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PAYING TRIBUTE TO FALLEN BUFFALOES

Range named after Tomahawk-area native Einar H. Ingman Jr. commemorated at Camp Casey

BY STAFF SGT. EFFIE MAHUGH

CAMP CASEY, SOUTH KOREA – As the sun broke through the clouds in the early morning of Thursday, May 25, Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, “Buffaloes,” 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, stepped off in a battalion memorial run, some wearing blue shirts with the regiment’s crest and motto, “Truth and Courage,” printed on their backs.

Unlike usual runs, there was no cheering and no cadence calling, just the sound of shuffling boots as the Buffalo herd made its way, in silence, to the Ingman Multipurpose Small Arms Range.

The entrance to Ingman Range was lined with pairs of boots with American flags and Soldiers holding up photos of the 22 fallen Buffalo Soldiers who lost their lives during the Global War on Terrorism.

The herd approached the range and assumed a formation before the hillside which read, “Welcome to Ingman Range,” in large wooden letters.

“We remember our fallen Buffaloes during our run today,” said Capt. Troy Springer, battalion adjutant and narrator for the ceremony. “Where we will remember those from our ranks who can no longer sweat, who can no longer bleed, and who can no longer sound off, for they have paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

On March 9, 2010, Wear Blue: Run to Remember was founded following the redeployment of the 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division to their



Photos courtesy of Lancer Brigade PAO 1

home station of Joint Base Lewis McChord. During that deployment, a small group of wives and battalion staff met weekly to run, creating a support network for one another during this challenging and heart-breaking deployment.

Wear Blue co-founder and current Executive Director, Lisa Hallett, lost her husband, Capt. John Hallett, when he and three other Soldiers were killed on Aug. 25, 2009, while returning from a goodwill mission in Southern Afghanistan. The Hallett children were young when John was killed – three years, one year, and only three weeks old. Unfortunately, John never met his youngest child.

A lifelong runner, Lisa

turned to running and community to navigate this incredibly difficult time, and work through her grief and loss.

When the brigade returned, Lisa and fellow Army wife, Erin O’Connor, turned this small group into a nationwide organization that now helps thousands across the country heal from the devastating effects of the loss of a military loved one.

The original Wear Blue runners wore blue Buffalo PT shirts when they were running together while their spouses were deployed from 2009 to 2010. Blue shirts are now worn as a tribute to the 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division and the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry

Regiment.

Due to the Korea Rotational Force, this year the Buffaloes were unable to participate in the annual Wear Blue Run to Remember Memorial Day Run in DuPont, Wash.

Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua Weiss, the battalion command sergeant major, approached the podium and conducted a final roll call for each of the 22 Soldiers, to which each first sergeant replied, “Sergeant Major, they are no longer with us.” Taps played over the speakers as the formation rendered a salute to the American flag.

A total of 10 wreaths were laid followed by a moment of silence. The wreaths represented the American Civil War, Indian Wars, War

with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Expedition, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Just Cause and the Global War on Terrorism.

The Buffalo battalion commander approached the podium next and addressed the formation and guests.

“It’s incredibly humbling to be part of today’s ceremony and an absolute honor to share a few words with all of you,” said Lt. Col. Carmen Bucci, battalion commander. “To call into focus what it means to serve, what it means to sacrifice, and what it means to remember – that freedom isn’t free.”

The final part of the ceremony was the commemo-

ration of Ingman Range, named after Medal of Honor Recipient and Tomahawk-area native Sgt. Einar H. Ingman Jr.

“In a few moments, when we read his Medal of Honor Citation, I ask that you listen to the words, you reflect on his actions, and you ponder what you would do under such harrowing circumstances. His actions are of a true legend,” said Bucci.

Sgt. Einar Ingman’s Medal of Honor Citation reads as follows:

“On Feb. 26, 1951 near Malta-Ri, Korea - Sgt. Ingman (at the time of his actions he was only a Corporal), a member of Company E, 17th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy.

“The two leading squads of the assault platoon of his company, while attacking a strongly fortified ridge held by the enemy, were pinned down by withering fire, and both squad leaders and several men were wounded. Cpl. Ingman assumed command, reorganized, and combined the two squads, then moved from one position to another, designating fields of fire and giving advice and encouragement to the men.

“Locating an enemy machine-gun position that was raking his men with devastating fire, he charged it alone, threw a grenade into the position, and killed the remaining crew with rifle fire. Another enemy machine gun opened fire approximately 15 yards away

Ingman
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Invasive emerald ash borer impacting Tomahawk trees

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Ash trees throughout the City of Tomahawk are being impacted by an invasive species.

During the city’s Park and Recreations Committee meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, June 13, Street Department Leadperson Nick Rosenmeier said emerald ash borer (EAB) has been found within city limits.

EAB is an invasive, wood-boring beetle that kills ash trees by eating the tissues under the bark. Native to northeastern Asia, EAB was first detected in the United States in 2002 and is thought to have been intro-



This ash tree on W. Wisconsin Ave. is one of roughly ten EAB-impacted trees that have been identified and marked for removal.

duced from China through the wood from shipping crates, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Since first being detected in Wisconsin in 2008, EAB

has been found in counties throughout the southern part of the state and has affected trees in parts of numerous northern counties, including Lincoln, Forest, Langlade, Marathon, Onei-



Photos by Jalen Maki

da, Price and Vilas.

As of last month, only four Wisconsin counties – Burnett, Rusk, Taylor and Washburn – had no EAB

detections since 2008.

Rosenmeier told the committee that he’d identified about ten impacted trees in the city that he would like to see taken down, noting he chose “the worst of the worst.”

“These trees are not coming back,” Rosenmeier stated. “There’s a 100% chance that every ash tree in this city will be gone. There’s no denying it. It’s science.”

Rosenmeier said he and Ted Foley of Foley’s Tree Service inspected affected trees last fall, and Foley anticipated that the situation will worsen over the next four to five years.

City employees will focus on removing trees that have died or are dying, Rosenmeier told the committee,

but the high number of ash trees within the city limits presents a challenge.

“We’re never going to get caught up,” Rosenmeier stated, noting that there are about 300 ash trees on city property.

“If we take down ten trees a year, that’s 30 years,” he said.

Rosenmeier told the committee that some of the trees are too large or hazardous for city employees to remove.

“We, as a city, have to start planning how we’re going to fund taking these trees down,” he stated.

In the meantime, Rosenmeier said he plans on moving forward with removing ash trees city employees are able to remove.

American Legion Post 93 announces Spring Fling Fishing Raffle winners

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk last week announced the winners of its Spring Fling Fishing Raffle.

