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Grandpa's Masonry Mastery

Twin stone homes he built in Tomahawk are lasting landmarks

BY LAWRENCE HAUGEN
FRANKLIN, WIS.

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With many years and a whole lotta physical labor behind me, you could say my thoughts have "turned to stone."

You see, my grandfather, Engel Haugen, built twin fieldstone homes that are landmarks in Tomahawk. They're often noticed as people drive down 4th St. – the old Hwy. 51.

Grandpa's work inspired my dad when he built our house in the historic part of the city in the 1950s. I was a kid at the time and old

enough to help.

It was hard work, and I didn't like it, but I now have a great appreciation for Grandpa's masonry mastery.

Grandpa was born in 1876 and came to the United States from Norway looking for a better life.

They Settled In

He built the first house on the corner in the early 1900s and lived in it until my grandmother, Elfrida, arrived from their homeland to marry him. For reasons no one understands, Grandma didn't want to live in that house.

So...he built another one right next door. It's the house Dad grew up in.

It also was a convenient location for my sister,



Engel Haugen constructed the twin homes on N. 4th St. in the center of Tomahawk in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Elfrida, lived in the one on the right.

Karen, and me. That house was only steps away from school. The gym was available for my grade at 12:20 p.m. Thursdays.

After getting out for lunch at 11:55 a.m., I'd head over to Grandma's and

she'd have potato dumpings ready. Each one was about four inches in diameter and filled with a large hunk of salt pork fat.

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A LONG WAY TO LIFT 'EM: Engel Haugen built this chimney on a Northwoods cottage. Photos courtesy of Our Wisconsin Magazine



Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill. Photo by Tina L. Scott

Tomahawk Leader, Merrill Foto News offering community survey on Pine Crest Nursing Home

Only Lincoln County residents eligible

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – In an effort to gather public opinion on Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, the Tomahawk Leader and the Merrill Foto News are offering a community survey for Lincoln County residents.

The creation of the survey follows the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors' rejection of a resolution that would have allowed voters to decide whether or not they want to financially support operations and maintenance at Pine Crest, which is owned by Lincoln County and has experienced millions in financial losses in recent years.

The resolution, which sought to place a binding referendum on 2024 Spring Election ballots, failed by a 13-9 vote during the board's meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 15.





















Under the proposed referendum, if it had made it onto ballots next April and had been approved by voters, Lincoln County would have been allowed to exceed levy limits by \$3 million per year for ten years to fund Pine Crest operations and maintenance.

The rejection of the resolution came about three months after the board approved a resolution directing the county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee to begin the process of securing the services of a broker to put Pine Crest up for sale.

In June, the A&L Committee voted to recommend Marcus & Millichap as the broker to represent Lincoln County in the event the board moves forward with selling the county-owned facility.

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GREEN BAY – Multi Media Channels (MMC) has acquired the *Peshtigo Times* and *Times Saver*.

The *Peshtigo Times* can be traced back to 1867, when it was known as the *Peshtigo Herald* and was the first weekly newspaper in Peshtigo. The *Herald* was succeeded by the *Peshtigo Argus*, which was then renamed the *Peshtigo Times* in 1894. The publication was purchased by Leo J. Pesch Sr. in 1929, whose family continued operations through the next two generations.

“I want to thank all of our loyal readers, advertisers and particularly our employees since 1929 who have helped us to this point,” Gardon said. “I am pleased to be turning over this newspaper to the Wood family, which has roots in Marinette County and has built a reputation for printing accurate and unbiased information while building its network of respected local newspapers in various parts of Wisconsin.”

“We are excited to assume Chuck Gardon’s stewardship of these publications,” said MMC CEO Patrick



Wood. “We intend to strengthen and enrich the community by continuing to provide strong reporting on local news and sports and powerful advertising options for retailers and employers. It is our intention to sustain Chuck’s family legacy through the years to come by maintaining, and if possible exceeding, the high standards of journalistic integrity and customer service they set during their tenure.”

MMC began its work in community newspaper publishing in Denmark, Wis., in 1953. Under the leadership of its founder, Frank Wood, the business expanded into other markets. Today, the company remains in the Wood family, owned and operated by both family members and employees, publishing 33 weekly and four monthly print publications and 27 digital channels that serve the central, northern and eastern regions of Wisconsin.

MMC is the publisher of the *Tomahawk Leader*.



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Dare to Dream: Donny Takes Flight

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TOMAHAWK – Donny moved to our community this past June from his home. He is independent, loves adventure and taking risks. So, when he wanted to “fly” his plane again, Neil Breitenfeld came to his rescue.

Neil works in information technology (IT) and came in on his own time, spending six-plus hours with Donny to rebuild his hard drive so he could use his flight simulator once again.

Donny said he has always wanted to fly. He has had his simulator for over ten years. He even went to the airport years ago, after practicing on his simulator, and asked if he could fly. “Tubby” handed him the keys and they both got on the plane. He recalled that they flew a 172 Cessna plane. He also recalled full throttle and perfect landing. They flew over Tripoli. He said it was the most thrilling thing he had ever done.

Donny was excited to

show us his program, which has dots showing points of interest. He flew over New York so we could see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The screen is very realistic.

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I could down four or five of them and be back at school and first in line to get in the gym. Full belly, fully ready!

