him in his favorite hiding place, squished into a draw-



er in the composition room. One time Larry and Leader columnist Mark Gaedtker set up a table out-

side in front of the office for a book signing for their literary creations. People came, but several seemed

more interested in a chance to meet Typo.

Around the office, Typo was loved by all and had a lot of responsibilities. Along with being the office greeter, he assisted with general office work and picked the winners of tie-breakers in our annual football contest. Entries were placed on the floor and the one he laid on determined the winner.

In a business filled with deadlines, Typo was a great stress reducer. He would stretch out on your workspace, forcing you to take a break and pet him.

After the Leader was sold in May 2019, he eventually left his office home and lived with a former employee and cat lover, Ali. They ultimately moved to Pennsylvania. Last week, Ali let us know that Typo, age 15, had been quite ill. Thursday, June 8, Typo was relieved of his pain and left this world.

Rest in peace, Typo. It was great to have you as a co-worker.

He has left his paw prints on the hearts of his former Leader family and friends.

## Record-breaking tourism numbers posted by Lincoln County in 2022

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday, June 6, announced that record-breaking tourism numbers were posted in Lincoln County in 2022.

According to data from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, Lincoln County generated its highest-ever overnight visitation numbers last year, producing \$103 million in total economic impact and contributing to Wisconsin's record-breaking \$23.7 billion in total economic impact.

Lincoln County's previous record for economic impact occurred in 2019, when

\$96 million was generated. That same year, Wisconsin set its previous record of \$22.2 billion in total economic impact.

A release from the Chamber said Lincoln County tourism supported 658 full-time and part-time jobs across various sectors of the industry and generated \$5.6 million in local tax revenue.

Statewide, tourism gen-

erated \$1.5 billion in state and local tax revenue, according to the Chamber.

"Without this revenue, each Wisconsin household would pay an additional \$620.00 to maintain the current level of government services," the Chamber stated.

Chamber Executive Director Sherry Hulett said the Chamber is "excited to share the recording-break-



ing numbers for our Lincoln County area."

"It is through the newly-formed joint efforts of the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln County and the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce, along with others supporting the promotion of tourism in the region, that I feel has garnered this success," Hulett stated. "We look forward to what we can accomplish together in the years to come."

There were 111.1 million

visits in Wisconsin in 2022, an increase of 8.8 million visits, or 8.7%, over the previous year.

"This includes a record 45.4 million overnight visits, or a 13.8% increase from 2021," the Chamber noted, adding that overnight visitors, on average, spent nearly three times as much as day trip visitors.

Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers said tourism is "both big fun and big business."

"I'm so grateful for the

innovation and dedication of the folks who make up Wisconsin's tourism industry," Sayers stated. "Each one of them played a role in setting this record. Aided by strategic marketing, Wisconsin convinced more visitors to stay longer so they could add more activities to their itinerary, delivering a deeper economic impact. I congratulate the entire industry on an incredible record-breaking year."

To learn more about Wisconsin tourism's record-breaking year, view the 2022 economic impact data, including a county-by-county breakdown, at [www.industry.travelwisconsin.com/research](http://www.industry.travelwisconsin.com/research).

## Main Street launches 2023 North for the 4th shirt sale

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Those celebrating Independence Day in Tomahawk this year will be able to do so in style, thanks to the return of a decades-long tradition.

Tomahawk Main Street Inc.'s 2023 North for the 4th shirts are available at Honeycomb L.O.F.T., 216 W. Wisconsin Ave., with additional locations to follow.

Main Street Executive Director Jennifer Turkiewicz said Main Street designs the logo for the shirt in-house each year. This year's shirt features a logo that plays on the "Top Gun" movies, star-

ring Tom Cruise.

"We highly recommend getting yours early, as we typically sell out," Main Street noted.

Youth T-shirts are \$18.00 each and are available in sizes small through XL.

Adult T-shirts are available in sizes small through 4XL and are \$24.00 each.

Also available again this year are pocket hoodie sweatshirts and women's racerback tank tops, which will only be sold at Honeycomb L.O.F.T.

Pocket hoodies, sold for

**North for the 4th**  
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# Rhineland program to explore common warning signs of Alzheimer's disease

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**RHINELANDER** – The Alzheimer's Association will host a program next week focused on recognizing the common signs of Alzheimer's disease.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's program will be held at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County, 100 Keenan St., Rhineland, on Tuesday, June 20 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The 90-minute program will explore typical age-related changes, describe common signs of Alzheimer's and dementia, offer tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns, explain the importance of early detection and benefits of



diagnosis, detail possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process and identify helpful community resources for diagnosis and those affected.

"Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said. "Often, the earliest warning signs

of Alzheimer's are dismissed as a normal part of the aging process."

To learn more about the program or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or [jstpierre@alz.org](mailto:jstpierre@alz.org).

Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or by visiting [www.bit.ly/rhi10SignsJune23](http://www.bit.ly/rhi10SignsJune23).

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Report Monday, June 12:

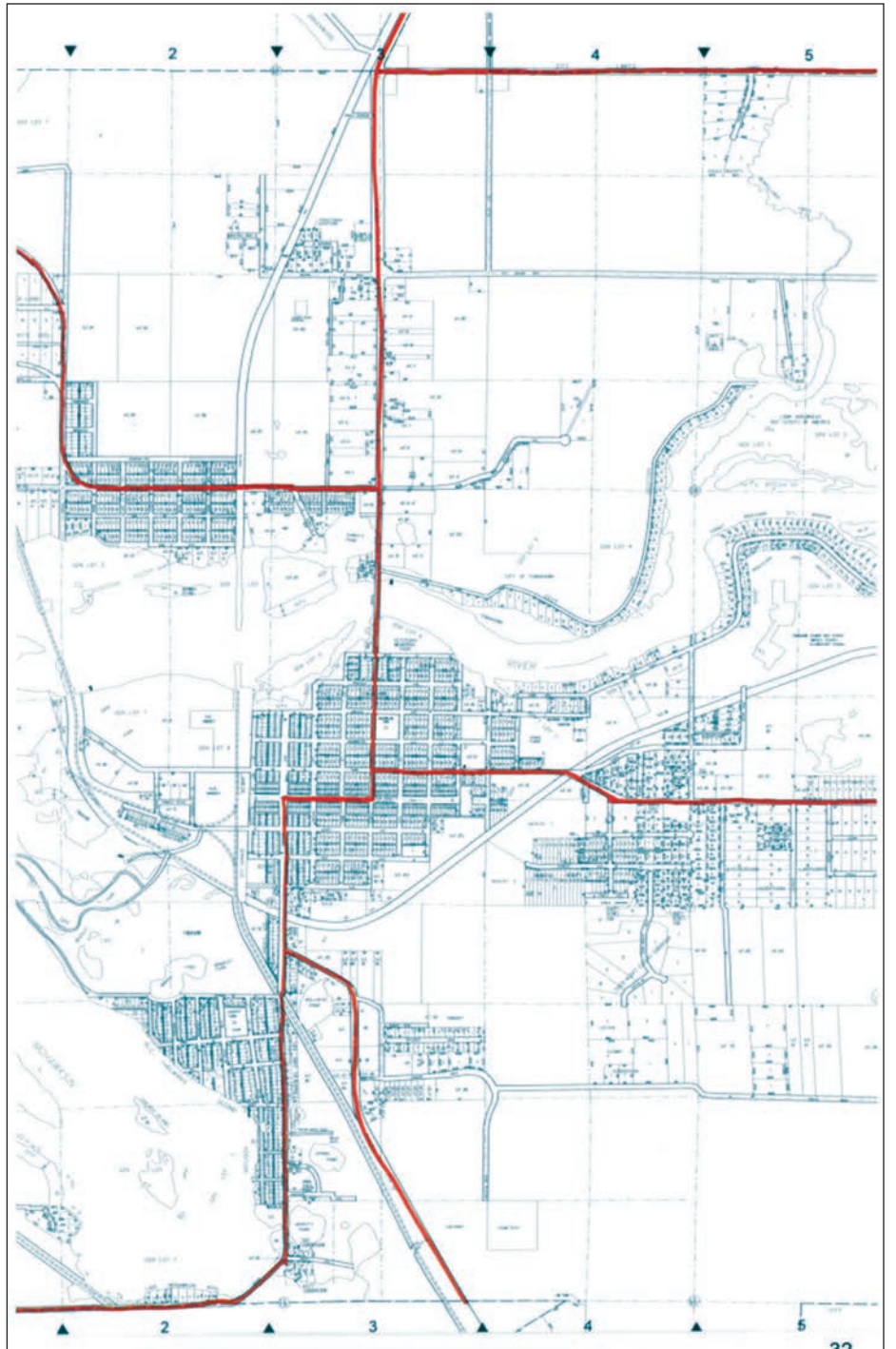
On the afternoon of Saturday, June 10, a Merrill man, 38, was taken into custody following an incident in the Town of Merrill. A preliminary investigation indicated the man reportedly threatened another party at a local business before departing on foot. Deputies made contact with him in the City of Merrill to discuss the incident when the man reportedly became

uncooperative and resistive with deputies. As a result, he was taken into custody on charges of misdemeanor bail jumping and disorderly conduct.

On the evening of Friday, June 9, a Merrill man, 23, was cited for various driving offenses following an incident in the Town of Pine River. A preliminary investigation indicated the man was westbound on State Rd. 64 when he nearly struck a deputy

on patrol. The deputy was able to catch up with and stop the man's vehicle near State Rd. 64 and Blackjack Ln. after her patrol vehicle's RADAR unit indicated the vehicle traveling at 106 MPH in a 55 MPH speed zone. As a result, the man was cited for reckless driving and speeding in excess of the posted speed limit.

Sixteen motorists reported striking deer in Lincoln County this past week.



The roadways marked in red are now considered designated routes following recently-approved changes to the city's ATV/UTV ordinance. Photo courtesy of the City of Tomahawk

## City council gives thumbs up to designated ATV/UTV route changes

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk Common Council last week gave its final stamp of approval to changes to the city's ATV/

UTV ordinance.

The city's Board of Public Works spent several months earlier this year reviewing the city's ATV/UTV route ordinance, under which, designated routes previously went through residential areas.

The changes approved by the council during its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, June 6 removed ATV/UTV route designations from numerous streets in residential areas.

Portions of several roadways, including County Rd. A, County Rd. C, N. 4th St., W. Wisconsin Ave., S. Tom-

ahawk Ave. and Southgate Dr., will remain designated routes.

During last month's council meeting, it was noted that many operators had already been utilizing the now-designated routes.

Going forward, it is anticipated that local ATV clubs will collaborate with the city to establish consistency in signage and club maps.

A public hearing on the ordinance was held during meeting, after which, the ordinance change was unanimously approved by the council.

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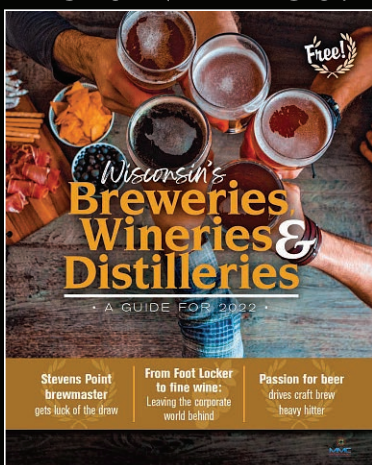
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### NORTH FOR THE 4TH

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\$40.00 each, are available in adult sizes small through 5XL.

Women's racerback tank tops are available in sizes small through 2XL and are sold for \$20.00 each.

The North for the 4th T-shirt fundraiser started about 40 years ago, when the shirts were sold to raise funds for area environmental groups.

After those groups disbanded, the Tomahawk Downtown Business Council headed the fundraiser.

Today, Main Street organizes the shirt sale, which represents one of the organization's largest annual fundraisers.

Over the years, the shirts have featured a variety of wildlife, including eagles, loons, deer and owls, as well as themes highlighting a variety of Tomahawk 4th of July traditions, such as the children's frog jump and the Tomahawk Fire Department water fight.

For more information about the North for the 4th shirts, contact Main Street at 715-453-1090 or Honeycomb L.O.F.T. at 715-224-3666.

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# Evers green-lights improvements to U.S. Hwy. 8 from Prentice to Bradley

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN – A roughly 26-mile stretch of U.S. Hwy. 8 from Prentice to the Town of Bradley is slated to be improved.

