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City of Tomahawk to seek DNR grant funds to aid in removing, replacing EAB-impacted ash trees

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk may get some financial help in removing and replacing ash trees impacted by an invasive species.

During its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 26, the city's Finance Committee approved a resolution giving City Clerk/Treasurer Amanda Bartz the go-ahead to apply for an Urban Forestry Grant, offered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Streets Department Leadperson Nick Rosenmeier explained that the city will be spending money to take down trees affected by emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive wood-boring beetle that kills ash trees by eating the tissues under the bark, and plant new trees of a different species in their place. The grant, a 50/50 match with a maximum match of \$25,000.00, would assist the city in this undertaking.

City crews began removing ash trees earlier this year. In June, Rosenmeier said eventually all of Tomahawk's roughly 300 ash trees "will be gone" due to EAB. The resolution was un-



This EAB-impacted ash tree on W. Wisconsin Ave. was taken down this summer.

Photo by Jalen Maki

animously approved by the Finance Committee and, later in the evening, the City of Tomahawk Common Council.

A timeline regarding when the city would be notified of an allocation of grant funds was not discussed, but the city's por-

tion of the grant match would be part of the city's 2024 budget.

The City of Tomahawk previously received Urban

Forestry Grant dollars in Nov. 2021, after a pair of severe summer thunderstorms damaged and topped trees throughout the

city and Bradley Park. Additional grant funds were allocated to Tomahawk and several other Wisconsin communities in Feb. 2022.

District 13 Supervisor Calvin Callahan resigns from Lincoln County board

Will continue serving in State Assembly

BY JALEN MAKI
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LINCOLN COUNTY – Calvin Callahan, on Monday, Sept. 25, announced that he had resigned from the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, effective at the adjournment of the board's meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Callahan had served as Supervisor of District 13, which covers Ward 4 in the Town of Bradley and the Towns of Somo and Wilson.

In a Monday, Sept. 25 release, Callahan said he stepped down due to his upcoming relocation out of Lincoln County's 13th Supervisory District.

"During his tenure as a Supervisor, Calvin Callahan has tirelessly worked to represent the interests and needs of the con-



Callahan

stituents within the 13th district, advocating for positive change and solutions to various community issues," the release said. "His commitment to public service and unwavering dedication to his constituents have left an indelible mark on Lincoln County."

"It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the wonderful people of the 13th district on the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors," Callahan

stated.

The release said Callahan "extends his sincere appreciation to his fellow Board of Supervisors members, county staff and, most importantly, to the constituents of the 13th district for their support and collaboration throughout his time in office."

Lincoln County Clerk Chris Marlowe said the timeline to appoint Callahan's replacement will be determined by county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee during its meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Marlowe estimated that a candidate could be appointed by the board in November or December, "depending on interest."

Callahan was elected to
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Pictured are Kevin Krueger and his dad, Jim, who was licensed as a funeral director in 1970, along with Karri Krueger Ernst.
Photo courtesy of Michael Caylor

Four generations: Krueger family looks back at history of Lincoln County funeral directors

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MERRILL – Books at one time feared lost to the ages have returned to Merrill.

The books chronicle the business of a family of funeral directors and show how the Merrill

community buried their dead in over 70 years of journal entries.

Three years after the City of Merrill was organized in 1883, Emil O. Krueger was born in the city he would call home for the rest of his short

life. Fascinated with the evolving trade of "undertaking," Emil studied under Henry Littlejohn and then J.A. Nusbaum, both of whom ran furniture

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Tomahawk, Irma artists taking part in Northwoods Art Tour

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Autumn colors have arrived Up North, and it's time for the 24th annual fall Northwoods Art Tour.

The tour is slated for Friday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Some of the Northwoods' finest artists and artist-owned galleries are allowing visitors a behind-the-scenes view of how their work is created.

"Don't miss this rare opportunity to discover where many Northwoods artists live and work and view their processes and inspirations," a release said. "Visitors also have the unique opportunity to make purchases directly from them. Follow the tour map and view the autumn foliage as you take a drive through some of the prettiest back roads of Northern Wisconsin."

At the southern tip of the tour are artists in the Tomahawk area. There you will find one of the tour's new artists, Linda DeBroux, who owns the Chapel Art Gallery in Irma and works with pottery and mixed media. The Fifth Element Gallery is also new, owned by Shayna Kelley, who is a teacher and a contemporary artist.