Those times together – and our cribbage- playing days – make for special memories, along with the summer I worked with Grandpa. As we built our home on Forest Place, I discovered he knew everything there was to know about fieldstone.

Aluminum Siding?

Since Grandpa was an expert mason, it came as a surprise when I overheard Dad telling Mom that he was only going to use stone on the front porch and exterior fireplace chimney.

“I got an offer to make our home a display for people who want to use aluminum siding,” he said. “I can get a great deal on it.”

It proved to be an effective sales pitch! Funny, I don’t remember anyone ever coming to our house to look at our aluminum siding.

If they did, they would’ve seen a large dent in it from a bat that slipped out of my hands while playing Wiffle ball.

“Geez, Dad, I don’t know how that could have happened,” I said.

Which was followed by Karen saying, “He did it with a bat!”

When it eventually came time to build the fieldstone porch, Dad told me to be ready to follow directions, pay attention and do what Grandpa says!

At that time, Dad worked for the Wisconsin Conservation Department, now the Department of Natural Resources. He’d get a trailer to attach to our Willys car, and we’d go to farmers’ fields and pick stone.

But not just any stones.

Grandpa wanted ones with personality – an unusual shape or color. We’d unload them in the driveway. Grandpa would take his time examining each rock and then separate them into four to five piles.

He’d be up on the ladder or scaffolding yelling down to me, “Over on the far-left pile about halfway down, there’s a rock, kinda round with a red fleck in it. Get it and bring it up to me.”

I’d do as I was told. I’d be up and down that thing 30 times a day.

I also had to mix the “mud” by hand. As I added water, I’d run a sample up to Grandpa until he deemed it just right.

It’s no surprise, given Grandpa’s skill, that the porch and the two houses he built look fantastic to this day.

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Felzkowski to hold listening sessions in 12th Senate District next week

Callahan to join in Tomahawk, Merrill, Antigo

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) will hold a series of listening sessions in the 12th Senate District next week.

Felzkowski will be joined by State Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) at the following locations on Monday, Oct. 2: Niagara



Felzkowski

City Hall, 1029 Roosevelt Rd., Niagara, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Crivitz Village Hall, 800 Henriette Ave., Crivitz, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, State Rep. Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) will join Felzkowski at the following locations: Antigo City Hall, 700 Edison St., Antigo, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; T.B. Scott

Free Library, 106 1st St., Merrill, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., Tomahawk, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A Friday, Sept. 22 release from Felzkowski's office said listening sessions with Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland) in the 34th Assembly District will be announced at a later date.

Oneida County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Elisha Williams graduates from FBI National Academy

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

QUANTICO, VA. – The Oneida County Sheriff's Office recently announced that Sergeant Elisha Williams graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Williams was part of Session #287, which graduated on Thursday, Sept. 14.

A release from the Sheriff's Office said Williams joins the distinguished ranks of less than one percent of all law enforcement officers to have completed the program.

Williams shared the intensive, ten-week course at the FBI Academy with 198 other law enforcement professionals from 46 states, the District of Columbia, 21 foreign countries, four military organizations and three civilian federal organizations.

"Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communications, leadership and fitness training for selected officers having proven records



Williams

Photo courtesy of the Oneida County Sheriff's Office

as professionals within their agencies," the Sheriff's Office stated. "On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions."

The Sheriff's Office noted that in addition to completing courses in the psychology of leadership, emotional intelligence, managing the law enforcement image, managing organizational change and advanced public speaking,

Williams finished the physically challenging "Yellow Brick Road," which concludes with a Marine Corps obstacle course and a 6.1-mile run.

"We are blessed to have such a qualified candidate go through this rigorous leadership training," Chief Deputy Daniel Hess said. "We wish Sgt. Williams the best in her continued law enforcement career."

A total of 54,565 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy, which began in July 1935.

Williams joins retired Detective Sergeants, the late Raymond Zastrow, James Purdy, Glenn Schaepe, retired Chief Deputy John Sweeney and Chief Deputy Daniel Hess as representatives of the FBI National Academy from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

Williams has been with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office for seven years and currently serves as a Patrol Sergeant, as well as the School Resource Sergeant for the Rhineland School District.

PINE CREST FROM PAGE 1

The sale of Pine Crest was one of several options presented to the board by an ad hoc committee that was established in June 2022 and tasked with coming up with actions Lincoln County could take regarding the facility's future.

In a May letter to Pine Crest residents, District 9 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Friske said the board had narrowed its options down to either drafting a referendum question asking Lincoln County taxpayers to support Pine Crest operations and maintenance or exploring the sale of the facility to a pri-

vately-owned, skilled nursing home care provider.

With the proposed referendum resolution's failure, Pine Crest's future remains uncertain.

Pine Crest did not appear on the agenda for the board's meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Survey

Only Lincoln County residents are eligible to take the survey, which will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1.

To take the survey, visit www.tinyurl.com/397r8dvf.

Survey results will be published in future issues of the *Leader* and *Foto News*.

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Travel Wisconsin's Fall Color Report: Know where, when, how to view autumn foliage

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – As the treetops transform into the rich hues of a setting sun, Travel Wisconsin's Fall Color Report reveals where, when and how to make the most out of the beautiful but brief season before the sun sets on autumn.