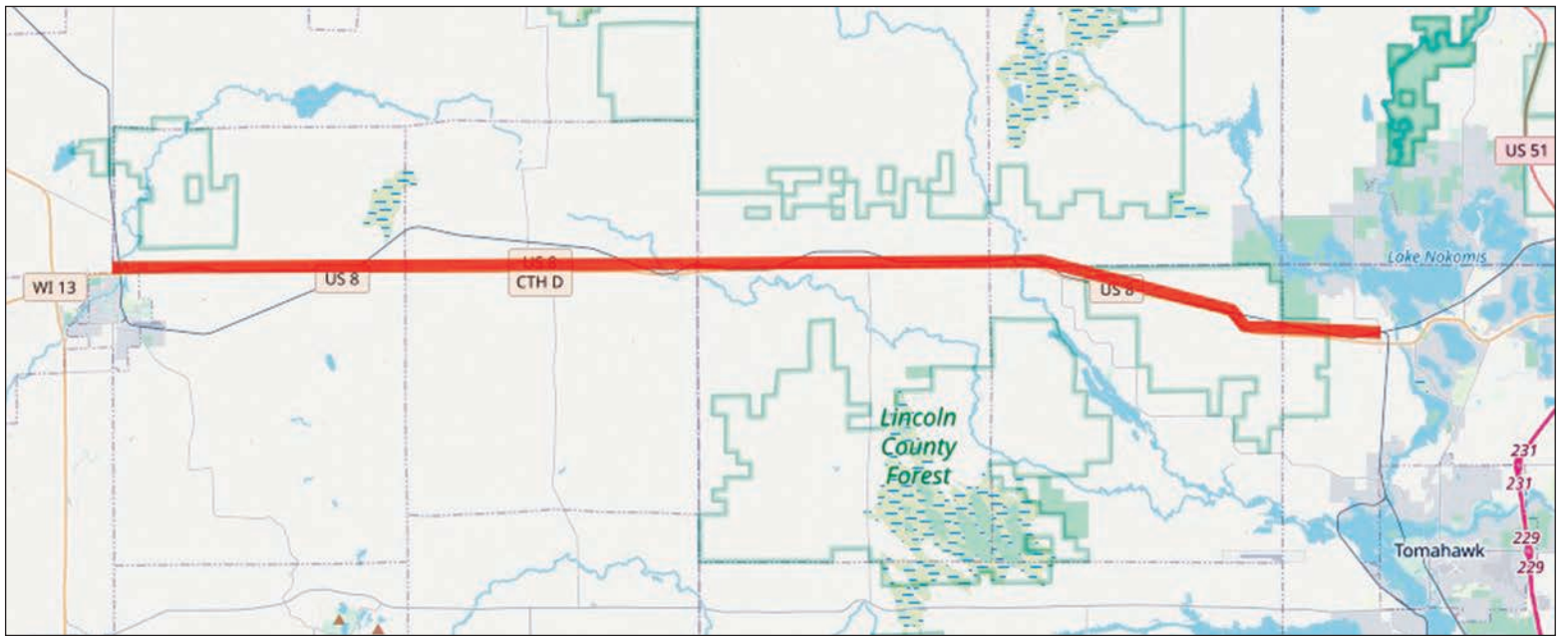
A Wednesday, June 7 release from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) said Governor Tony Evers signed an \$8.5 million contract for the project.

Work was scheduled to begin Monday, June 12, according to WisDOT.

American Asphalt of Wisconsin is the prime contractor for the project.

WisDOT said work will include replacing asphalt pavement, 15 culvert pipes, curb and gutter at 13 intersections and guard rail. In addition, three box culverts will be extended.

Crews will also remove roadway crossing the railroad on Tripoli Dr.



The project will encompass a stretch of road that runs from County Rd. A in Prentice to County Rd. Y in the Town of Bradley.

Photo courtesy of WisDOT

“Tripoli Dr. will be closed, and a cul-de-sac will be constructed,” WisDOT stated. “Tripoli Dr. will no longer intersect U.S. Hwy. 8.”

During construction, U.S. Hwy. 8 will be open to traffic with flagging and lane shifts. One lane of traffic with traffic signals will be encountered at

two large culvert replacements in Price County.

Construction is scheduled for completion in Nov. 2023, WisDOT said, noting that the schedule is

“dependent on favorable weather conditions and construction progress.”

For more information regarding traffic impacts, transportation news and

improvement project updates in Wisconsin’s North Central Region, visit [www.projects.511wi.gov/region/north-central/](http://www.projects.511wi.gov/region/north-central/).

## Second quarterly transportation aids to Wisconsin municipalities total more than \$103 million

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), on Monday, June 5, announced that Wisconsin municipalities received more than \$103 million in the second quarterly payments for 2023 for General Transportation, Connecting Highway and Expressway Policing Aids.

A release from Evers’ office said for calendar year 2023, local governments will receive more than \$526 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-related projects, a 2% increase over calendar year 2022 allocations provided by the state’s 2021-23 biennial budget signed by Evers.

Total funding for all local programs makes up almost one-third of the state transportation budget.

“General Transporta-

tion Aids help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining, and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction,” the release stated. “Connecting Highway Aids reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities. Expressway Policing Aids help the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Department with the costs of patrolling expressways within the county.”

The second quarter payments, made in April, totaled \$103,021,043.82 and included:

- General Transportation Aids – \$99,749,194.61 million to local units of government
- Connecting Highway Aids – \$3,015,874.21 to 116 eligible municipalities
- Expressway Policing Aids – \$255,975.00 to Milwaukee County

“We’ve been proud to improve more than 5,800 miles of roads and high-

ways across the state, and these aids build on that work by going directly toward helping counties and local communities repair and maintain their local roads,” Evers said. “Safe, reliable and quality infrastructure is essential to ensuring our state has the transportation and infrastructure we need to support the success of our workforce, economy and overall quality of life in the 21st century.”

“The first and last mile are essential to efficient and resilient transportation infrastructure,” said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. “The work

we do with local governments across Wisconsin is central to making our economy work and building a transportation network that serves the entire state. Thank you to all the municipal leaders for their cooperative efforts.”

Quarterly payments for cities, villages, and towns are sent on the first Mondays in January, April, July, and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25% of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January; 50% on the first Monday in July; and 25% on the first Monday in October.



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### Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library book sale today

Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library are having a Book Sale today (Wednesday, June 14) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the basement of the library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave. No items are priced. Donations are appreciated, with all proceeds going to the library. Fiction and non-fiction books for kids and adults, as well as CDs, will be available.

### Chamber Quitting Time event today; Historical Society Brat Fry this weekend

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society and American

Legion Post 93 will co-sponsor a Chamber Quitting Time at the Legion, 327 W. Wisconsin Ave., today (Wednesday, June 14) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Food, refreshments, door prizes and networking and friendships will be shared. The Historical Society will hold a Brat Fry in the Trig's parking lot, 662 N. 4th St., on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Brats, hotdogs, chips and soda will be available. A second event is slated for Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15.

### THS Class of 1993 30th reunion

The Tomahawk High School Class of 1993 will

hold 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.

### 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 prayer support. Eagle Summit is part of the International Association of Healing Rooms and features trained volunteers who offer free, confidential prayer support. Eagle Summit is a faith-based center open to all. For more information, contact Paula at [paulapmt25@gmail.com](mailto:paulapmt25@gmail.com) or call Eagle Summit Healing Center 715 224-3490.

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

I wrote this some years ago and still believe it has some relevance for today. Enjoy—and Happy Father's Day to all those fathers out there. May you spark joy with all those who love you for who you are as a father.

## A real man - on Father's Day

Dear Reader,  
It's tough these days to be a man. In fact, I'm sure there are a lot of boys out there searching to be a "real man" in a world that is an ever shifting ambiguity. I've been fortunate in that I've had a number of male role models in my life starting with my father who gave me the courage to be what I think is right in a world that judges every day through the scrutiny of many eyes.

Pressing weights, being a sports star, being a fancy dan with the girls, is more a proof of the boy needing to become an artificial man in others' eyes than being a real man for himself. Personally, I like poetry, I teach children to play chess and I work hard to support my family. Not glamorous to most outsiders, but I don't measure myself by anyone else's standards.