Winners were drawn on Tuesday, June 6 at Kilroy's Klub at the Post, 327 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Winners are as follows: First prize, Barb Zastrow, Tomahawk, Lake Superior Guided fishing trip for three; second, Dale Lemon, Tomahawk, bass fishing package; third, Derek Dotter, Tomahawk, musky fishing package; fourth, Pam Wren, Slinger, Wis., \$100.00; fifth, Jeff Strack, Weston, Wis., \$100.00; sixth, Mark Kurth, Tomahawk, \$100.00; seventh, Joe Kedinger, Tomahawk, \$50.00; eighth, Char Pflume, Tomahawk,



Pictured, from left: First prize winner Barb Zastrow, Post 93 Commander Tom Garrigan, third prize winner Derek Dotter and kids, Post 93 Adjutant Tom Pederson. Photo courtesy of Sarah Wolff

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All proceeds from the raffle will go towards renovations currently underway at the Legion.

"Thanks to all who purchased fishing raffle tickets," the Legion said. "We

sincerely appreciate your support."

The Legion noted that tickets for its upcoming UTV and gun raffles are available at the Legion and various Tomahawk businesses.

For more information about the raffles, contact the Legion at 715-453-4559.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

Dear Reader,
I recently viewed a colored sketch that Andy Warhol made of Marilyn Monroe. His 15 minutes of fame statement came to mind. Whether it is 15 minutes, 15 months or 15 years, fame is fleeting, for stars like Marilyn and ordinary people alike.



Our lives take place in a nanosecond of a universe that is 13.7 billion years old. We experience temporary highs and lows as the "it girl" in high school plays, the college sports star with the promise of professional glory, or the shrewd business person who amasses a bundle of money. From the macro view, none of these achievements is more than a hill of beans.

And then the sunset comes and we get old. If things went well, we are recognized by our peers, devoted to our families, and loved by those we know and love in return. We aspire to a sense of fulfillment and the belief that what we thought and did mattered.

Fifteen minutes of fame, or 15 minutes of oblivion – at the end of the day, it hardly matters. What does matter is our values, our character, and the kindness we shared with others. Time cannot tarnish this ineffable reality of connection and impact on another human being.

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and inflicted additional casualties to the group and stopped the attack. When Cpl. Ingman charged the second position he was hit by grenade fragments and a hail of fire which seriously wounded him about the face and neck and knocked him to the ground.

"With incredible courage and stamina, he arose instantly and, using only his rifle, killed the entire gun crew before falling unconscious from his wounds.

"As a result of the singular action by Cpl. Ingman, the defense of the enemy was broken, his squad secured its objective, and more than 100 hostile troops abandoned their weapons and fled in disorganized retreat.

"Cpl. Ingman's indomitable courage, extraordinary heroism, and superb leadership reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the infantry and the U.S. Army."

The battalion command team approached the hillside and together unveiled a large wooden 17th Infantry Regiment crest.

"Today, we commemorate Sgt. Ingman's heroism and personal sacrifice as a member of the 17th Infantry Regiment with this fitting and permanent addition to Ingman Range," Springer said. "From this day forward, every Soldier who is 'Welcomed' to Ingman Range will forever realize the connection between the 17th Infantry Regiment and Sgt. Einar Ingman."

The ceremony concluded with the playing of the 7th Infantry Division Bayonet Song and the Army Song and the herd retreated back to "Buffalo Country."

'Never Been Any Reason' officially certified as Gold digital single by RIAA

Songwriter Mike Somerville lived in Tomahawk area for two decades

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

UNITED STATES – Universal Music Group recently announced that the single “Never Been Any Reason,” written by Mike Somerville and recorded by the rock band Head East, has been officially certified Gold through the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

To be eligible for Gold Certification, a single must reach sales and streaming of 500,000 units.

“Never Been Any Reason” is featured on the album *Flat as a Pancake*, which achieved Gold Certification in 1978.

The original *Flat* band members were Somerville, Roger Boyd, Steve Huston, John Schlitt and Dan Birney. Boyd produced the album, which was recorded at Golden Voice Studio in Pekin, Ill.

“Never Been Any Reason” is an iconic rock anthem used in television and film, including *Dazed and Confused*, *The Education of*



Pictured, from left, are Steve Huston, Roger Boyd, John Schlitt, Dan Birney and Mike Somerville, members of Head East, in the mid-1970s. Photo courtesy of Head East

Charlie Banks, *J-Men Forever*, *Sahara* and *That 70's Show*.

Somerville lived in the Tomahawk area for 20 years, until his death in 2020. He enjoyed sitting in on jam sessions with local musicians, laying down guitar tracks in recording studios for other musicians and filling in for lead guitarists, when able.

Born in Peoria, Ill., Somerville developed a passion for music and gui-

tar while in junior high school and played in local rock bands during his high school years.

In 1973, he became the lead guitarist for Head East, in which he played guitar on and off for several years.

Body of missing Irma man found near Ice Age trailhead in Town of Harding

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF HARDING – The body of an Irma man who had been missing for several days was found this past weekend.

A release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said Jason Meyer, 49, had been located deceased from what appeared to be self-inflicted injuries at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 18, near the trailhead of the Ice Age Trail on Burma Rd. in the Town of Harding.

Meyer was reported missing on Wednesday, June 14 and had last



Meyer Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

been seen in the area on the north side of Burma Rd. and County Rd. E.

The circumstances surrounding Meyer's disappearance and death remain under investigation by the Sheriff's Office and the Lincoln County Coroner's Office.

“We would like to thank the many agencies and volunteers that assisted in the search efforts in any way over the last several days,” the Sheriff's Office stated.