The report is an interac-

tive map detailing the status of fall color across Wisconsin as the leaves progress from green to yellow, orange and red. Around 75 volunteer reporters throughout the state supply regular updates on the status of the changing leaves, providing travelers the most up-to-date information on the seasonal transformation.

Travel Wisconsin said the Fall Color Report acts as a comprehensive tool for travelers to round out a trip. Select a destination on the map to discover the best places to view fall color in the area, upcoming events and recommendations for nearby dining, lodging and activities to pair with an autumn adventure.

According to the map, Lincoln County's fall colors are expected to peak in early- to mid-October.

"Wisconsin's fall colors are



a natural masterpiece," said Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "Using the Fall Color Report, travelers can paint their own vibrant memories on the canvas of autumn."

Travel Wisconsin enhanced the Fall Color Report this season to help travelers plan getaways in two different ways.

"One new feature filters the report by the estimated week of peak, based on his-

torical observations," Travel Wisconsin stated. "This helps travelers seek out colorful vacation spots during the weeks that work best for them."

Another addition sorts the report from the highest percentage to lowest percentage of currently reported fall color. Travelers can learn where the leaves are most vibrant now for those spur-of-the-moment getaways.

"The Fall Color Report is designed to be a planning resource for travelers," Sayers said. "This season's im-

provements build on that reputation and make it easier for travelers to not miss a moment of fall's beauty."

The report is updated regularly through September and October. To stay in the know, sign up for Travel Wisconsin's weekly email update (www.travelwisconsin.com/email-newsletters) highlighting peak fall color, as well as other ideas for enjoying autumn.

To view the Fall Color Report, visit www.travelwisconsin.com/fall-color-report.

OBITUARIES

Obituary updates are posted at www.tomahawkleader.com



Robert Cummings, 69, passed away peacefully in his home on Sept. 17, 2023.

Bobby was born on Oct. 28, 1953 to Edwin and Louise Cummings in Phillips, Wis. He built his life in Ogema, Wis., where he loved hunting, farming, watching movies, listening to his music, playing video games, and hanging out in his shop with family and friends. He held many titles in life, but his favorite was being Dad and Papa to his kids and grandkids. Bobby is survived by his wife

of 37 years, Rhonda (Simek), his three children Angela (Rance) Lentz, Mandy Cummings, and Brandon (Joan) Cummings, two step-children Jen Hayes and Jeremy (Traci) Wolfe, honorary son James (Teri) Byrd and nine grandchildren Gage, Dade, Rance, Addyson, Ella, Sydney, Lilah, Devin and Treyvon.

He is also survived by his siblings Debbie (Dennis) Reichert, William Cummings, Brian (Wendy) Cummings and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Louise.

Visitation was on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hemer-Pickerign Funeral Home in Medford. Funeral services were Thursday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 757 Cherry St., Prentice, Wis., 54556, with visitation beforehand from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice Services for the wonderful care Bobby received. Hemer-Pickerign Funeral and Cremation Services of Medford and Rib Lake served the family. Please visit www.hemerfuneralservice.com to share condolences online.

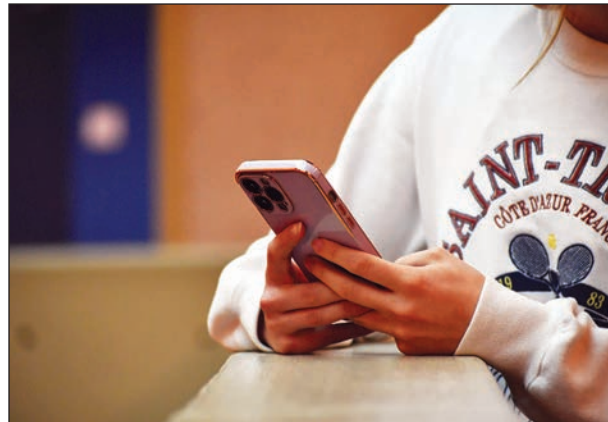
Aspirus Health shines light on social media's impact on children

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently provided information on the impact of social media on children.

"In the fast-paced digital landscape, social media's influence on children is a pressing concern," Aspirus said in a release. "As youngsters increasingly embrace the online world, it's important to understand the effects of social media on their overall wellbeing."

"Social media platforms offer a space for children to express themselves creatively and stay connected with friends and family, regardless of distance," said Kylene Draeger, MD, Aspirus Pediatrician. "However, social



Aspirus Health recently offered tips for parents and caregivers regarding children's social media use. Photo courtesy of Aspirus

media can also be a breeding ground for many negative effects such as mental health issues and disrupted sleep patterns."

Anxiety and depres-

sion: Studies have linked social media to increased rates of anxiety and depression, particularly during adolescence when the brain undergoes significant development.

The shift from parental approval to peer validation and a propensity for risk-taking can amplify these effects.

Addictive algorithms: Many social media apps employ algorithms that encourage prolonged usage. This can lead to excessive screen time, negatively impacting attention span and sleep quality. According to Unites States Health and Human Services, one-third or more of girls aged 11 to 15 say they feel "addicted" to certain social media platforms, and over half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media.

Eating disorders: The **Social Media** CONTINUES ON PAGE 5

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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.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been looking at two products of different behaviors - peace and a lack of peace. We have looked at the idea that peace will only come when people choose to do what is right (Isaiah 32:17). We have also looked at the idea that we lack peace when we behave in selfish ways (Isaiah 57:21). Today, I shall try to explain this difference.