Over in Lake Tomahawk is Pigeon Road Pottery. Owner Amy Higgason's pottery is a marriage of function and expression, with a nod to the natural world.

In Eagle River are Sarah and Janice Zindel. Sarah creates jewelry using natural stones, glass and beads, while Janice is a fiber artist who creates handwovens inspired by her Norwegian heritage.

In Hazelhurst, see Jenny Gibson's 100-year-old sock machine. Down the road, David Barnhill reveals nature's

art through his photography, while his wife Phyllis Schuit displays exquisite, quilted wall hangings with hand embroidery. Both are award-winning artists.

In the Lac du Flambeau area is La De Da Gourds, where Karen Caldwell sells hard-shell gourds.

"If you come to my studio, my gourds will make you smile," Caldwell said.

Lisa Opfer is a new member and creates whimsical pottery. One of her customers said, "I've never seen such unique pottery."

Bob Kovar is a wildlife and landscape photographer.

"My photography is a heart-felt creative process," Kovar stated.

In Boulder Junction, Sara Muender, owner of Moondriller Gallery, is a multimedia artist.

"I like to play," she said. "My work is normally very whimsical in a variety of styles."

Mary Burns of the Manitowish River Studio weaves on a unique hand-jacquard loom. Sandy Cashman of Manitowish Waters is an award-winning oil painter whose paintings show the magic of the Northwoods.

Out in Mercer, the Odonata Art Gallery has been in business for 24 years and has the artwork of around 80 artists. Owners Mitch and Laureen Myers display their own pottery, painting and photography.

And don't forget Steve Klemann's spectacular handcrafted furniture. He is worth the drive to the Land O' Lakes area.

"My furniture is both functional and beautiful," Klemann stated.

The Northwoods Art Tour is free to all. Brochures with studio descriptions, driving directions, and a map are available at area businesses, chambers of commerce and online at www.northwood-sartour.com.



Chapel Art Gallery in Irma, owned by Linda DeBroux, is home to years of permanent artwork, along with functional and decorative wheel thrown pottery.

Photos courtesy of the Northwoods Art Tour



Shayna Kelley's The Fifth Element Art Gallery in Tomahawk features paintings, jewelry, photography and sculptures created by several Northwoods artists, as well as a variety of Kelley's own oil paintings, acrylic paintings, watercolor, prints, printmaking and mixed media.

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the Lincoln County board in 2018. Along with serving on the board, he was also a member of the A&L and Forestry Committees and was Chair of the Broadband Committee. His term expires in April 2024.

Callahan will continue to serve as Representative of the state's 35th Assembly District, a position in which, Callahan said, he will "continue his advocacy and dedication to the needs of the community on a broader scale."

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CESA 9's Amy McGovern appointed to Early Literacy Curriculum Council

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in coordination with the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly and the Majority Leader of the Wisconsin State Senate, on Thursday, Sept. 28, announced the members of the Early Literacy Curriculum Council.

The council, as required by 2023 Act 20, will “focus on reviewing and recommending instructional materials which will guide the grant program for districts electing to select evidence-based early reading programs,” a release from DPI said.

Among the nine members appointed to the council is Amy McGovern, Associate Director of Continuous School Improvement Services at CESA 9 in Tomahawk.

CESA 9 is part of the Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, designed to serve educational needs in all areas of Wisconsin by serving as a link both between school districts and between school districts



McGovern
Photo courtesy of CESA 9

and the state. “Cooperative Educational Services Agencies may provide leadership, coordination and education services to school districts, University of Wisconsin System institutions, and technical colleges,” CESA 9’s website states. “Cooperative Educational Services Agencies may facilitate communication and cooperation among all public and private schools, agencies and organizations that provide services to pupils.”

CESA 9 is made up of 22 school districts in northcentral Wisconsin, including Tomahawk, Antigo, Merrill, Northland Pines, Prentice, Rib Lake and Rhinelander. CESA 9 services over 2,800

teachers and 35,000 students in 102 public school buildings. Also located within CESA 9’s boundaries are two Wisconsin Technical Colleges and one UW System campus.