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Ernest "Ernie" J. Winker, age 84, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Veterans Home in King, Wis. He was born July 31, 1938, in Tomahawk, to the late Art and Judy (July) Winker. Ernie owned and operated Ernie's Woodworking and Home Maintenance for many years as well as opening and closing numerous cottages in the spring and fall while also providing snow plowing services. He was a Korean War veteran, a member of the American Legion Post 93, and the Tomahawk Lions Club where he served as former president. Ernie also served as president of the Members Council (Olson and Moses Hall) at the Veterans Home in King. Survivors include his son, Paul (Wendy) Winker; his daughter, Laura (Joseph) Haring; his grandchildren, Shawn, Paul, Holley, and Kayleigh; his great-grandchild, Hadleigh; and his siblings, Pat Mallek, Elaine Devine, Ray Winker, Mac Winker, Sharon Garver, Fran Winker, and Tom Winker. He is further survived by many extended family and friends. A celebration of Ernie's life will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Generations Funeral Home, Tomahawk, and will conclude with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Building Fund at the American Legion Post 93, 327 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Tomahawk. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Ernie's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Lillie Mae Lee (81) was born on February 16, 1942 in Hobart, Oklahoma to Howard and Bertha Ellis (Daughtry). Lillie was carried into eternal life on May 29, 2023 in Hobart, Oklahoma surrounded by her family and loved ones. Lillie grew up and went to school in Hobart, Okla. Her hobbies included dancing, playing cards and dominos, and spending quality time with her family and friends. Lillie is formerly a resident of Tomahawk, Wis. and left many friendships and memories there. Lillie is preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Bertha Ellis (Daughtry); husband, Otto Solem; husband, Garth Lee; son David Lee; sister, Mary Ann Harris, and sister, Ethan Faye Simmons. Lillie is survived by daughters, Mary Beth Sims and husband, Kelly, Wichita Falls, TX; Janet John and husband, Michael, Hobart, OK; son, Otto Lee and wife, Candy, Merrill, WI; brother, James Ellis, Hobart, OK; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. Lillie will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched. Under the direction of Ray & Martha's Funeral Home, Hobart, OK.



Marie C. Riehle, 98, Athens, passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. She was born Nov. 25, 1924 in the town of Halsey, daughter of the late Leo and Rose (Salzman) Mallak. On Oct. 18, 1944, she married Lawrence P. Riehle at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Athens. He preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 2011. Marie was a longtime member of St. Anthony Catholic Church where she volunteered for many church functions, was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and a Eucharistic Minister. Marie was a member of the Senior Citizens Club, the Forest View Card Club and the Homemaker's Club. Among her favorite pastimes, she enjoyed making candy and other sweet treats at Christmas time, gardening, taking care of her family and friends and helping anyone in need whenever she could. Survivors include her daughter, Sharon (James "Mike") LaPointe, Wausau; two grandchildren, Aimee Pritzl, Weston, and Michael (Cory) LaPointe, Weston; three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katie and Benjamin Pritzl; two step-great-grandchildren, Rocky and Mari Rybarczyk; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, Lawrence, she was preceded in death by her grandson-in-law, Patrick Pritzl; two sisters, Barbara Rauen and Rosella Silber; and seven brothers, Lawrence, Harold, Frank, Clarence, Leonard, Joseph and Raymond Mallak. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Athens. Rev. George Graham will preside. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Athens. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Anthony Catholic School in memory of Marie. Marie's family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Country Terrace in Tomahawk for the staff's compassionate care and assistance that was given to her during her stay with them. Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Athens is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.



Lawrence "Bish" Bishop Jr., age 80, of Tomahawk, passed away unexpectedly at home in Tomahawk on June 15, 2023. Bish was born on Oct. 18, 1942 in Tomahawk to Lawrence Sr. and Agnes (Extrom) Bishop. He was married to Barbara Buchanan on Sept. 8, 1963 in Menomonie, Wis. Bish worked for Drott MFG and JI Case as a business executive for his entire career. Moving around a fair amount as a dedicated employee of the company, most of his work life was spent in Wausau and Racine, where he and Mom made great lifelong friends. Bish was an avid and very talented craftsman and built many pieces of furniture, and cabinetry, as well as milling most of the wood siding, trim, and other accents in the retirement home he designed, and built with his brother Tom. He was very passionate about history, and very proud of our family's history and legacy in the Tomahawk area. Bish was passionate about the Tomahawk community, and got a lot of joy in meeting people as he'd go out to lunches and dinners at the various great restaurants in the area. He always looked forward to his weekly Coffee Clutch with lifelong best friend, Jake Schoone, and their other friends. He loved spending time in the woods and outdoors, riding his Harleys, and enjoying his car collection. Not a fan of winter he and Barb found comfort in the desert during the winter, spending those months in La Quinta, Calif. Above all else, he adored, and was incredibly proud of, his grandchildren, creating a lifetime of wonderful memories with them as they were growing up, and into their adulthood. Besides his parents, Agnes and Lawrence "Iggy" Bishop, Bish was preceded in death by his loving wife, Barbara, in 2016. He is survived by his son - Peter Bishop of Tomahawk; his siblings - Cheryl (Walt) Hobbs, Marjorie (Rick) Nieman, Tom (Lynn) Bishop and Kent (Mary) Bishop. He is further survived by two grandchildren - Nicole, Sauk City, Wis., and Sam, Waunakee, Wis. The Memorial Mass for Lawrence "Bish" Bishop will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass at 11 a.m. Krueger Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Tomahawk, is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com

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 past Sunday was Father's Day. I trust you fathers had a good day and were good to your families. And since that last Sunday was Father's Day, I would like to look at the question, "What is the measure of a man?"

There are many different standards set up over the years as people try to come to grips with this question. But I believe there is only one true standard that answers this question, a standard established by the one who created the first man - Adam. When God created Adam, He established the principles and laws that govern the life of a man. And I believe that God gave to us a living representation of that standard when He gave to us His Son, Jesus Christ. There are two reasons why I believe this to be so.

First, we are told in Romans 8:28,29 that everything God brings into the lives of His people is ultimately for their benefit. In verse 29 we are told the benefit God works everything toward is that we would be conformed to the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ.

And second, we are told in Ephesians 4 that God gave to His church gifted men through whom He would help the believers to grow and mature. In verses 12 and 13 we are told what that maturity would look like: they would serve each other and build each other up, they would become united around the faith and around the knowledge of who Jesus is, and they would individually mature until they became more like Christ who is the true measure of a man.

In creating the original people (Adam and Eve), He also established the laws that govern our existence (relationships, character, work, etc). And all these laws enable us to enjoy what God has created, including ourselves.

When mankind fell into sin, we began to violate these laws and have reaped the consequences: separation from our Creator, death, disease, sorrow, broken relationships, poverty, etc. But God did not leave us in that condition. Instead, He gave to us His Word (Bible) and His Son (Jesus Christ) so we would learn to obey these laws and experience their benefits (fellowship with our Creator, health, good relationships, wealth, etc.). So, we might ask, "What do the laws governing our existence look like?" Answer: they look like Jesus Christ and the commandments explained in His Word.