First, why does doing what is right encourage peace in our relationships? We must remember that God is the Creator of all things, and when He created, He had a design and purpose in mind. In 1 Corinthians 14:33 we are told, God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. God is a God of order and structure, His creation bears witness to this. When we obey the things God says is right, we are living according to His design in creation.

It is easy to look at God's commands as rules that limit us, as if God demands too much of us. But did you know that God's commands are an expression of His design for us in creation? The night before He was taken and crucified, Jesus told His disciples; *If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full (John 15:10,11).* Many years later, John wrote, *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments (1 John 5:2-3).* God's commands express His design for us in creation, stating as commands the laws God established in creation for human relationships. When we do what is right, as God designed it, then we are living according to God's design. Jesus said this brings Joy.

On the other hand, when we behave in selfish ways, we bring needless chaos and stress into life. The Bible teaches that when we focus on what we can get, we will not submit to God's definition of what is right, and will end up resenting God for what He says (Romans 8:5-8).

In Ephesians 4, believers are told to never live life based on our own opinions and desires (verse 17), for this will hinder our ability to connect with reality and will keep us from knowing life as God designed it (verse 18). The reason for this, is our selfish self becomes our master, and we will find it hard to accept that what we want may be wrong (verse 19); this is against how the Creator teaches us to live (verses 20, 21).

We live in a time where we are being encouraged by the experts to live by our feelings and desires; the confusion we see in our times is the direct product of this encouragement, even as God said would happen. The great need is for believers to set a standard in society by obeying the Creator (Matthew 5:13-16), instead of following the culture into self-fulfillment and chaos (Psalms 9:17).

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Where is Your Focus?

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Psalm 105: 1-2

We are entering the fall season. It is the time of transition from summer to winter. Many might moan and groan, lamenting the snowfall that is soon to come, but that would be looking past one of the most beautiful seasons of the year with its "colorama" show of yellow, gold, orange, red and purple leaves. Why not focus on and enjoy the beauty of this season...and each season of the year, for that matter?

What is it about the human condition that causes us to see and focus on more of the negatives than positives? The sun is shining with and through the clouds, but weather forecasters refer to this state as "partly cloudy" rather than "partly sunny." The majority of young people today are responsible, loving and giving people, but we focus on those who aren't... the minority who are trouble-makers in one way or another. I could go on and on, but you get the idea.

If we change our focus and look for those enjoyable events and blessings in each of our lives, we would be amazed at how great our God is. "Sure," you might be saying, "your life must be problem free!" "Hardly," I would answer, "but I have found that by focusing on positives in my life, I am able to deal more effectively with the problems when they arise." Granted, there are many who have more challenges in their lives than I do, but I have found inspiration in how one such person dealt with their horrible condition. The following words were found etched on a wall in a concentration camp following the release of prisoners at the end of World War Two."

I believe in the sun, even though it doesn't shine,
I believe in love, even when it isn't shown,
I believe in God, even when he doesn't speak.

What beautiful words of faith and positivity! Is the world we live in perfect? No, but we can look for and believe in that which is beautiful, kind, loving, caring, innocent, honest and true.

Where is your focus? It is a choice that you make each moment of each day.

Submitted by
Wendy Mannering
Volunteer Outreach Pastor
First Congregation Church

LCHD to hold youth vaccine clinics this fall

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) will hold several vaccine clinics for Lincoln County students this fall.

LCHD has flu shots and flu nasal mist available for students.

In a release, LCHD said an annual flu shot is one of the best ways to prevent the flu and is recommended for everyone 6 months and older, while the Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diph-

theria and whooping cough (pertussis).

Vaccines will be offered for students in 4K through 12th grade at the following clinics:

- Merrill High School, Tuesday, Oct. 17.

- Prairie River Middle School, Tuesday, Oct. 24.

- School District of Tomahawk, Thursday, Oct. 26.

- LCHD, 607 N. Sales St., Merrill, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Students enrolled in 4K, elementary and private schools are encour-



aged to attend. All Lincoln County students are welcome.

LCHD noted that the schedule is dependent on flu vaccine availability, and any schedule changes will be communicated to parents and guardians.

Pre-registration is required for all clinics and

must be completed a week prior to the clinic. No walk-ins will be accepted. To pre-register, visit www.bit.ly/LincolnYouthVaccineClinics.

“By completing the pre-registration form, parent(s)/guardian(s) are giving consent to LCHD to vaccinate their child with the flu and/or Tdap vaccine while at school,” LCHD stated. “Parent(s)/guardian(s) do not need to be present. Please have your child dress appropriately so their upper arm

is easily accessible the day of clinic. If your child receives a flu and/or Tdap vaccine prior to their scheduled clinic, please call LCHD to cancel their appointment.”

LCHD will also host a Special Youth Vaccine Clinic on Monday, Oct. 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Children who have no health insurance, children with health insurance but no vaccine coverage, children on Medicaid/Badgercare and children who are Native American/Alaskan Native

are eligible for the clinic and can receive all routine immunizations, including the flu vaccine. Total cost for the appointment is \$10.00 for the appointment. However, some children may be eligible to have this fee waived, LCHD said. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling LCHD at 715-536-0307.