Integrity of being is not based on how much one makes or their status in relation to others. No, "Man-ness" is based on strength of character to stand up for principles such as family, faith and flag. "Man-ness" is also based on one's willingness and ability to contribute to what we are as a whole community.

This may not be the stuff little boys dream of, but it is the foundation of what being a "real man" is all about.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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

## WEATHER

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## OBITUARIES

### D. Jerry Horton, age 70, passed away on June 5, 2023 at his home.

Jerry was born on March 15, 1953 in Portage to Emery and Cornell (Schepp) Horton. He was married to Barbara Clifton on July 31, 1982. Jerry was a service technician at the auto maintenance department of Rhinelander Walmart. He enjoyed being outdoors – hunting and fishing. Jerry is survived by his daughter – Stacy Scherer; brothers – Darryl Horton and Dale (Linda) Horton; many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and wife – Barbara. In accordance to Jerry's wishes, no formal service will be held. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Tomahawk is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at [www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com).



**Annette K. Hefling**, age 77, of Tomahawk, was surrounded by her family when she passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Annette was born on April 13, 1946 in Rochester, Minn. After high school, Annette studied nursing and became an LPN. At age 21, she met Patrick Hefling, the love of her life. They married on Nov. 2, 1968. They had four children together.

As a graduate from the New York School of Design, Annette started her own Interior Decorating business, Distinctive Designs. A listening ear, a loving embrace, and a sincere desire to help others made Annette the wonderful woman we all knew and loved. Life on the lake was a dream come true, and she cherished family gatherings at home. Annette's "must-have item" was her pontoon, The Lucky Lady, on which she hosted many "cocktail cruises." She also spent countless hours in her flower garden and simply enjoyed being outdoors. Travel adventures to Colorado for ski trips and to Ireland were high-lights for Annette. Eventually, she and Pat lived part-time in Arizona making many great friends. Annette was generous, especially with her children, helping them move, decorate, landscape, paint, clean, cook, watch kids and give money when there were hard times. Her family meant the world to her and she will be greatly missed by all. Survivors include her loving husband, Patrick Hefling; her children, Stephen (Lisa) Hefling, Nicholas (Susan) Hefling, Andrea (Matt) Hornick, and Ryan (Lonna) Hefling; her brothers, Mark, Terrance, Leslie, and James Stier; and her sisters, Connie Mignone, Pamela Stacy, and Patricia Stier. She is further survived by her nine grandchildren whom she cherished. She was preceded in death by her parents, Phillip and Vernice; and her brother, Stephen Stier. Memorial services for Annette Hefling will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023, at Generations Funeral Home, Tomahawk, at 2 p.m. Rev. Larry Mathein will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 12 p.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD).

### Obituary updates are posted at [www.tomahawkleader.com](http://www.tomahawkleader.com)



**Dale Strassman**, age 90, of Tomahawk, passed away on June 4, 2023 at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield. Dale was born on Nov. 6, 1932 in Tomahawk to Julius and Dorothy (Ament) Strassman. He was married to Marie A. Verbist on May 29, 1954 in Harrison. Dale worked at the County Highway Department for nearly 25 years until he started work at MTW Rail. Dale retired from the railroad in 1995. He loved hunting, trout fishing, gardening and camping. He enjoyed being at his cabin in Harrison and loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Dale is survived by his wife – Marie Strassman of Tomahawk, and his children – Tom (Jil) Strassman, Mike (Julie) Strassman, Patty (Jim) Daigle and Julie (Jay) Bernarde, all of Tomahawk. Dale is further survived by his brother – Jack (Carolyn) Strassman, 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A Private Family Service will take place at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Harrison. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Tomahawk, is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at [www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com).



**Dorothy "Dottie" Neumeyer Dean**, age 96, passed away Wednesday May 25, 2023 at her Tomahawk home under the care of her family and Aspirus Hospice. Dottie was born December 20, 1926 to Vera (Lindstrom) and Jerome Neumeyer in Milwaukee, WI. They moved to Tomahawk in 1929. Dottie was Valedictorian and the last surviving member of her 1944 Tomahawk High School class. She worked as dental assistant to Dr. Macfarlane after school until high school graduation in 1944, then became full time. While living in Chicago she worked for World Book Encyclopedia. Dottie married Lester Dean June 7, 1947. Beginning in 1948 they owned and operated Dean's Grocery until 1962 when they moved to Reseda, California. There they were both employed by Woodland Hills Country Club. They moved back to Tomahawk in 1969, built a house together,



and later a retire home. Dottie was a cashier for Hanke's Grocery from 1970 to 1973. Dottie was an active member of the Tomahawk Evangelical Covenant Church teaching Sunday school and singing in choir until 2007 when the church dissolved. She volunteered at the Tomahawk Food Pantry and Historical Society for over 25 years. Dottie enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, crafting, traveling, and Being with family and friends. She had a tremendous belief in God, prayed for others daily, and was grateful every day for all that she had. Her personal insight she taught her family was "use it or lose it." She took care of herself and home for 35 years after Lester passed. She mowed her yard into her late 80s until the lawnmower broke and her sons decided it was time to not fix it. She led a very spiritually balanced life and did not let life challenges bring her down. Survivors include sons Alan (Mary Lou) of Tomahawk, James (Anna Mae) of Plainfield, IL and Jeffrey of Tomahawk, eight grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. Dottie was preceded in death by her husband Lester; son, David; daughter Dianne; infant son Duane, and grandson, Jarvis. A Life Celebration will be held in Memorial Park in Tomahawk, July 22, 2023 from 11am until 1:45pm. Photos: High School graduation and her 95th birthday.

From the family of  
**Arlene Schoettler**

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to Dr. Dichson and nursing staff at Aspirus for the great care our Mom received at the hospital. Thank you to Father Louis, Jan and the St. Mary's choir, the luncheon group and Generations Funeral Home for all the support.



The Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD) was joined by Nokomis, Merrill and Pine River firefighters for live fire propane training on Tuesday, June 6. The training was provided by the Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council (WiPERC) and led by instructors from Fire LLC, an organization that provides training and support to federal and state agencies, municipalities and industrial and commercial business. Propane was provided by Hilgy's LP Gas.



TFD said the training consisted of classroom instruction on the physical properties of propane, as well as a hands-on fire portion that focused on different fire scenarios, including a forklift, bulk tank and propane terminal piping props.



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# Aspirus: How to help LGBTQ youth stay healthy

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently provided information on how to ensure LGBTQ youth feel supported and stay healthy.

Aspirus said LGBTQ youth are at increased risk for a number of health problems due to stigma, bigotry and other factors.

“These problems can follow kids into adulthood,” Aspirus stated. “Fortunately, supportive parents and families can help LGBTQ kids live healthy and happy lives. LGBTQ youth who feel valued by their parents are less likely to experience depression, attempt suicide, use drugs and alcohol or get a sexually transmitted disease.”