A quick summary of some of these laws are found in the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 5:7-21). We also see them in what Jesus described as the two most important commands in all the Bible (Matthew 22:37-40). We are also told to follow Jesus' example; who loved others, did not promote Himself but treated others as His equal or better (Philippians 2:1-4) and humbly obeyed the will of His Father (Philippians 2:1-8). In the Gospels we also find He refused to lie, loved the truth, had compassion on others, defended the weak, rebuked the self-serving, and forgave the penitent. And according to the rest of the Bible, this is what a true man looks like. It is not physical or political strength that makes a man, but strength of character. This alone can become the possession of all men. This is God's standard for a man.

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Raymond G. Payne Jr., 81, a longtime Nokomis area resident, passed away Monday, June 12, 2023 at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield. Ray was born May 25, 1942 in Neillsville, Wis., to Raymond and Grace (Vanderhoff) Payne Sr. Together with Jean Payne, Ray had two children - Al and Cindy. He was later married to Bernadine Pearl Bordzinski on Nov. 29, 1974 in Chicago. Bernie passed away in 2018. Ray was a retired auto mechanic owning Ray's Auto in Nokomis for 23 years. He was a member of the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years providing unmatched maintenance on vehicles. He loved cars, car shows, his beloved El Camino, and snowmobiling. Ray also enjoyed his pets, dogs and cats alike. Surviving Ray Payne is a son, Al (Lisa) Payne of Loyal, Wis.; daughter, Cindy (Joe) Wilson of Reedsburg, Wis.; and his significant other, Elie Payne. He is further survived by a sister, Helen Manthe of Florida, eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Bernie. A Celebration of Ray Payne's life was held on Monday, June 19, at 1 p.m. from the Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk. The family received friends at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the time of services at 1 p.m. Memorials are appreciated to the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com



Roberta L. Meyer, 86, a lifelong Tomahawk area resident, passed away Monday, June 12, 2023 at Friendly Village in Rhinelander. "Berta" was born on Oct. 21, 1936 in Tomahawk to Edward and Muriel (L'Abbe) Hildebrand. She was married to Wilbert "Spike" Meyer on Sept. 25, 1965 in Tomahawk. Spike passed away in 2007. Berta had worked at Seroogy and Theiler Law offices for many years. In her spare time she enjoyed trips to the Casino, playing bingo, card clubs, bowling, and making greeting cards. She liked watching Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Brewers, Packers, and Minnesota Wild games. She spent countless hours watching her children and grandchildren playing sports and loved family gatherings. Berta is survived by five children; Charles (Sally) Meyer, Merrill; Audrey Tessmer, Pulaski; Joanne (Matt) Huebner, Green Bay; John (Brenda) Meyer, Wausau; and Terry Meyer of Tomahawk. She is also survived by a brother, Thomas Hildebrand, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren with three more coming soon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Spike, a daughter, Michelle, a brother, David and sister, Judy Leggett. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 11 a.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery. The family received friends at the Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk, Thursday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and again on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of mass at 11 a.m. Memorials are appreciated to St. Mary Catholic School. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com

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June 24	11:43PM	4:34AM	10:35AM	4:54PM
June 25	12:01AM	5:14AM	11:39AM	5:34PM
June 26	12:17AM	5:55AM	12:45PM	6:15PM
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June Dairy Breakfast serves 950 people in Merrill

BY TINA SCOTT
MMC STAFF

MERRILL – What better way to celebrate June Dairy Month than with a traditional June Dairy Breakfast?

On Sunday, June 11, more than 50 volunteers worked together to serve 950 people a bountiful June Dairy Breakfast in the Smith Center at the Merrill Area Recreation Center (MARC) in Merrill.

The menu included plain and potato pancakes served with butter and maple syrup from local producers, applesauce, cheesy scrambled eggs, maple pork sausage links from Geiss's Meat Market, Mullins cheese curds, white and chocolate milk, cranberry juice sponsored by Copper River Cranberry Marsh, orange juice and coffee.

Members of the Merrill FFA Alumni, the Merrill FFA Chapter, the Lincoln County Farm Bureau and local dairy producers worked together to do the cooking.

They used 150 pounds of potatoes, five pounds of onions and 12 dozen eggs in the potato pancakes, 40 pounds of butter for the pancakes and on the tables, 190 pounds of Geiss's pork sausage links and 320



Three generations of the Nohr family enjoyed breakfast and spending time together at the June Dairy Breakfast.

pounds of liquid eggs and 20 pounds of shredded cheese that went into the eggs to prepare the meal. They also served 10 gallons of locally-produced pure maple syrup that was donated and served 150 pounds of Mullins cheese curds, 18 gallons of applesauce, 25 gallons of whole chocolate milk and 20 gallons of white milk.

Tables were decorated with geraniums donated by Grass Creek Greenhouses. Other groups that volunteered included the Rodeo Queen candidates and employees from Crossbridge Community Bank, Nicolet Bank and Park City Credit Union.

"We couldn't have a successful breakfast without the volunteers who help with setup, to prepare food, serve food and clean up the Smith Center," said Mary Sosnovske, Co-Chair of the June Dairy Breakfast. "Thank you to everyone who braved the cold weather to come celebrate the Dairy Industry in Lincoln County."

"In my 30 plus years of helping with the dairy breakfast, this was the first time we giggled that we were going to see snowflakes," she said with a laugh.

The June Dairy Breakfast went beyond just serv-

ing up a delicious meal that celebrated and featured Wisconsin dairy products. During the breakfast, guests were entertained by live music performed by Carl Jackson and his sister, Jeni, and guests could play games and taste Sartori cheese at the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club tables. They could also get information from the Marshfield Clinic All of Us Research Program and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau booths on-site.

And guests could purchase tickets to win prizes in the basket raffles. This was the second year for the basket raffles.

Co-Chair Stephanie



Photos by Tina L. Scott

Zoellner coordinated many of the donations for the raffles, with prizes donated by Tranquil Times Wellness, the Merrill Enrichment Center, Create A-Way Paint Parties & Therapeutic Arts, Nelson's Power House, Gail Behm, the Williams family, Jeanne Schmidt, Northwoods Maple and other local businesses.

Outside, guests could enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides pulled by John Uttech's horses and explore farm equipment provided by Breitenmoser Farm and Heinz and Eric Roth.

And adults and children alike enjoyed petting bun-

nies, goats, lambs, ducks, chicks and a pony at Grampa's Farm petting zoo, and visiting with Matilda the cow, owned by Abby Breitenmoser, and some calves from their farm.

The June Dairy Breakfast is sponsored by Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, the Lincoln County Farm Bureau, and the Lincoln County Dairy Promotion. Proceeds from the June Dairy Breakfast go to support Merrill FFA Alumni and Lincoln County Farm Bureau scholarships for Merrill area graduates, as well as educational programs in area schools.