For more information on the clinics, contact LCHD at 715-536-0307 or LCHHealth@co.lincoln.wi.us.

DHS report: Wisconsin EMS providers responding to more falls

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – A new report from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) finds that falls are a leading cause of injury and death in the state.

According to a release from DHS, the report, “EMS and Falls in Wisconsin” (www.tinyurl.com/mrrhad9), shows that, in 2022, emergency medical services (EMS) providers responded to over 130,000 falls across the state, the top injury they responded to.

“This data provides unique insight into where and why falls are occurring and sheds light on where resources are needed most,” said State Health Officer Paula Tran.



“Today, the number of falls Wisconsin EMS providers respond to continues to increase at an accelerated pace. As Wisconsin’s population ages, preventing falls needs to be prioritized to support the health and independence of Wisconsinites statewide and to reduce the impact of falls on Wisconsin’s EMS and health care systems.”

DHS said the report highlights data submitted to the Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System (WARDS) and the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) by EMS providers across the

state.

Key findings include:

- EMS providers responded to 25,055 more falls in 2022 than in 2019.

- The number of falls EMS responds to are increasing by nearly 10,000 a year statewide, with an average increase of 7.4% a year since 2019.

- Falls made up 18% of 911-related ambulance runs in 2022.

- Private residences are the most common place that EMS responds to falls or fall-related injuries. Over four years, falls in private residences increased by about

5,000 falls a year, an average increase of 7.3% each year.

“While not all falls cause fatal injuries, they still impact health and well-being in other ways, causing long-term health conditions stemming from injuries or loss of confidence and independence for those who experience a fall,” DHS stated.

“Falls can seriously impact a person’s life,” said Kris Krasnowski, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA), a statewide nonprofit that convenes Wisconsin’s falls prevention coalition. “The good news is that there are steps people can take to reduce their risk of a fall. Our new Falls Free Wisconsin initiative has been designed to give

older adults, their families and caregivers the resources they need to assess their risk of a fall and be safer at home and in the community.”

According to WIHA, most falls happen in and around the home. Vision problems, medications, poor lighting, loss of balance and strength and even some kinds of footwear are all factors that can lead to a fall.

Falls Free Wisconsin has information, tools and resources to help people make changes that address these challenges.

DHS noted that while falls may be common as we all age, there are things everyone can do to avoid them, including eliminating trip hazards, such as cluttered walkways

and throw rugs; installing grab bars in bathrooms; and exercising to improve balance and strength.

“Check with a pharmacist or physician to learn how the medications can affect balance and strength,” DHS stated.

In addition to the Falls Free Wisconsin initiative, WIHA’s Stepping On program (www.tinyurl.com/wxyr5mjd) provides information for people who want to reduce their falls risk.

Wisconsin’s network of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) (www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm) can support older adults in connecting with services and resources to encourage healthy aging.

SOCIAL MEDIA FROM PAGE 4

unrealistic body image standards propagated by social media can have a lasting effect on children and teens.

“Social media has contributed to a rise in eating disorders, affecting as much as 20 to 23 percent of children,” Draeger stated.

Body image issues: Social media exposes users to idealized and photoshopped

images, distorting their perception of body image. Girls aged 10 to 14 are especially vulnerable, although the issue extends to all age groups.

Guidance for parents, caregivers

Draeger said one of the most common questions she receives is related to what to block. She noted she does not recommend just blocking or fully restricting.

“I think this is a great time for parents to come along-

side their kids and build an understanding of what’s acceptable and what’s not acceptable content,” Draeger stated. “There are still a lot of things that kids come across, unfortunately. And it’s better if you do this in an open manner to be able to discuss.”

Aspirus offered the following proactive approaches to help guide children through today’s digital era:

- Open dialogue: Instead of outright blocking content,

engage in open conversations about acceptable and unacceptable online material. Establish a platform for discussing online experiences and uncertainties.

- Moderation over restriction: Encourage a balance between online and offline activities, setting realistic limits on screen time.

- Digital literacy: Teach children to critically assess online content, question its authenticity and understand

its potential impacts.

- Privacy and sharing: Emphasize the importance of privacy settings and cautious sharing of personal information.

- Model responsible behavior: Demonstrate responsible social media usage to instill good habits in children.

- Family media plan: Collaborate with children to create a family media plan that outlines screen time limits, app usage and appropriate

times for using social media.

- Mindful sleep: Establish a tech-free time before bedtime to encourage healthy sleep patterns for the entire family.

“By fostering open communication, setting healthy boundaries and encouraging critical thinking, parents and caregivers can guide children to navigate the digital landscape with confidence,” Aspirus stated.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

What Matters?

Dear Reader,

Remember those events back in high school – sports, homecoming, prom, the musical? It was a big deal back then. And now?

Remember those happenings back in college – football games, parties, concerts, road trips? More big deals back in the day. And now?

You ran the gauntlet of life with all the challenges, barriers and naysayers. So, here you are. At last you can recalibrate from this place and time you have gotten to and move forward, with the realization that the big stuff from once-upon-a-time is now minuscule. It no longer even exists, except in memory. Why? Because in a world of rational perspective and the ability to take the long view, things take on their proper significance – or insignificance.