“Supporting LGBTQ children is crucial for their well-being and overall development, and this really starts at home,” said Jason Bombard, DO, psychiatrist and Specialty Medical Director at Aspirus Behavioral Health. “Parents have a responsibility to create a safe and non-judgmental space for their child to express themselves. Encourage open and honest conversations, but most importantly, remind them regularly of your love and acceptance of who they are.”

Aspirus provided examples of some of the health concerns often faced by LGBTQ youth and tips for how parents can help, sourced from the Centers for Disease Control and



Bombard

Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Partnership to End Addiction, The Trevor Project and the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN).

**Bullying at school**

LGBTQ students are much more likely to be bullied at school than are their non-LGBTQ peers, Aspirus said.

**How to help:** Don't min-

imize the bullying. Instead, stand up for your child. Report the problem to the school's administrators. Let them know you won't tolerate your child being bullied and ask them to come up with a plan to stop it.

**Mental health concerns**

LGBTQ youth are more likely to report having felt sad or hopeless, and more than four times as likely to attempt suicide than their

peers, according to The Trevor Project.

**How to help:** Let your child know they can talk to you about anything. Be on the lookout for red flags, such as:

- Excessive sleeping, difficulty sleeping and other sleep disorders
- Loss of self-esteem
- Loss of interest in favorite pastimes
- Sudden decline in academic performance

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

- Weight loss and loss of appetite
- Personality shifts and changes

“If you spot any of these signs, ask your child's provider to refer you to a behavioral health specialist,” Aspirus stated.

**Sexual abuse**

Aspirus said LGBTQ youth are more likely than their non-LGBTQ peers to experience sexual assault.

**How to help:** Start talking to your kids at a young age about safe touching, and let them know it's OK to say “no.” Let them know they can always talk to you, especially if it's something they've been told to keep secret. As your child gets older, have open, honest conversations about sex. Talk with them about how to avoid risky behavior and unsafe situations.

**Substance abuse**

LGBTQ youth are more likely than their non-LGBTQ peers to use alcohol and other drugs – including prescription opioids, according to Aspirus.

**How to help:** Research suggests that this risk decreases in kids whose parents accept their LGBTQ identity. Family support of a child's LGBTQ identity also helps the child better withstand other sources of stress, such as school bullying.

“Ways you can offer support include inviting your child's LGBTQ friends to join family activities and taking your child to LGBTQ events,” Aspirus stated. “You can also help your child find a local LGBTQ youth group, preferably one that takes a strong stance against substance abuse.”

“Remember that supporting your LGBTQ child is an ongoing process,” Bombard stated. “Continuously educate yourself, adapt to their needs and ensure that your love and support are unwavering.”

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# Wisconsin to receive \$277 million following opioid settlement agreements

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Attorney General Josh Kaul, on Friday, June 9, announced the final approval of \$17.3 billion in opioid agreements with drug makers Teva and Allergan and pharmacies CVS and Walgreens.

A release from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) said that following successful state sign-on and subdivision sign-on periods, the defendants have committed to the deal and will start releasing funds to a national administrator later this summer.

Wisconsin is set to receive nearly \$277 million over 15 years. Money is expected to start flowing to state and local governments by the end of 2023, according to DOJ.

DOJ said the settlements will also require Teva's

opioid business to provide stringent injunctive relief "that, among other things, will prevent all opioid marketing and ensure systems are in place to prevent drug misuse."

"Additionally, Allergan is required to stop selling opioids for the next 10 years," DOJ stated.



CVS and Walgreens have agreed to injunctive relief that requires the pharmacies to monitor, report and share data about suspicious activity related to opioid prescriptions.

"This court-ordered injunctive relief will help ensure a crisis like this does not happen again," DOJ said.

"The opioid crisis has resulted in harm to countless people, and those who fueled the crisis must be held accountable," Kaul stated. "The hundreds of millions

of dollars that Wisconsin communities will receive from these and other case resolutions will enable more progress to be made in the fight against the opioid epidemic."

Teva and Allergan negotiations were led by Attorney General from North Carolina,

Iowa, California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

CVS and Walgreens negotiations were led by Attorneys General from North Carolina, California, Colorado, Connecticut,

Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Texas.

"National investigations

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# DNR: Prevent recycling fires by safely disposing of used batteries

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WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding the public of the dangers of throwing rechargeable batteries, electronics and other materials that could cause a fire in trash or recycling bins.

In the last month, there have been large, damaging fires at multiple Wisconsin recycling facilities. While it is hard to pinpoint the exact cause of each fire, many

batteries, especially powerful lithium-ion batteries found in many electronics, can cause fires when not disposed of properly.

These batteries hold a considerable charge even when they no longer provide enough energy to power the device, and when damaged, they can spark or heat up and cause a fire.

“It only takes one lithium-ion battery to cause a huge fire and put workers and fire crews at risk,” said Sarah Murray, DNR E-Cycle Wisconsin Coordinator.

“Recycling facilities that handle cans, bottles and paper are not designed to handle batteries and electronics. Paper, cardboard and other material can easily catch fire with a spark from a damaged battery or rechargeable device.”

If not caught early, these fires can quickly spread and injure workers or firefighters, cause major damage to equipment, or even destroy an entire facility. In the past month, fires have caused severe damage at recycling and solid waste facilities in Columbia County and Milwaukee.

“When you put electronics or rechargeable batteries in your recycling or trash container, you’re putting workers and facilities at risk,” said Greg Kaminiski, Columbia County Solid Waste Director. “Taking batteries and electronics to a drop-off site may be an extra step, but it’s really important.”

Some batteries, such as single-use alkaline batteries, are safe to put in the trash – but it’s important to understand your batteries and how to store and dispose of them.

“With so many devices in our homes powered by so many different shapes and types of batteries, we know it can be confusing,” Murray stated. “We want to help



A punctured or bent lithium-ion battery can produce enough heat to melt or ignite materials near the battery, even if the battery itself does not ignite.

Photo courtesy of Outagamie County Recycling and Solid Waste

everyone understand how to identify their batteries and where you can recycle batteries and electronics.”

The DNR encourages everyone to follow these tips:

- Be aware that some batteries and battery-powered devices can pose significant hazards if damaged or tossed in the trash. Learn about the different types of batteries you have and how to manage them. The DNR has a household battery recycling guide ([www.tinyurl.com/5aaxy7r3](http://www.tinyurl.com/5aaxy7r3)) to help.

- Take used, rechargeable batteries to local collection sites. Check with battery retailers about their recycling programs or search for nearby sites through battery recycling organization Call2Recycle’s website ([www.call2recycle.org/locator/](http://www.call2recycle.org/locator/)) or by calling 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

- Recycle old electronics through E-Cycle Wisconsin. Many small electronics can be recycled for free or traded in for credit or cash. Visit the DNR’s list of col-

lection sites and free mail-back programs at [www.tinyurl.com/2pyktau2](http://www.tinyurl.com/2pyktau2).