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Nine individuals graduate from Nicolet College Law Enforcement Recruit Academy

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nine individuals recently graduated from the Law Enforcement Recruit Academy at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.

Each graduate is now eligible to be certified by the Wisconsin Department of Justice as law enforcement officers in the state, a Tuesday, June 13 release from Nicolet said.

“The challenging 720-hour program included a mix of classroom and hands-on scenario training to give students the skills necessary to respond safely and effectively to a multitude of different situations,” Nicolet stated.

Nicolet said many of the recent graduates are already employed by area departments, and the others are expected to be soon.

The college currently has an academy in progress and will be hosting two in 2024. The projected start dates are late January and mid-May. Those interested in attending can contact Recruit Academy Director Tim Gerdmann at 715-365-4535 or by email at tgerdman@nicoletcollege.edu.



Pictured, back row, from left: Kyle Karshbaum, Ashland Police Department; Jarrett Radmer, Minocqua Police Department; Liam Stevens; Reed Symonds, Oneida County Sheriff's Office; Walker Hartman, Oneida County Sheriff's Office; front: Pierce Maday, Bad River Natural Resources; Tyler Williams, Ashland Police Department; Catherine Moeller; Ashlee Allen, Lac du Flambeau Police Department. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College



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Frito Lay, Inc., a division of PepsiCo, is currently interviewing for a full-time position supporting farm operations in Rhinelander, WI, 54501.

The standard workday is 7:00-3:30, M-F and requires infrequent overnight travel, weekend work, and up to 50 hours/week during planting and harvest seasons.

Farm Operations Technician 2 position will include, but not be limited to, the following accountabilities:

- Support potato & oat research farm operations: planting, harvesting, field inspections, and irrigation
- Operation of farm equipment
- Potato storage activities including seed cutting and preparation and shipping and grading of potatoes
- Support general maintenance of farm equipment including tractors, implements, irrigation, etc.
- Greenhouse activities and maintenance
- Snow removal and buildings and grounds maintenance support
- Active participation in Safety Programs

Requisites:

- Experience with the operation of farm equipment
- Good communication skills
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Ability to obtain Wisconsin Pesticide Applicator license
- Ability to receive license for PIT/Forklift Operator
- Attention to detail

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NOW HIRING

Part Time Hourly Variety Trials Lab Technician 2

Frito Lay, Inc., a division of PepsiCo, is currently interviewing for a part-time position supporting variety trials and lab sample processing operations in Rhinelander, WI, 54501.

The standard workday is 7:00-3:30, M-F part-time hours per week and requires infrequent overnight travel, weekend work, and up to 50 hours/week during planting and harvest seasons.

Variety Trials Lab Technician 2 position will include, but not be limited to, the following accountabilities:

- Operation of potato lab processing equipment including fryers, peelers, grading line, specific gravity, colorimeter, sugar analysis, and computers
- Support potato sample processing of fresh and storage fry samples throughout the storage season, fry sample data collection, data entry, and fry sample assessments
- Support processing, data collection, and data entry of potato trial material both on and off-site including frying, grading, bruising, specific gravity, and assessments
- Support potato research farm planting and harvest operations including off-site potato trials
- Support potato storage activities including seed cutting, preparation, and shipping/grading of potatoes
- Support greenhouse activities
- Active participation in Safety Programs

Requisites:

- Experience with Microsoft Office including Excel and Word
- Good communication skills
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
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Tranquil Acres sharing fresh produce with community

BY SARAH GREIL

TOMAHAWK – Years ago, people would learn where their food comes from by visiting their grandpa's farm or by planting their own garden. But in a day and age when you can find all your food under the roof of a grocery store, many don't have the privilege of seeing where their food originally comes from.

Bill and Heather Smith recognized this void in people's lives and decided to do something about it.

Bill and Heather Smith have lived in the Nokomis area for 26 years. Now that they are both retired, they decided to downsize their house, but increase their land.

During the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, they bought a small hunting shack along with the surrounding land.

"We hunkered down in our happy place," Heather said. "The whole world was going crazy, but we didn't have to take part in that."

Within a year of living there, they realized this has brought them so much joy that it would be selfish not to share it. They also realized the void of people not being connected to each other, to nature, and to their food.

In the summer of 2022, Bill and Heather planted a nearly two-acre garden. When it was time to harvest the first vegetables, they invited family and neighbors to come pick their own. As word of mouth spread, many more people came to do their weekly grocery shopping at what they call Tranquil Acres.

This year, they more than doubled the garden space to about five acres. A field of pollinator flowers has been added to attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects. They are in the process of creating about a mile of walking trails in the woods around the gardens and plan on adding apple, cherry and plum trees, as well as a variety of berries.

Heather said that often they would be working in their fenced-in garden and there would be deer watching them from the outside. So, she decided to plant an "apology field" for the deer, offering rutabagas, turnips, beets and clover.

The only plants outside the fences are lavender because the deer don't bother them. They started with 2,500 lavender plants in five



Heather and Bill Smith



Contributed photos

varieties but are down to around 1,500 because of the toll winter takes on them. Lavender needs to be at least three years old to be useable. Their hope is that next year they will be able to extract oils to make their own soaps, body sprays, room sprays and laundry detergent.

The lack of rain this year is taking a toll on the plants. Eventually, Bill would like to put in an irrigation system. Until then, he has created a boom system of sprayers pulled by a tractor to keep the gardens watered. He starts at 4 o'clock every morning. It takes three to four hours to water both gardens. When there is threat of frost, he is out watering all night to keep the plants from freezing.

Tranquil Acres, located at W6098 Stelling Rd., just a few minutes south of Tomahawk off County Rd. E, advertises mainly through Facebook. They are currently not open because there is nothing yet to pick. When the gardens are open for picking, they will let people know on their Facebook page.

Tranquil Acres
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News Briefs

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.

Aspirus blood drive

A blood drive will be held in the Spruce and Tamarack Rooms at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk, on Friday, July 14 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.

Historical Society
museums open

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society's Old Kindergarten and Log Museums,

located on E. Washington Ave. near the Tomahawk Chamber, are open to visitors from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer season. The museums are filled with local history, including a new display of a Tomahawk Elementary School time capsule buried by sixth graders in 1986. Military, kitchen and Native American displays and artifacts, information about Tomahawk's founder William Bradley, histories of area schools and businesses and more are featured. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The museums are staffed by volunteers. Admission is free, with donations appreciated. For more information, contact Society President Pat Pietila at 715-966-4801.

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 or call Eagle Summit Healing Center 715 224-3490.