But there are eternal values that we can touch, if only briefly. There can be joy in every moment if we so choose. It is joy that makes any single instant into an eternal experience of love.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Regarding costs and numbers for keeping Pine Crest

Most of us would prefer to continue to live at home or in an apartment setting, hopefully supported by all the necessary services available, when the need arises. But even if those support services are available, is the home or apartment physically suitable for wheel chair access, walk-in showers, hospital-sized beds, etc.? Many home owners or building owners cannot afford those retrofit accommodations.

Yes, there are all kinds of valuable services outside of a nursing home for those who qualify, but let's look at some numbers.

ADRC-CW has been mentioned, specifically Meals-on-Wheels, which

is a great program and has helped many. No eligible person is denied service due to inability to contribute, but there is a suggested contribution of \$5.00 per delivered meal. The program's actual costs average over \$9.00 a meal per figures received earlier this year.

So, if a recipient can contribute only \$1.00 a meal for five meals a week, for one year, that's \$260.00 a year. Compare that to the proposed \$170.00 tax bill for an equalized evaluation for a \$200,000.00 property.

There are all kinds of in-home supports offered for those eligible, but the reality is they can be short-staffed for services like home health care, med nurses, therapists, etc. There are only so many reliable, dedicated workers

available who do not have to, or are willing to, drive great distances to get to their jobs. So, even if one qualifies under Medicaid, etc., it doesn't necessarily mean they will receive those services when needed.

Almost all nursing homes need more staff, but at least those nursing homes are already equipped with all the of services and necessities mentioned above. Pine Crest just happens to have a five-star rating for its services.

In Leona Vander Sanden's last letter-to-the-Editor, she mentioned Judy Woller's previous county board supervisory vote to reduce the number of beds in Pine Crest. I am sure that Judy, and County Board Supervisor Carl Vander Sanden,

(2012-2017), as well as any supervisor, would appreciate being able to explain their justifications for their votes on Pine Crest.

I would like to add that Judy Woller has been a decades-long, valuable advocate for Lincoln County residents, and continues to be so even in retirement.

Thank you to the Tomahawk Leader and Foto News for providing a county-wide survey regarding the future of Pine Crest. The only addition I would add to the future financing question would be, "Should the county pursue additional sources of financing beyond or in addition to the tax base?"

Diana C. Smith
Tomahawk

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News Briefs

Tomahawk United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale
Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. No items are priced, and all items are sold by donations.

Warm for Winter distributing clothing in Rhinelander
Warm for Winter, a mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander,

collects new and gently used clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, toys and bedding. Everyone is welcome, no questions asked. No income requirements. Distributions will take place at Friendly Village, 900 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander, on Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Oct. 9, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Additional dates are scheduled for this year and next year. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of First Congregational, 135 E. Larch St., Rhinelander, or the Oneida County Health

Department, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. For more information, refer to the Warm for Winter Facebook page (www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s) or call 608-345-7305.

County Rd. O in Town of Bradley closed at Coffee Creek
Lincoln County Highway Commissioner John Hanz advises that County Rd. O, one-half mile west of Stegman Rd. at Coffee Creek, in the Town of Bradley, will be closed until approximately

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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation accepting teacher, principal award nominations, scholarship applications

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation is now accepting nominations for its Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership awards, as well as applications for its Excellence Scholarship.

Teacher, principal awards

Nominations of Wisconsin PK through 12th grade teachers and principals can now be submitted for the 2024 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership awards.

Awards are \$6,000.00, with an additional \$6,000.00 grant awarded to the school of each selected teacher and principal.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation awards 100 Fellowships and 16 Leadership awards annually from among all applicants throughout the state.

For teachers or principals to be considered for an award, they must be nominated by a parent, student, other teacher, community member or



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school administrator. Wisconsin teachers and principals in grades PK through 12 who plan to continue in their current capacity for at least one year are eligible to be nominated.

“The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship recognizes teachers who have demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in their students, have motivated others and have provided meritorious service both in and outside the classroom,” release from the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) on behalf the Foundation said. “The program also recognizes and supports principals who demonstrate administrative leadership and who positively influence school culture.”

Online nominations must be submitted at www.KohlEducation.org by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Selection of recipients

will be made by a state-level panel composed of representatives from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA), cooperative educational service agencies, several education-related associations and community representatives.

Since the program was established in 1990, the Herb Kohl Foundation has awarded 3,547 grants to teachers and principals, and 3,547 matching grants to their schools throughout the state for a total of \$17.36 million.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship and Leadership programs are co-sponsored by the WNA Foundation, DPI and the state's 12 cooperative educational service agencies.

Excellence Scholarship

Applications for the 2024 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Excellence Scholarship are also currently being accepted.

A total of 100 Wisconsin students will be selected to receive \$10,000.00 scholarships from among a pool of applicants. Applicants must be Wisconsin residents who will graduate from a Wisconsin high school in 2024 and plan to continue their education

at a college, university or vocational/technical school.

Students will be evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, service and school and community activities, according to the release.

Completed online applications are due at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7. To learn more about the program and to apply, visit www.KohlEducation.org/studentexcellence.

Selection of recipients are made by a state-level panel composed of representatives from the WNA Foundation, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association, several education-related associations and community representatives.