- Don’t put electronics or rechargeable batteries in trash or recycling containers. Most electronics are banned from landfills and incinerators, and they cannot be recycled at the same facilities that recycle plastics, glass and paper.

- When storing batteries for recycling, tape the terminals or put each battery in an individual plastic bag, which prevents batteries from accidentally sparking if terminals touch.

- Store damaged (swollen, bent, punctured or crushed) batteries or devices in sand or kitty litter and, if possible, contact the manufacturer or Call2Recycle for instructions.

- Do not try to remove non-removable batteries from devices, as this could damage the battery and cause a fire.

Note that businesses and institutions have special requirements to determine which types of batteries they have and manage batteries according to hazardous waste regulations.

For more information, refer to the DNR webpage on properly handling used batteries at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/batteries.html](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/batteries.html).

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**The Pastor’s Corner**  
June 14, 2023

Do you ever find yourself ‘tied up in knots?’ You know, those days when there is so much going on that you don’t know which way to go? Or maybe you’re dealing with a family situation, feeling like you need to act, but the solution is not clear? Or maybe you find yourself emotionally spent?

Everyone goes through times like these. Life can be, and often is, quite complex. We often feel alone – like no one understands or cares what is happening to us. Sometimes we try to work it all out on our own. We are not meant to though. God created us as relational beings. We need others to help us on our life’s journey. We can help carry each other’s load. Sometimes, all we need is someone to be with us and remind us to breathe and take time to really think things through.

There is One who is always ready to come alongside of us in times of desperation. God loves each one of us. God loves you.

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

God is always listening. Prayer is simply talking with God. When we are struggling, we can call out to God. Talk to God with sincerity and openness – open to the work the Holy Spirit is ready to do in you. Yes, when we pray, God works in us, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us. Talking to God can bring peace and clarity.

Then there are those times when we just can’t put the words together to pray. We don’t know what is needed or all we can do is be silent or cry. In those moments, the Holy Spirit prays on our behalf and knows what is needed and surrounds us with the very presence of God.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Romans 8:26

Reach out to God in prayer today. God is listening.

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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. We should read the Bible with the intent of learning who God is and what He says.

Last week we looked at 1 John 1,2 and two evidences that we believe God and are a Christian; it is that we believe what God says about our sin and sinfulness (1 John 1:5-10), and that we seek to obey what we know God’s Word says (1 John 2:3-6). Today I would like to look at what defines the Christian life.

In the first century when Christianity began, the question often arose, *Is there any religious ritual that I need to do to be a good Christian?* In the book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul basically tells us, *No!* In Galatians 3, where Paul really gets into the issue, he asks, *O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish, having begun in the Spirit, are you now made complete by the flesh?* (verses 1-3).

After Paul had started a number of churches in the Roman province of Galatia and then moved on to start more churches in other places, we find that some came to the churches and said Paul had not told them the whole story, that they needed to do some more things to be a full Christian. Their message was that they also had to submit to some things in the Old Testament Law along with believing in Jesus Christ in order to be a full Christian. These false teachings began to spread among the new believers.

When Paul found out about this, he wrote the book of Galatians to counter these false teachings. At the beginning of the letter, Paul says, *I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto a different gospel: which is not another of the same kind; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have already preached unto you, let him be accursed* (Galatians 1:6-8). To think they needed any religious rituals beyond believing Christ was to depart from Christ.

Later in the letter, Paul gets very direct, saying, *Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if you are circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace.... For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love* (Galatians 5:2-6). To be trusting in ANY religious ritual to be made complete, is to NOT be trusting in Christ. The real issue for Christian maturity is, *faith which worketh by love* – to obey Christ because you know His love for you and you return that love by obeying Him (John 14:21-24). That is the heart and soul of the Christian life.

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## 2023 THS spring sports summary, part one

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TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK - It's hard to believe that the 2023 spring sporting season has come to a close.

Once again, weather continued to play havoc on the early spring sporting season. One would seem to think that winter was never going to end this year, and adding to it, normal inclement weather makes this writer wonder why the WIAA doesn't start the spring sporting season a month later and end by July 1 - now to convince the southern schools that this is a good idea, when weather has little impact on their schedules.

Some newsworthy items to begin with are that starting in the fall of 2024, Tomahawk will go back into the GNC for football, along with Wausau East, with Ashland and Hayward being removed.

Joanna Phillips signed a letter of intent to swim for Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Ryan Flynn was selected to become the first Activities Director for Tomahawk High School. This position will replace the duties of the Athletic Director and oversee all co-curricular activities, including the pool. This writer feels that Ryan will do a great job and wishes him well with his new challenges.

### Track and field

Let's start the spring summary with the track

and field programs.

Both the boys' and girls' programs were coached by Kurt Cordova, in his fourth season as head coach. He was assisted by Paula Flynn, Connor Ahrens, Stephanie Ahrens, Dane Borchardt and Jake Wiedemeyer.

Members of the boys' program were Ryan Larson, Jerome Morrison, Zach Larson, Beau Stromberg, Damon Boos, Nate Rosenmeier, Taje Casey, Presley Gutbrod, Nick Stefanich, Dane Schoenberger, Ty Anthes, Jack Derleth, Sam Zastrow, Jeremiah Johnson, Brayden Ristau, Elliot O'Connor, Joe Reiter, Zach Hanse, Ethan Gibeault, Bruce Pertz and Pat Samundsen.

The boys' program started with an eighth place finish out of 13 teams at the Ashland Invite. They were then fifth of seven teams at the Eagle River Invite. Their third competition saw Tomahawk take fourth of eight teams at the Marathon Invite, and this was followed by a tenth place of 11 teams at Little Chute.

Next was the Wausau West Invite, where THS was fourth of seven teams. At the Merrill "Otto Bacher" Invite, Tomahawk was eighth of 11 teams. The annual Tomahawk Invite saw Tomahawk second of five teams with 115.5 points, with Rhinelander winning with 143.5 points. In their last competition before conference, Tomahawk was sixth of 11 teams at the Rhinelander "Hodag" Invite.

At the GNC meet held at Lakeland, Tomahawk was

fifth. This tied their best conference finish since the 2012 season. Conference results were Lakeland 184, Medford 150, Eagle River 134.5, Rhinelander 103, Tomahawk 52, Mosinee 38.5 and Antigo 32.

All-Conference honors went to Joe Reiter, first team in the shot put; Zach Hanse, second team in the 300m hurdles; the 4x800m relay team of Ethan Gibeault, Jeremiah Johnson, Beau Stromberg and Ty Anthes, honorable mention; and the 4x200m relay team of Zach Hanse, Ryan Larson, Dane Schoenberger and Presley Gutbrod, honorable mention.