Joining McGovern on the council are:

- Bill Hughes, President of Hughes Strategic Group
- Megan Dixon, 2nd Grade Teacher at Greendale School District
- Kari Flitz, Chief Instructional Officer of the Lincoln Academy
- Itzel Galindo, Executive Director of Ampact/Wisconsin Reading Corps
- Nancy Dressel, K-5 Curriculum and Instruction Specialist at Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District
- Joe Garza, Superintendent at School District of New Berlin
- Katie Kasubaski, Wisconsin State Lead of Decoding Dyslexia
- Holly Prast, Assistant Superintendent at Kimberly Area School District

As required by 2023 Act 20, the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly, the Senate Majority Leader and

the State Superintendent each appoint three council members to serve for staggered three-year terms.

“I’m eager to get this important work started and that begins with convening this council,” State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly said. “These individuals have a lot of work ahead of them, and I appreciate their willingness to lend their time and expertise.”

“Each of these appointees’ dedication and expertise will serve the council

well on its mission to bring effective, science-based reading instruction into Wisconsin classrooms,” Sen. Devin LeMahieu stated. “I’m looking forward to reviewing the council’s plan to get our students back on track.”

“Learning the basic foundational reading skills is essential to every student’s educational success,” Rep. Robin Vos said. “Members of the Early Literacy Curriculum Council will play a crucial role in guiding

school districts to improve our children’s literacy outcomes by recommending science-based curricula, a proven method to teach children to read. I want to thank each member for their willingness to serve on such an important council.”

Updates and additional information on the Early Literacy Curriculum Council and DPI’s work to implement 2023 Act 20 can be found on the DPI’s Wisconsin Reads webpage at www.dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Sept. 25:

On 09/23/2023 a deputy on patrol observed a vehicle traveling N/B in the S/B lanes of traffic on USH 51. The deputy stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver, a Stevens Point woman, 31. The woman asked the deputy if she was traveling in the wrong lanes and stated she got on the highway at Lincoln Dr. The deputy assisted her with getting her vehicle turned around and she was

cited for operating the wrong way on USH 51.

On 09/24/2023 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle for a speeding violation on USH 51 in the Tomahawk area. When stopped, the deputy made contact with the driver a Tomahawk man, 40, and found there to be clues that he was under the influence. The driver was placed through a series of sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, he was placed under arrest for a first

offense of OWI. He was later released to a responsible party. On 09/24/2023 deputies were called to the City of Tomahawk for what was reported to be a vehicle lockout with a one-year-old child locked in the car. After a short time, the deputies were able to unlock the vehicle and reunite the child with his mother. The child was frightened but unharmed. There were a total of seven reported car vs. deer crashes this week, and one car vs. bear.

KRUEGERS

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and “undertaking services” in Merrill.

Emil started his own funeral home as a storefront in downtown Merrill in 1914. As the funeral home grew, the former home of T.B. Scott was purchased at 800 E. 3rd St., and it remained a funeral home until 1986, when its then-owner, Milt Wistein, passed away.

Since Emil in 1914, four generations of Kruegers have cared for families in Lincoln County. Kevin Krueger and his sister,

Karri Krueger Ernst, are the last of the Kruegers to own a funeral home in Lincoln County – Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the family went to the T.B. Scott Library to view the original books that contain the ledgers of the funerals that date back to April of 1914 and records the details of each of the funerals until 1985. Recognizing many of the names and detailed notes and handwriting of their ancestors proved fascinating for the family, who now works in a completely

digitized world of record keeping.

The North Pines Genealogy Group now owns the books, thanks to a generous donation from Gordon Stevenson. The group worked for a year that to digitize the pages from the ledgers. Those files, along with much of Merrill’s history, can be found in the genealogy section of the third floor of the T.B. Scott Library.

For more information on the North Pines Genealogy Group, email Sharon Karow at SLKarow@aol.com.

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Participation in a personal interview is required. The interview should last approximately 20 minutes and will be conducted to a location other than the individual's work location.

Eligibility criteria for the study:

- Must be a State of Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections Employee in the Division of Juvenile Corrections (Permanent and Probationary Employees)
- Any job classification can participate in the research (Youth Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists, Educators, Recreation Leaders, Maintenance Staff, Records Office Staff, Business Office Staff, Supervisors and Administrators)

- High School Diploma or GED
- Wisconsin Driver's License

There is no compensation for participating in the research study.