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The standard workday is 7:00-3:30, M-F and requires infrequent overnight travel, weekend work, and up to 50 hours/week during planting and harvest seasons.

Position will include, but not be limited to, the following accountabilities:

- Lead farm equipment maintenance including scheduling, coordinating with vendors, obtaining purchase orders, procurement of parts, and monthly reconciliation of purchasing card
- Lead equipment operator and field team lead for potato planting and harvest field crop operations
- Lead and actively participate in designated Safety Programs
- Support field pesticide applications including procuring, mixing, and spraying pesticides along with adherence to all safety/WPS regulations
- Support oat and potato research farm operations including seed preparation, field inspections, cover crop, field and grounds maintenance, crop irrigation, and snow removal

Requisites:

- Experience with the operation of farm equipment
- General maintenance and modifications of all farm equipment including tractors, implements, generators, irrigation pumps, etc.
- Wisconsin Pesticide Applicator license, or the ability to obtain
- Ability to receive license for PIT/Forklift Operator
- Computer aptitude and knowledge of software programs
- Recordkeeping and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and lead projects
- Good communication skills
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
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- Valid driver's license
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Knox Creek Heritage Center hosting Mid-Summer Celebration this weekend

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

BRANTWOOD – A local group dedicated to preserving the heritage of the pioneers that settled the Northwoods will hold one of its annual fundraising events this weekend.

The Mid-Summer Celebration will be held at the Knox Creek Heritage Center, 4517 W. Knox Rd., Brantwood, on Saturday, June 24.

The Heritage Center grounds will open at 11 a.m. to allow for tours of the nine historic buildings on the site. Also featured

are artifacts representing several ethnic groups in southeastern Price County, including antique logging, farming and blacksmith equipment, school and church memorabilia, photos, documents and more pieces of history dating back as far as the late 1800s.

From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., a pulled pork picnic lunch with coleslaw, baked beans and potato salad will be served. Hot dogs, chips, soda, coffee, lemonade and beer, as well as homemade Finnish bread and a cardmom braid,



Among the nine buildings on the Heritage Center site in Brantwood is an old farmhouse that contains household items from days gone by. Photos courtesy of the Knox Creek Heritage Center

The Heritage Center was established in 1995 and holds four annual fundraisers, including the Mid-Summer Celebration.

Kevin Wollemann, Heritage Center President, said the organization is always looking for individuals and families to join, noting that several major projects are currently planned and donations of funds and time “will be greatly appreciated.”

“We hope to see you all there for a great Mid-Summer Celebration and a little bit of our local history,” Wollemann stated. “Good times can be had by all, and you can help preserve this unique place in the Northwoods.”

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2023 THS spring sports summary, part two

BY BOB SKUBAL
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OF 'HISTORY OF
TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK – Last week, we took a look at the 2023 boys' and girls' track seasons at Tomahawk High School (THS).

We'll wrap up the spring summary this week by reviewing the golf, softball and baseball seasons, as well as Solo and Ensemble and eSports.

Golf

The golf team was coached by Garth Gerstenberger in his 26th season as head coach. Assistants for the program were Sean Totch and Beth Baalke.

Team members were Michale Anderson, Sophie Kiser, Calden Reichelt, Nathan Riemer, Cheyenne Schade, Trevor Schumann, Carson Childers, Sawyer Hanna, Austin Lamer, Riley Massa, Quentin Susa, Lydia Ziert, Owen Dickrell, Sean Towne, Austin Lamer and Drew Albert.

Conference competition is made up of seven events, with each school hosting one competition.

Tomahawk finished in seventh place in GNC meets one, two, three and seven. GNC meets four and six saw Tomahawk improve to sixth place. Tomahawk's highest confer-

ence finish was in GNC meet five, when they shot a 345, which was good enough for fifth place.

Final conference standings were Lakeland 48, Medford 40, Rhinelander 32, Mosinee 29.5, Eagle River 23.5, Antigo 12 and Tomahawk 11.

Tomahawk would have its first All-Conference athletes since 2019, when Ty Gerstenberger was All-Conference. Owen Dickrell was second team All-Conference and Sawyer Hanna was honorable mention All-Conference.

Nonconference results: Barron 15 Team Invite, which saw the Hatchets take fourth with a 357; Antigo Seven-Team Invite, where Tomahawk took second, shooting a 189; and the Tomahawk Nine-Hole Triangular, where Tomahawk took second, with Dickrell shooting a 38.

Regionals at Rice Lake saw the Hatchets finish in fifth place, just missing qualifying for Sectionals by three strokes.

Sawyer Hanna qualified for Sectionals when he shot an 85 and was the fourth individual from a non-qualifying team to make the cut. Hanna was the first golfer from Tomahawk to qualify for Sectionals from a non-qualifying team since 2017, when Andrew Cook and Michelle Lodholz qualified.

Sawyer Hanna and Drew Albert received Academic

All-State honors.

Tomahawk's golf season came to an end at Sectionals, with Sawyer Hanna shooting an 83 and tying for 23.

Softball

Let's now take a look at softball.

Head coach was John Larson, who was in his 30th year as varsity skipper. He was assisted by Ron Volz, Lauren Schauer, Abby Kraklow, Alex Bunce and Morgan Roberts.

Team members were Scout Stromberg, Macy Jankiewicz, Sammy Gebauer, Khianna Vacho, Bella Marino, Kayleigh Haring, Bryn Baalke, Emerson Lange, Sara Gebauer, Sophie Olsen, Sienna Calkins, Maddy Baumann, Abigail Kallerud, Ella Peissig, Kylie Peissig, Frya Albert, Molly Jablonski, Emma Hoff, Abi Micke and Payton Haring.

Tomahawk was 7-12 overall and 4-8 in conference competition, which was good enough for sixth place. Varsity wins were over Lakeland (4-1 and 4-2) and Eagle River (18-8 and 14-4). Conference losses were to Medford (16-0, with Martha Miller, the 2022 GNC Co-Player of the Year throwing a no hitter and a perfect game; and 6-1), Mosinee (17-6 and 10-0), Antigo (11-2 and 7-5) and Rhinelander (6-1 and 9-2).

Final conference standings were Medford 11-1, Mosinee

9-3, Antigo 8-4, Rhinelander 5-7, Lakeland 5-7, Tomahawk 4-8 and Eagle River 0-12.

Nonconference wins were 10-7 over Athens, 8-4 over Shell Lake and 8-5 over Marathon (Vacho was 2-3 with two doubles and four RBIs). Nonconference losses were to Wisconsin Rapids Assumption 16-5, Monroe 9-2, Orangeville, Ill., 16-6 and 8-7 to Weyauwega-Fremont (Stromberg went 4-4 and had five RBIs) in regionals.