At Regionals, Tomahawk was seventh of eight teams with 47 points. Qualifying for sectionals at Arcadia were the 4x800m relay team of Ty Anthes, Ethan Gibeault, Beau Stromberg and Sam Zastrow; Presley Gutbrod in the high jump and 200m; Joe Reiter in the disc; and Zach Hanse in the 300m hurdles.

At Sectionals, Tomahawk was led by Zach Hanse, placing 11th in the 300m hurdles.

Now, on to the girls' program.

Team members were Nadia Schoone, Mariah Sparbel, Arawen Albert, Kambyl Matke, Jennie Frederickson, Lydia Shaney, Alli Palmer, Marie Gorell, Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Rachel Reilly, Elizabeth Lee, Robin Schmidt, Kailynn Hanse, Morgan Hansmann, Kinsley Lang, Alicia Voermans, Paige DeKiep, Joanna Phillips, Ayla McCormick and Clara Heil.

Their season started with

an eighth place of 12 teams at the Ashland Invite. Next, they were fourth of eight teams at the Eagle River Invite. At the Marathon Invite, THS was second of 8 teams. The Little Chute Invite saw Tomahawk take ninth of 11 teams.

Tomahawk then had a solid performance at the Wausau West Invite, where they took second of 7 teams. The Merrill "Otto Bacher" Invite resulted in a fifth of 11 teams. In their lone championship of the season, Tomahawk won their own invitational with a total point performance of 126, compared to Rhinelander's second place with 104 in the five-team invitational. At the last competition before conference, Tomahawk was fifth of 11 teams at the Hodag Invite.

Conference results were Mosinee 135.17, Medford 113.33, Eagle River 104, Antigo 101, Lakeland 93, Rhinelander 78 and Tomahawk 71.5.

All-Conference honors went to the 4x200m relay team of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Alicia Voermans and Marie Gorell-1st team; the 4x100m relay team of Morgan Hansmann, Alli Palmer, Robin Schmidt and Elizabeth Lee, 2nd team; Alicia Voermans, 2nd Team (pole vault); Morgan Hansmann, honorable mention (800m); and Ayla McCormick, honorable mention (disc).

At Regionals, Tomahawk was fifth of 8 teams. Sectional qualifiers were the 4X100m and 4X200m relay

teams of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Marie Gorell and Alicia Voermans; the 4X800m relay team of Paige DeKiep, Morgan Hansmann, Alli Palmer and Robin Schmidt; Alicia Voermans in the 100m and pole vault; Faith Derleth in the 200m; Halle Derleth in the 200m; Robin Schmidt in the 3200m; and Ayla McCormick in the disc.

Sectional action saw

Tomahawk being led by Ayla McCormick placing ninth in the disc and the 4X100m and the 4X200m relay teams of Halle Derleth, Faith Derleth, Marie Gorell and Alicia Voermans also placing ninth.

### Part two next week

Next week, we'll take a look at the golf, softball and baseball seasons.

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 134

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@mmlocal.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 133 question:** What year did THS win its first regional title in wrestling: 1968, 1969 or 1970?

**Week 133 answer:** THS won its first regional title in wrestling in 1969 with 76 points. Rhinelander was second with 69 points.

No correct answers to last week's question were submitted. Better luck this week!

**Week 134 question:** Gary Hoffmann was named Athlete of the Year in the 1968-1969 school year. What college did he participate for: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Superior or UW-La Crosse?



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June 15	2:28AM	9:37AM	5:59PM	10:02PM
June 16	2:57AM	10:28AM	7:10PM	---
June 17	3:33AM	10:54PM	8:15PM	11:21AM
June 18	4:18AM	11:48PM	9:11PM	12:14PM
June 19	5:12AM	12:41AM	9:57PM	1:07PM
June 20	6:13AM	1:33AM	10:33PM	1:58PM
June 21	7:18AM	2:23AM	11:02PM	2:46PM

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# Tips to stay cool, safe in hot weather

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High temperatures kill hundreds of people every year. Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet more than 700 people die from extreme heat every year in the United States.

Take measures to stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed. Getting too hot can make you sick. You can become ill from the heat if your body can't compensate for it and properly cool you off.

The main things affecting your body's ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather are:

- High humidity. When the humidity is high, sweat won't evaporate as quickly. This keeps your body from releasing heat as fast as it may need to.

- Personal factors. Age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn and prescription drug and alcohol use all can play a role in whether a person can cool off enough in very hot weather.

Those who are at highest risk include people 65 and older, children younger than two, and people with chronic diseases or mental illness.

Closely monitor people who depend on you for their care, and ask these questions:

- Are they drinking enough water?
- Do they have access to air conditioning?

- Do they need help keeping cool?

People at greatest risk for heat-related illness can take the following protective actions to prevent illness or death:

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as you can. Air-conditioning is the number one way to protect yourself against heat-related illness and death. If your home is not air-conditioned, reduce your risk for heat-related illness by spending time in public facilities that are air-conditioned and using air conditioning in vehicles. Contact your local health department or locate an air-conditioned shelter in your area.

- Do not rely on a fan as your main cooling device during an extreme heat event.

- Drink more water than usual and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.

- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.

- Limit use of the stove and oven - it will make you and your house hotter.

- Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather:

- Limit your outdoor activity, especially midday when the sun is hottest.

- Pace your activity. Start activities slowly and pick up the pace gradually.

- Drink more water than usual and don't wait until

you're thirsty to drink more. Muscle cramping may be an early sign of heat-related illness.

- Wear loose, light-weight, light-colored clothing.

If you play a sport that practices during hot weather, protect yourself and look out for your teammates:

- Schedule workouts and practices earlier or later in the day when the temperature is cooler.

- Monitor a teammate's condition and have someone do the same for you.

- Seek medical care right away if you or a teammate has symptoms of heat-related illness.

Everyone should take these steps to prevent heat-related illnesses, injuries, and death during hot weather:

- Stay in an air-conditioned indoor location as much as you can.

- Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.

- Schedule outdoor activities carefully.

- Wear loose, light-weight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen.

- Pace yourself.

- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.

- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.

- Never leave children or pets in cars.

- Check the local news for health and safety updates.

Learn more about heat safety at [www.tinyurl.com/38tjdm65](http://www.tinyurl.com/38tjdm65).

# Lights Out Weekend to focus on fireflies

BY EILEEN PERSIKE  
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER - Oneida County Land and Water Department is hosting a series of outdoor events this summer. Each event has a different goal, but all look to inspire homeowners to undertake outdoor projects, such as creating or protecting habitat; turning off outdoor lights, introducing native plants and plants that attract pollinators, and also stabilizing shorelines.

Saturday, June 17 is a Firefly Watch at the Rhinelander soccer fields on Air Park Rd. The program starts at 9:30 p.m., and families are encouraged to attend to learn about fireflies and how light pollution affects them and how small changes can help.

Firefly Watch is part of the first Northwoods LIGHTS OUT! Weekend that promotes the idea of enjoying the dark skies. It is as simple as turning off outdoor lights for a few hours, going outside, finding a place with an open view and looking up, watching and even listening.