Confidentiality will be maintained throughout the research.

Interview information includes stressors in the workplace you have experienced, training issues, organizational climate, the impact of the loss of collective bargaining rights, and recommendations for changes that need to occur.

If you have any questions or concerns, email the researcher:

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LCHD to host community presentation on tick-borne diseases, blastomycosis

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – A community presentation hosted by the Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) next week will provide an opportunity to learn about tick-borne diseases and blastomycosis and have questions answered from experts in the field.

The presentation will be held in the upper level of the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Aspirus Tick-borne Clinic of Woodruff and LCHD will share information on the signs and symptoms, treatment options and the latest local data trends on tick-borne diseases and blastomycosis.

LCHD said Lincoln County has historically had a higher rate of tick-borne diseases and blastomycosis than other areas in Wisconsin.

“It is important that all residents are educated on the signs and symptoms of both of these diseases and seek medical attention in a timely manner,” LCHD stated.

There are several different types of tick-borne diseases seen in Lincoln County, LCHD said, including Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, and babesiosis.

In 2022, there were 91 reported tick-



borne disease cases, leaving many residents ill, according to LCHD.

“Thousands of Wisconsin residents each year will be diagnosed with a tick-borne disease,” said Rebecca Osborn, DHS Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist. “Knowing more about how to prevent these diseases and when to seek treatment can help keep you and your family stay healthy and active.”

From 2013 to 2022, there were 40 cases of blastomycosis reported in Lincoln County. Of those, 52.5% (21 of 40) resulted in hospitalizations, some of which resulted in death, LCHD said.

Symptoms of blastomycosis can mimic influenza, acute bacterial pneumonia or other lung infections, which can make diagnosis difficult.

“LCHD is committed to providing access to all of our events,” LCHD stated. “Advance notice is necessary to arrange accessibility needs.”

To request accommodations for the presentation, contact Lexi Buntrock at 715-539-1374 or lexi.buntrock@co.lincoln.wi.us.

Felzkowski encouraging high school juniors, seniors to apply for Senate Scholar Program

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) is calling on high school juniors and seniors from around the 12th Senate District to apply for the Senate Scholar Program.

A release from Felzkowski’s office said she and the Wisconsin State Senate are “proud to offer a unique educational experience to high school juniors and seniors.”

One student from each of the 33 Senate Districts may participate in the week-long program in Madison.

“The Senate Scholar Program is an elite program designed to challenge Wisconsin’s best students,” the release stated.

The Senate Scholar Program has created an advanced government curriculum that includes classroom instruction, roundtable discussion sections and a lab component, according to the release.



Felzkowski

“During the first part of the week, the Scholars will spend a couple days in a classroom setting, where experts teach Scholars about constituent relations, research and development of legislation and bill drafting,” the release said. “Scholars engage in roundtable discussions with support agency directors and staff, media and lobbyists throughout the week, providing them with unique insights into all facets of the legislative process.”

Throughout the remainder of the week, Scholars will put their knowledge into action, according to the release. Scholars staff the Senate floor during an actual legislative session and witness the Senate debate on legislation. Scholars will also draft their own bills and amend-

ments, form their own mock committee and elect committee leadership.

Finally, the lab component culminates in Friday’s committee hearing that includes testimony from experts and members of the public.

“Although the daytime curriculum is rigorous, fun evening activities are planned for each group of Senate Scholars,” the release stated.

Scholars are required to stay at the Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison. Program facilitators stay at the hotel and are available to Senate Scholars 24 hours a day.

“The Senate Scholar Program is a very special and unique learning opportunity for high school juniors and seniors,” Felzkowski said. “Whether they’re interested in getting involved with the government, or they just want to have a better grasp on the state legislative process, it’s truly a fun educational experience. I encourage anyone who is interested to apply.”

Applications must be received by Friday, Nov. 17.

A digital copy of the application and more information can be found at www.senatescholar.com.

The Pastor’s Corner October 4, 2023

Let Everything You Speak, Be kind

My mother told us the story of a neighbor lady who was so jealous of her because my mother had four children, and she had two adopted daughters. One day my mother was shocked to observe this woman chase my toddler brother across her lawn in a rage. Lifetime disappointment can cause resentment and envy.