Since the inception of the program in 1990, the Herb Kohl Foundation has awarded 3,400 Excellence scholarships to graduating high school students throughout the state for a total of \$11.3 million.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Excellence Scholarship program partners with the WNA Foundation, DPI, the Wisconsin Homeschool Parents Association and Cooperative Educational Service Agencies.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Monday, Oct. 2 due to an emergency culvert replacement.

Bridge players wanted

Those who would like to join a bridge club or play as a substitute can contact Jane at 715-966-2945.

Chamber seeking photos for 2024 Visitor Guide

The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce is seeking photo submissions for the 2024 Visitor Guide. When submitting a photo, please name the picture as the location that it was taken. All submissions have a chance to be featured on the front of the guide. For more information or to submit a photo, visit www.gototomahawk.com/guidephotos or call 715-453-5334.

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tues-

day 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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Leader Sports & Nature

Cross country: Boys take first place, girls second at Blue Jay Invitational

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

THREE LAKES – On Thursday, Sept. 21, the Tomahawk Hatchet cross country team ran at Big Stone Golf Course for the annual Three Lakes Blue Jay Invitational.

Coming away with more seasonal-best performances, the Hatchets nearly swept the field, bringing home the boys' champion trophy and girls' second-place trophy.

The high school boys started the evening with a close victory by winning the meet by a margin of 10 points. The boys were led by senior Presley Gutbrod, who got 5th place in a time of 18:26. Closely behind was newcomer Dominic Boos, taking 7th in a time of 18:41.

The rest of the solid boys' race finishers were Sam Zastrow (11th-19:11), Owen Dickrell (17th-19:42), Nathan Rosenmeier (19th-19:58), Trey Morrison (23rd-20:08), Jeremiah Johnson (26th-20:20), Bruce Peetz (51st-22:54), Ryan Montag (52nd-22:57), Elliot O'Connor (54th-23:02), Will Boneck (57th-23:30), Gerard

Gorell (61st-24:11) and Elias Albrent (66th-24:40).

Boys' team scores: Tomahawk-51, Marathon-61, Rhinelander-62, Crandon-115, Three Lakes-138, Lakeland-139, Northland Pines-140, Goodman-Pembine-218, Laona-Wabeno-Inc., Antigo-Inc.

"It was great to witness the boys win the meet, beating out the likes of Marathon and fellow Great Northern Conference competitor Rhinelander," said coach Kurt Reinke. "This should boost morale and give our boys the confidence they need to continue pushing forward."

Again being down multiple runners, the Hatchet girls ran a determined race to take second place behind Rhinelander. Freshman Elise Gibeault attained a complete race, holding 4th place and running the course in a time of 21:33. The other traditional varsity runner was junior Alli Palmer, who took 6th in a time of 21:58.

Encapsulating the girls' attack were Lydia Shaney (16th-23:54), Abi Micke

(19th-24:22), Norah Mann (22nd-24:29), Abbie Rosenmeier (32nd-25:39), Kambyl Mattke (35th-25:58), Kailynn Hanse (44th-28:24) and Jennie Frederickson (48th-29:16).

Girls' team scores: Rhinelander-39, Tomahawk-53, Marathon-54, Goodman-Pembine-102, Northland Pines-140, Three Lakes-154, Antigo-Inc., Crandon-Inc., and Northwoods Storm-Inc.

"The girls' race was a sneak peak of what to expect for next year, as we were missing five of our six seniors," said coach Connor Ahrens. "The underclassmen performed valiantly, and with another year under their belts will again be a competitive team."

"A lot of runners showed great races through the first and second miles, but will need to put together a better third mile at the next race," noted coach Steph Ahrens.

This week's action

The Tomahawk runners are slated to take part in an invitational in Medford on Thursday, Sept. 28.



The Hatchet boys took first place at the Blue Jay Invitational in Three Lakes last week.



The Lady Hatchets took home the second-place trophy. Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens

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Athletes of the Week



Elise Gibeault – “Teams always hope for at least one immediate impact freshman, but we think it’s easy to see that the Lady Hatchets have cashed in on a great incoming freshman in Elise Gibeault. Elise has led our girls’ team at every single race, including the Alumni Scrimmage, where historically freshmen have yet to find their racing legs at the 5k distance. Elise has made the transition from middle school standout to high school varsity look effortless. This couldn’t be farther from the truth though, as Elise continues to work hard and puts in the workouts at the necessary speeds. If this girls’ team is to attain another State appearance, it will require Elise to keep pushing her limits.”



Nathan Rosenmeier – “The team comedian, who knows how to keep things loose, has had an up and down 2023 season thus far. We think it’s fair to say though, that Rosey has found his stride again. Running nearly a personal record time at the Three Lakes Invite, he finished 5th for the team, indicating he’s headed in the right direction. He is a talented and vital piece of the boys’ team mentally and physically. When Rosey is on, so is the entire boys’ team. With only one more invite before the conference meet, Rosey’s positive influence is the boost this team needs.”

Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens

Tomahawk falls to Crivitz in double overtime heartbreaker

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet football team hosted Crivitz at Hatchet Field on Friday, Sept. 22 and fell by a score of 38-22 in double overtime.

The Hatchets struck first on a Caleb Dickens five-yard touchdown run and successful extra point in the first quarter. The Hatchets added a field goal in the second quarter, but the Wolverines responded with a touchdown and extra point before the half. Tomahawk took a 10-7 lead into the locker room.