Postseason honors went to Scout Stromberg, All-Conference second team; and to Bella Marino and Khianna Vacho, who were both honorable mention All-Conference.

Baseball

Our final sport to look back at is baseball.

Head coach was Scot Neu was in his third season. He was assisted by John Roberts, Bill Jelinek and Bill Cook.

Team members were Tyler Jablonski, Zach Friske, Addison Peissig, Grant Albrecht, Noah Pearson, Ethan Ihn, Landon Hoff, Brayden Larson, Cooper Hetzel, Andrew Tollefson, Brody Rigney, Montgomery Framke, Brody Hilgendorf and Nick Arndt.

Tomahawk had an overall record of 2-18 and they were 0-12 in the conference. Conference results were losses to Eagle River 14-4 and 12-2, Medford 9-1 and 13-0, Lakeland 14-2 and 6-5 (Jablonski

hit two home runs, and Lakeland won the game on a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh), Mosinee 12-0 (Mosinee threw a no hitter) and 15-2, Antigo 10-0 and 12-1 (Tomahawk honored the 1959 state qualifying baseball team with a banner) and Rhinelander 11-3 and 13-1.

Nonconference losses were to Marathon 14-1, Nekoosa 14-4, Johnson Creek 10-0 and 10-0 and Weyauwega-Fremont 11-1; and 6-2 to Phillips in the second round of the playoffs.

Their first win came against Tigerton 15-. Tomahawk had 11 hits, with Friske having three hits and Jablonski two with four RBIs.

Tomahawk's finest showing of the year came in the playoffs, where they defeated 12-1 Clayton/Turtle Lake on Clayton's diamond 6-5. The victory over Clayton/Turtle Lake was the first win for Tomahawk in the playoffs since 2016.

All-Conference honors went to Tyler Jablonski, who was voted second team All-Conference.

Solo and Ensemble

I would also like to take this time to congratulate the following high school students and choir director on a job well done at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Stevens Point on May 6.

Participating students

were Salma Ramadhani, Maddy Baumann, Arawen Alberg, Jenny Meza, Brynne Stefan, Maria Smith, Murphy Koth, Elli Witulski, Bella Marino, Kennedy Kromm, Sadie Miller, Robin Schmidt, Kailey Cerny, Greyson Marta and Choir Director, Corey Colburn.

eSports

In addition to the success of Tomahawk students at Stevens Point on May 6, I would also like to congratulate the eSports club on their successes this year.

Club members were Sam Kurth, Michael Walbeck, DJ Scott, Lax Loka, Ryan Sanders, Elliot O'Connor, Mathew Walbeck, Payton Loka, Elias Repinski and John Groat.

The club ended with a 5-3 record under the direction of Paula Norman.

Alumni who have passed away

Last, I would like to pay respects to our alumni who passed away this past season.

They include K Lorenzen, Class of '49, George Kreutzer, Class of '47; Wayne Kapham, Class of '69; and Howie Hetzel, Class of '39 (this writer knows of no other THS athlete who lived longer than Howie, as he passed away at the age of 103).

Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of their families.

Fishing Report: Cold slows angling; walleyes in weeds

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

A serious cold front moved in earlier this month, as they always do at some point, pushing fish such as bluegills out of the shallows. Thankfully we've seen many species basically finish spawning and temps were expected to slowly rebound.

We've had little rain over the last week, but water levels have held up pretty well. While water temps were in the 70's on most lakes, the cold front dropped them back a bit. Weed growth has been accelerating lately, and we now have some pretty good weed beds on most lakes.

Walleye fishing has been good despite the cold. To find fish locally, find weeds — and the thicker the better. If you can locate the musky cabbage, this is by far your best choice. Walleye are in these weeds all day, and savvy anglers are taking advantage of this and doing quite well on those deep weed edges, especially with this cold. Jigs and minnows are still the way to go.

On the bigger, deeper lakes the weeds are also coming up some, and the fish are reacting the same way. Weed walleye fishing will last in part through the whole summer. You'll find fish on these

clear lakes in 12 to 18 feet or so, even on bright days.

Northern action has been great, per usual. These fish are also in weeds, both in the shallower weeds but also in that deep grass that you'll find on many lakes. If you are targeting them, use larger sucker minnows for the best results. They will hit almost any artificial also, with spoons or spinnerbaits working best.

Bass fishing has been pretty good. It seems that most of these fish have finished their spawn and can be found a little deeper than earlier this month. For smallies, leeches are the best live bait but you can get fish just using a 1/8 oz. jig with plastic tails close to the bottom. Largemouth love plastics at all times and will hit artificial minnows in the shallows. If you're trying to use nightcrawlers, the

bluegills may drive you crazy stealing them.

Musky action has started slowly, as usual, with mostly smaller fish being caught. This is a normal pattern, with the males becoming more active first after their spawn. The local recovery is well underway, and fish in the 38" to 45" range are now starting to feed. We're behind on the bigger lakes, but some fish

are now being reported on northern lakes.

Panfish action was better before the cold front moved in, but crappies and bluegills will return to the shallows. Try minnows or small plastics for the crappies and worms for the 'gills. Perch are in the weeds acting like small walleyes and will hit both leeches and minnows well, along with worms.

Good luck and good fishin'!



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NEW LISTING: N10221 Cty Rd H: Welcome to Lake Alice. This property is located just East of Tomahawk and sits on a scenic 2 acres. The lot is nicely wooded and has fisherman frontage on Lake Alice. The home has 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, and a main level laundry room. There is also a two-car attached garage. The home is equipped with a new furnace and is move in ready. **\$234,900**

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REDUCED! N8412 Adams Ln: Northwoods at its finest! This parcel will consist of approximately 3.20 acres after the survey is completed. Located on the Western shores of the Wisconsin River with sand/rock frontage. This property has spectacular views and offers a very peaceful private location. The Wisconsin River system provides endless fishing and recreational possibilities. There is a 24x32 garage on the property that has been converted to living quarters. There is also a 20x30 Quonset hut offering plenty of storage. The property is equipped with a three-bedroom mound system and a drilled well. This could be a great spot to build, camp, or use the existing living quarters. **\$209,000**

Four Hatchet golfers named All-State Academic honorees

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin (GCAW) announced on Tuesday, June 13 that four members of the 2023 Tomahawk Hatchet golf team were named All-State Academic honorees.

Sawyer Hanna, Austin Lamer, Drew Albert and Carson Childers were among 432 students from 125 high schools to receive the honor.