I was a stay at home mom until my youngest turned three. I took a job as a police and fire dispatcher in Wheaton, Illinois. One of the other woman dispatchers was also testing for police officer. It was then that I came face to face with jealousy and envy. She hated me so much that one day I found a bottle of perfume in my mail slot from her, along with a note saying, “Here, use this. I do not like your cologne!”

Recalling the story of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 16, we know that Hagar was hated by her mistress, Sarah, and fled from her because of her jealousy and mistreatment. It seems jealousy, envy, slander and gossip has been a female malady for a very long time.

We have many stories from the Bible that describe the Sin of the Tenth Commandment: Thou shall not Covet. We remember Joseph who was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Genesis 37. To Covet means to be so jealous of someone else or what they have that they will do anything to get it. To Covet is not just possessions, but lifestyle, personality, family, position in society. Education and another person’s life.

Jealousy kills. It kills relationships. It kills churches. It kills jobs and positions. It destroys reputations and friendships. To envy someone so much uses all of their energy and keeps them from putting God first in their lives.

A person who spreads unhealthy gossip about another seeks to cause trouble. St. James says that no human being can tame the tongue. (James 3:8). When we yield to the Holy Spirit, we can learn to be silent and think before saying something that will hurt someone else or ourselves. Proverbs even instructs that we do not repeat a conversation.

The harder issue is how do we as Christians handle those who are envious of us and attack us? How do we right a reputation that has been injured?

God does not want us to be trapped by the hurts we’ve suffered. That is why God gave us the Tenth Commandment. It is a sin to covet.

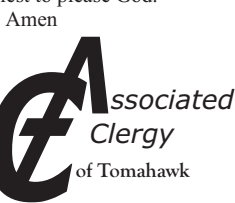
If you have been hurt by gossip or slander, pray for that person. Do not sin in return. Continue to obey the Lord. Forgive and seek God’s counsel.

It is a futile effort to compare ourselves to others. God has given each of us special gifts that he intends for us to use for his kingdom. We will always find others who are smarter, braver, richer, prettier, more successful, taller, younger, more educated etc. The list is endless. Jealousy destroys the qualities of love.

As sisters in Christ why is it so hard to truthfully celebrate the gifts and successes of each other? I never knew that jealousy exists even among women pastors!

God has created each of us with a plan for our lives. Let us grasp the waste of energy in wanting what someone else has, and embrace what we have.

You have a special gift, a special calling. Do not let someone discourage you from using that gift and living out your life to the fullest to please God.



Pastor Carolyn Rauschert,
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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.

For today, I would like to take a sermon of the Apostle Paul recorded for us in Acts 17:22-31 and paraphrase it for our modern ear, time, and place. Paul had been in the marketplace of the city of Athens, Greece, and was talking about the Gospel of Christ with any who would listen to him. Some who followed the Epicurean and Stoic philosophies heard him and wondered about his message of Jesus and the resurrection; they had never heard anything like it before. So they asked Paul if he would come to the Areopagus (Mar’s Hill) and present his message to the philosophers, educators, and curiosity seekers who regularly gathered there to discuss the latest ideas and discoveries. So Paul went with them and gave the message I shall paraphrase for our modern ear, time, and place. In modernizing this, I will replace *Athens* with *Tomahawk*, and do the same with some other words used here. Try to picture in your mind the Apostle Paul standing on the stage in the school auditorium addressing a gathering of people who were curious about his message. So, Paul addresses us.

Citizens of Tomahawk, I have observed that you are a religious people. As I passed through town, I saw a number of churches. I also saw bumper stickers on a few cars with the word *coexist* written out in the symbols of many religions, encouraging all religions to try to work together in peace. Even though you are a religious people, let me tell you about the God you ignorantly worship.

He is the God who created the world and every thing in it. Seeing He is the creator of everything, He does not need our church buildings to live in, nor does He need our worship as if it met some need He might have; seeing He is the one who gives life to all living things, and He meets the needs of His creatures. As the Creator, He needs nothing from what He created, yet He is actively involved in His creation. Out of the descendants of one original pair of people (Adam and Eve), He has established all the ethnic groups on the earth, establishing the different locations where they are to be found, and directing the flow of human history.