A similar program will take place Saturday, Aug. 12 and Sunday, Aug. 13, but will feature a meteor watch.

A Native Plant Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 10 a.m. at Hanson's



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Garden Village. Take a walk through the native plant greenhouse to learn about some of the benefits, importance and diversity of native plant varieties. Learn how using native plants can attract beneficial pollinators to gardens, yards or shorelines. This workshop is free, and no registration is required.

Thursday, June 29 is a Site Restoration Field Day that will take participants on a tour of sites that have already been restored, are in the planning phase or need restoration help. Registration is required and space is limited. Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "site restoration field day tickets."

For more information, visit [www.oclw.org](http://www.oclw.org) or call 715-369-7835.

10x10 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 64 indicating starting points for clues.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. In a place to sleep
- 5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
- 8. A way to fish
- 11. Classic Linklater film "\_\_\_ and Confused"
- 13. Legume
- 14. Indonesian island
- 15. Smooth, creamy substance
- 16. Arctic
- 17. Wood sorrels
- 18. Defied
- 20. Cattle
- 21. Tableland
- 22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- 25. Repossession
- 30. Danced
- 31. Adult males
- 32. A type of section
- 33. Type of Japanese animation
- 38. Satisfaction
- 41. Fit
- 43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
- 45. Failure
- 47. Israeli city
- 49. French river
- 50. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Large body of water
- 63. \_\_\_kosh, near Lake

Winnebago

64. Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Payroll firm
- 2. Unit of transmission
- 3. Rockers Better Than \_\_\_
- 4. Bambi is one
- 5. Highest parts of something
- 6. Correct behavior
- 7. Batty
- 8. Cyprinid fishes
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- 12. American rocker Snider
- 14. W. African language
- 19. Symbol to mark for removal
- 23. \_\_\_ Squad
- 24. Resident
- 25. Federal savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Returned material

- 28. One point south of due east
- 29. Winter melon
- 34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 35. Anger
- 36. Central European river
- 37. First responders
- 39. Spanish noble
- 40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
- 41. Defunct airline
- 42. Small island (British)
- 44. The extent of something from beginning to end
- 45. Capital of Bangladesh
- 46. Dutch cheese
- 47. Imitates
- 48. A contest of speed
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
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# Natural Connections: The Northwoods ROCKS!

BY EMILY STONE  
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Thirty second graders tumble off their big yellow bus and onto the sidewalk in front of the Museum. Hot sunshine makes it feel like summer, and after tomorrow, (their last day of school) it will be. “Welcome to the Cable Natural History Museum,” I shout over the noise of traffic and excitement. “Check out that big banner. What’s the biggest word up there?” I ask pointing to the front of the Museum.

“ROCKS!” They answer as a group.

“Raise your hand if you like rocks,” I command, and suddenly a forest of fingers waves vigorously. With big smiles, Kali and I walk the students into the Museum’s classroom. Kali is a very recent graduate of Northland College’s geoscience program, and is one of our two summer interns. Kali is helping to lead our school field trips about...ROCKS!

The learning starts with a skit that Kali and I designed to cover about 3 billion years of geologic history in Northern Wisconsin. “BILLION?” the kids exclaim, suitably



Students on a field trip complete a scavenger hunt in The Northwoods ROCKS exhibit at the Cable Natural History Museum. Photo by Joshua Hintze

impressed. Yes, billion. Three billion years ago the first continents were forming, including a small continent that would become the heart of North America. That Superior Continent bumped into another small continent.

At this point Kali and I kneel at either end of a large sheet of cardboard painted dark brown. “Do you know what happens when to continents bump

into each other?” I ask the students. A girl in the back acts it out with her hands experimentally, fingers meeting, then steeping upward. “When continents bump into each other they push up mountains like Mount Everest!” Kali and I each push an end of the cardboard toward the middle, and a well-placed fold pops up, tenting into a peak.

“Those continents

pushed up huge mountains right here in Northern Wisconsin. They were so big that their peaks were covered with snow.” At that point Kali drapes a piece of pure white flannel over the cardboard mountain. “They were bigger than the Rocky Mountains, and maybe bigger than Mount Everest, too. And they were RIGHT HERE.”

At this point in the skit,

I take a look around the room to watch eyes go big and round, foreheads crinkle in thought, and heads shaking in disbelief. Geology is astounding, that’s one reason Kali and I both studied it at Northland.

“A couple billion years later (give or take) something else happened on this new continent,” I continue. “It started to rip apart. The crust stretched and thinned.” At this point, Kali pulls a section of the brown cardboard “continent” away, revealing swirling shades of red and orange in the gap. “Lava pushed up from within the Earth,” I continue, “broke through the thin spots, and volcanoes erupted TONS of lava into the area where Lake Superior is today.”

“That lava cooled and hardened into a dark gray rock we call basalt. Have any of you picked up a dark gray rock off the ground?” Heads nod. “That rock was molten lava 1.1 billion years ago.” Eyes go wide.

“After that lava hardened, rain, snow, ice, wind, and gravity started to break the high places into smaller pieces and wash them downhill. Have you ever seen water carrying sand and rocks away?” Some students nod more

vigorously than others while I pull our cardboard mountain flat, and Kali whips out another piece of cardboard to cover up the lava. This sheet is painted tan with speckles to represent the sandstone that formed in the rift basin that would become Lake Superior. “So much sand piled up that it squashed together and turned into sandstone.”

“Finally, many years after that,” I continue, “huge mountains of moving ice came down from Canada.” Kali hands me a pale blue bed sheet and asks for four volunteers. Once a student is holding each of the corners, we have them carry the sheet down the length of our cardboard continent. “Those glaciers scraped across Northern Wisconsin, flattened off the high spots, broke the rocks into pieces, and carried the pieces away with them,” I narrate as the student-powered glacier moves.

“And then, when the glacier finally melted...” at this point Kali and I quickly flip over our brown cardboard and swirl the glacier sheet off to the side. This reveals a green landscape dotted with small lakes and a sinuous river. “The glacier left behind the lakes, rivers, and hills we see today.”

“How many of you like to go fishing? Paddling? Tubing? Mountain biking? Skiing? Four-wheeling?” Little hands raise and wave excitedly when I call out their favorite recreation. “The lakes and rivers and hills that make those activities so fun in Northern Wisconsin are all thanks to the way that the glaciers and geology shaped our landscape!”

After that, I take the students into our new exhibit “The Northwoods ROCKS: Where Geology is the Foundation for Fun,” to learn even more.

Raise your hand if you like rocks...awesome! You’re invited, too!

Emily’s award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is available to purchase at [www.cablemuseum.org/books](http://www.cablemuseum.org/books) and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Our new exhibit: “The Northwoods ROCKS!” is open now! Our Summer Calendar of Events is ready for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and [www.cablemuseum.org](http://www.cablemuseum.org) to see what we are up to.

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