Students are submitted by GCAW coaches if they attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25, participate in at least 75% of their team's varsity matches and are a sophomore, junior or senior.

GCAW said the recognized student-athletes had an average GPA of 3.740 and "served as a great example to others, proving that athletic and academic



successes are not mutually exclusive."

"For you seniors, best of luck as you prepare for your new challenges after high school," GCAW stated. "We trust that golf has taught you valuable lessons that you will always be able to draw upon as you face future challenges. For the returning underclassmen, we hope that you will continue pursuing golf, while at the same time maintaining the high academic standards that you have set for yourselves in the classroom."

The GCAW was formed by high school golf coaches in 1986 to help build and enhance Wisconsin's reputation for developing quality junior players by promoting golf in schools and communities.

Lake Nokomis project among stops on Oneida County Site Restoration Field Day Tour

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ONEIDA COUNTY – Next week, the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department will take participants on a tour of a variety of county sites that have been restored, are in the restoration process or may be restored in the future.

A completed Lake Nokomis project will be among those visited during the tour.

The Site Restoration Field Day Tour is slated for Thursday, June 29. The free tour will begin at 8 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

The tour will begin with a brief welcome and announcements at the Courthouse Garden on Baird Ave. in Rhinelander before participants are led throughout the county in their own vehicles.

A release from the department said participants will visit a completed Wisconsin River Project before moving on to a stream crossing showing multiple areas of concern.

Lunch will be held at Newbold Memorial Park, followed by a stop at a completed project at Sand Lake.

After leaving Sand Lake, participants will head to Lake Nokomis to



A completed Lake Nokomis project will be among those visited during the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department's Site Restoration Field Day Tour. Photo courtesy of the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department

view a completed project that saw a cement seawall removed and rock rip rap installed earlier this year. Rock rip rap was vegetated in late spring, and a six-foot buffer was installed behind

the rock and planted with native, pollinator-friendly plants, the department said.

The tour will wrap up at a proposed Bridge Lake project.

For more information about each stop on the tour, visit www.oclw.org/special-projects.html and click on the Field Day Schedule and Field Day Map.

Space for the tour is limited. Participants are asked to register in advance at www.tinyurl.com/2v5psfab by Monday, June 26, bring a sack lunch, dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable, sturdy shoes.

The tour will take place rain or shine. In case of severe weather, cancellation e-mails will be sent directly to registrants.

Participants may visit as many or as few locations as desired.

"Tour directors will do their best to arrive at each site on time and will not start earlier than scheduled times," the department stated.

Specific site locations and addresses will be sent directly to tour registrants one week prior to the tour.

For more information, call the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department at 715-369-7835.

Spring turkey season registration totals up from five-year average

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Friday, June 16, announced preliminary totals for the 2023 spring turkey season.

Wisconsin turkey hunters registered 42,439 birds this season, a 7% increase from the five-year average.

The 2023 spring season started on April 15 with the two-day youth hunt for hunters under 16 years old. A total of 2,972 birds were registered, a 28% increase from the five-year average.

The regular season was divided into six separate one-week periods from April 19 to May 30.



"These separate periods help maximize hunter opportunities while minimizing interference for a more sustainable harvest," DNR stated.

A total of 246,428 authorizations were available this spring, and hunters applied for 223,503 of them.

"Given the robust participation and harvest numbers across the state, it's

clear that there were abundant opportunities this season," DNR said.

The deadline to apply for next spring's (2024) turkey season is Sunday, Dec. 10.

Learn more about turkey hunting in Wisconsin on the DNR webpage (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey).

Share hunting stories

The DNR is encouraging hunters to share their hunting stories and photos from the season.

"These stories can include first-time experiences, stories of hunting as a family or harvest photos," DNR stated.

Stories and photos can be emailed to the DNR Wildlife Switchboard at DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov.

Sports Briefs

TOMAHAWK COMMUNITY FUN RUNS

The Tomahawk Community Fun Runs will begin Monday, June 26. Runners of all ages are invited, though runners under the age of 14 should be accompanied by an adult, as runners are not supervised. Runners meet at Veterans Memorial Park, where a description of the running route will be communicated. Runs typically occur Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., with occasional 7:30 a.m. Tuesday runs from Sunset Point. View the Fun Run schedules at www.tinyurl.com/ybwwkdjz. For more information about the Tomahawk Community Fun Runs group, visit www.strava.com/clubs/1066717.

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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Our Willpower and Prayers - 2/2

... continued from third Wednesday of May, 2023

Whoever would like to develop willpower must have good company because you require a good example before you. To develop the strength of the will, you need to associate with those who have great will power. If you want healing by God's power, seek the company of those who strengthen your faith and your will. Never be satisfied when people speak words about God but have never experienced Him. See the difference between a man's sermon and his life; he must demonstrate that he has experienced what he has learned or taught. It is worthwhile to be with others only if they are sincere and strong so that you can exchange noble soul qualities.

Make an effort to know God. Your mind may be satisfied that you are religious, but unless your consciousness is satisfied with direct answers to your prayers, no amount of formal religion can save you. A strong willpower will bring God's answer to your prayer. Do not while away your time in idleness. Too many diversions also weaken your mental power. Exercise your will continuously, night and day. Use your willpower to demand God as His child and behave as His child. Remember, behind your will is the great Divine Will. It is not automatic but you have to receive.

The way to become receptive is to sit quietly and concentrate your thoughts on a worthy wish until your mind and thought be completely dissolved in that idea. Then your willpower becomes divine and can be successfully applied towards realizing your goal by practical efforts. You will see success start coming to you. God comes only when you are sincere and when you love Him for His own sake. In silence, meditate deeply and concentrate on the thought of your need. Do not keep looking for the results. When you sow a seed, it takes time to sprout and grow. Never try to test God. continue to pray unceasingly. Your duty is to bring your needs to God's attention.

Everyday undertake something that is difficult for you, and try to do it. In spite of your failures, continue it without stopping. You will accomplish increasingly greater things. Will is an instrument of the image of God within you. Pray until your body and mind are completely subjugated; then you will receive God's response.

God will not break His laws to satisfy your material desires. Do not ask God for things that are quite impossible in the natural order of life. Only ask Him for true necessities, not for unnecessary or desires. Cut out your desires and wants for needless possession. Concentrate only on your real needs. Your greatest necessity is God: "Seek first the Kingdom of God". Bring your needs to God as a child, ask God for His guidance and help; work with determination and don't look for the results. Seek God night and day. Then you will receive God's response. Your prayers are answered.



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