Why does the Creator, who needs nothing from what He created, why is He so involved in our world? He desires that we would want to know Him and would seek for Him. He is not hard to find because He is not far from any one of us. In fact, our very existence is being shaped by His presence.

Seeing that we are created by Him, we should understand that no image made out of gold, silver, wood, or stone could ever adequately represent who He is. In the past, God has overlooked the foolish attempts of people to make God out to be like us, but now commands that we would repent of all attempts to make God like us; because He has appointed a day in which He will judge us in righteousness by the man, Jesus Christ, whom He had raised from the dead. What will you do with this God?

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Tomahawk Mayor Steve Taskay and his wife, Dawn, were guests at the Hatchets' Homecoming football game on Friday, Sept 29. At halftime, they crowned 2023 Homecoming King Carson Childers and Queen Caylie Swan.

HATCHETS HOMECOMING 2023



Senior Homecoming Royalty Paige DeKiep and Logan Seymour.



Sophomore Royalty Beau Stromberg and Faith Derleth.



Freshman Homecoming Royalty Mya Kromm and Caden Gustafson. Photos courtesy of Nichol Feltes



In celebration of Homecoming at Tomahawk High School last week, Milestone Senior Living in Tomahawk gathered their Hatchet alumni – total of 11 that graduated between 1943 and 1953. Among them are Fran, who was Valedictorian, and Pat, who was Salutatorian. A pair of former cheerleaders each held a pom pom.



Dorothy sported her THS alumni sweatshirt in support. Photos courtesy of Julie Thompson

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Celebrating on the Road

Dear Reader,

I have been on the road for the last week in Spain hiking the Camino (the Way), which is a religious pilgrimage that travelers have followed for centuries in honor of St. James. I walked part of it in 2015 and got the Certificate in Santiago de Compostela that indicates completion of 100 kilometers. This year I'm a little older but still have the hardiness of a native Wisconsinite.



The sights and sounds have had an impact on me; but even more so, the people I've met have touched my heart.

Pilgrims gather from all over the world to walk the Camino, and each has a story to tell. I've been listening to wayfarers share their experiences, and it's magical to witness the growth and unfolding that wreathes through each person's life. When you look past our hats, jackets, and costumes and dig into what we're made of, it's a positive force of laughter, fun, and the joy of life, of being here – or wherever! – and sharing the celebration.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elders

It looks as if our elders, who need sustained, long-term care, have now become a burden to us. We can't afford to take care of them anymore. Will it be like this for us, when we are old and frail?

When we were children, were we considered a burden to our parents? Did they refuse to pay our dental bills? Did they buy for us a much-needed winter coat when father might have liked to spend that money for a hunting rifle and mother needed a better vacuum cleaner?

Now it's our turn to reach into our pockets and do the right thing. Pine Crest is not a business. It's not an "industry." It's a good, safe place that belongs to all of us for the care of a frail, older generation, people who can no longer take care of themselves as they once did. We hope Pine Crest will remain ours and that it will be there for us when we are in need of its services.

If you agree, please call your county supervisors and urge them to not sell Pine Crest Nursing Home.

Susanna Juon-Gilk
Merrill

A job well done

We didn't win in Viet Nam. We didn't win in Iraq. We didn't win in Afghanistan.

Last week, we did get the release of five people held hostage in Iran. They had been in Iranian prisons for varying lengths of time, the longest being first held in 2015. They were freed and returned to the U.S., through the efforts of the State Department and it's Diplomatic Corp.

Hat's off to those folks for a job well done.

Jim Leschke
Rhinelanders

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 150

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

The first person to tell us the correct answer each week will have their name published in the paper if they wish, along with their correct answer to the question.

Week 149 question: Who was the first boys' cross

country individual conference champion for THS: Norb Renn, Blain Nyberg or Bob Wise?

Week 149 answer: THS' first boys' cross country individual conference champion was Norb Renn in 1972.

Congrats to Don Stelter for being the first to correctly answer this week's question!

Week 150 question: During the 1972 football season, THS defeated Park Falls for the first time since what year: 1968, 1969 or 1970?