In the third quarter, Hatchet quarterback Rex Reilly ran for a 40-yard score, followed by an extra point. Crivitz struck back with seven points of their own in the quar-

ter. The fourth quarter saw Tomahawk add seven points on a 76-yard touchdown pass from Brayden Larson to Jonah Dickens and extra point. The Wolverines subsequently scored ten points to send the game into overtime.

Tomahawk started with the ball in overtime and scored on a three-yard scamper from Reilly. The extra point attempted was no good. Crivitz scored a touchdown but failed to convert the extra point, and after Tomahawk turned the ball over on downs, the Wolverines scored a touchdown and forced another Tomahawk turnover on downs to seal the win.

Reilly went 7-12 through the air with 72 yards and one interception. Brayden Larson completed three of seven attempts for 91 yards and

a touchdown. The Hatchets spread the ball around, with Caleb Dickens, Jonah Dickens, Brayden Larson and Zach Germano hauling in catches.

On the ground, Reilly had 117 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries. Brayden Larson logged 50 yards on eight attempts, and Caleb Dickens had seven rushes for 21 yards and a touchdown.

The Hatchets racked up 366 total yards in the game, while Crivitz tallied 387. There were 20 penalties (Tomahawk seven for 75 yards, Crivitz 13 for 103), and Tomahawk had the only turnover.

This week’s action

On Friday, Sept. 29, the Hatchets will host Coleman in a matchup that gets underway at 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Tomahawk Community Fun Runs

The Tomahawk Community Fun Runs are now underway. 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.

Summer morning lap swim

Summer morning lap swim will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex Mondays through Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool). Walking on the indoor track and water aerobics will return in the fall.

Historical Society encourages use of Allan Bell Memorial Trail

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TMS harriers compete at GNC, Three Lakes invites

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MEDFORD – The Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) cross country team competed at the Great Northern Conference (GNC) Invitational in Medford and the Three Lakes Invitational last week.

GNC Invitational

The middle runners traveled to Medford for the GNC Invitational on Monday, Sept. 18.

The Tomahawk girls came in as the reigning champions to defend the title against Antigo, Lakeland, Medford, Mosinee, Northland Pines and Rhinelander. In a tight battle for the top four spots, Tomahawk will once again be home to the Conference Championship trophy.

Team scores were Tomahawk 52, Rhinelander 67, Medford 68, Lakeland 72, Mosinee 160 and Antigo 198.

Leading the Hatchets was Conference Champion Charlee Lund with a time of 14:08. Hallie Pierce (7th)

and Lexi Palmer (10th) also secured medalist honors with their performances.

Hatchet scoring runners also included great times posted by Aliyah Nelson (16th), Camryn Kraklow (18th), Joa Reilly (25th) and Autumn Pankow (29th). Completing the squad for the conference champs were Leigha Vassar (32nd), Giordana Cammisuli (34th), Victoria Towle (36th), Alaina Stogbauer (47th), Lily Meurer (57th), Lilli Marheine (60th), Lucy Nelson (64th), Savannah Reinke (65th) and Kortney Busterud (66th).

On the boys' side, Medford would take the top honors with 45 points, followed by Northland Pines 73, Mosinee 101, Rhinelander 114 and Tomahawk in 5th with 137 points.

The Hatchet finishers were Dawson Jones 15th with a time of 14:59, followed by Joe Zastrow (19th), Abe Flohr (22nd), Levi Cerkas (35th), Zach Scott (37th), Max Childers (40th), Vallyn Ott (41st) and Tripp Tabbert (42nd).

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Three Lakes Invitational
On Thursday, Sept. 21, the TMS harriers lined up for the Three Lakes Invi-

tational at the Big Stone Golf Course. In summer-like conditions, the Hatchets turned in another solid perfor-

mance despite having run two meets in one week. The Hatchets were led to victory again by 7th grader Charlee Lund,

scoring her second overall win in as many races in the week, covering the two-mile course in a personal best time of 13:36. The Lady Hatchets put three more runners on the podium with Lexi Palmer placing 8th, Camryn Kraklow (9th) and Hallie Pierce (10th), all earning medals for their efforts.

The Hatchets also saw fantastic races by Aliyah Nelson (11th), Giordana Cammisuli (19th), Autumn Pankow (23rd), Joa Reilly (24th), Leigha Vassar (29th), Victoria Towle (30th), Reagan Gorell (32nd), Lily Meurer (35th), Alaina Stogbauer (36th), Lucy Nelson (40th), Savannah Reinke (42nd) and Kortney Busterud (44th).

Team scores were Tomahawk 35, Lakeland 48, Three Lakes 68, Northland Pines 69 and Crandon 133.

In the boys' race, Brayden Clark from Lakeland would take the overall win and secure the team title. Leading the Hatchets in their 4th-place team result was 8th grader Joe Zastrow with a 7th place medal, finishing in a time of 13:33. The Hatchet boys also had a number of great races by Dawson Jones (15th), Abe Flohr (25th), Levi Cerkas (31st), Zach Scott (36th), Trip Tabbert (37th), Vallyn Ott (39th) and Max Childers (42nd).

This week's action

The middle school runners will take part in an invitational in Medford on Thursday, Sept. 28.

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