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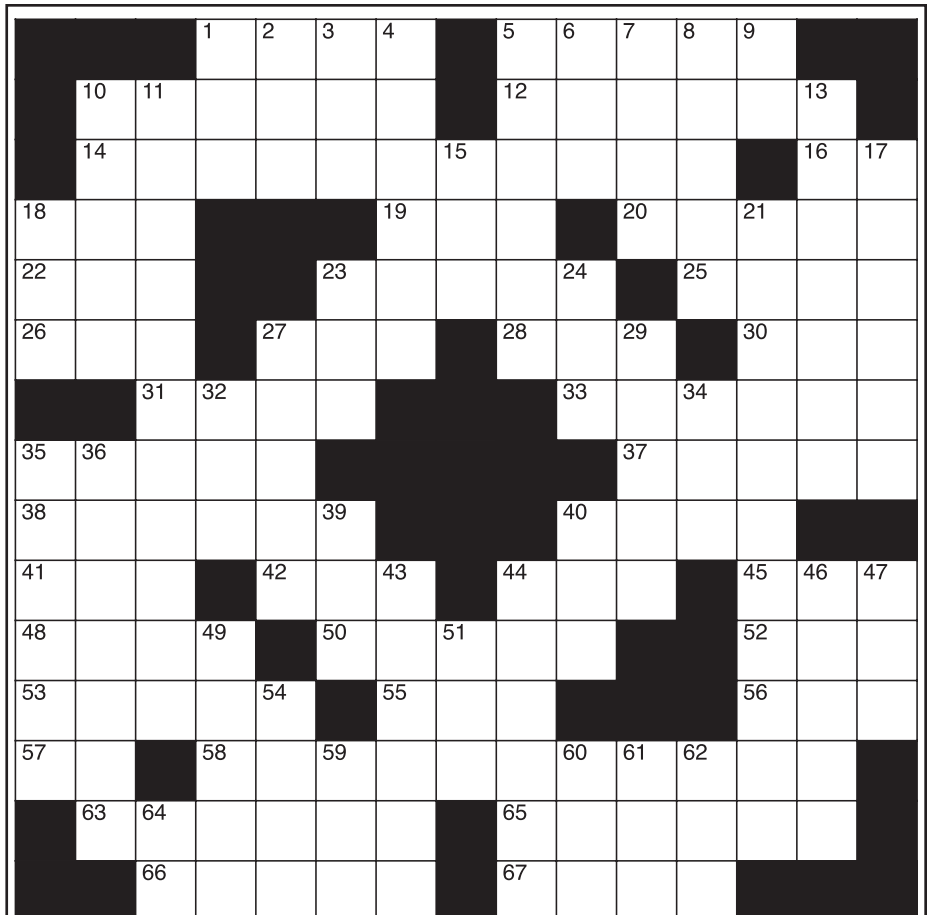
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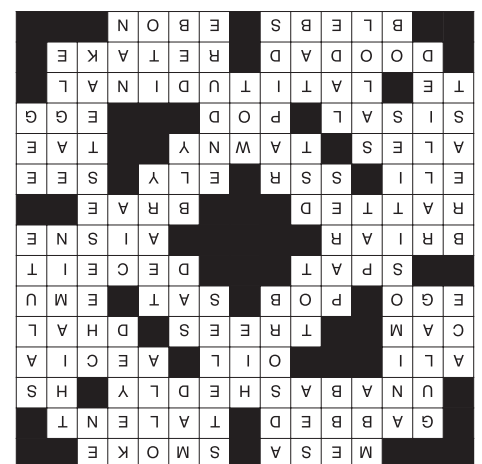
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- Byproduct of fire
- Talked
- Unique skill
- Unembarrassed
- Where teenagers go
- Boxing's GOAT
- Used to anoint
- Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- Auburn great Newton
- Some are for Christmas
- Dried, split pulses
- Self
- Where to get your mail
- High schoolers' test
- Flightless bird
- Expectorated
- Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- Type of patch
- French river
- Told on
- Hillside
- Peyton's little brother
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Progressive country musician
- Witness
- Brews
- Yellowish-brown
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Mexican agave
- Type of "cast"
- Popular breakfast food
- Atomic #52
- Position north or south of the equator

CLUES DOWN

- Licensed for Wall Street
- Partner to flow
- A very large body of water
- Accumulate on the surface of
- Central cores of stems
- Angry
- Spanish stew: __ podrida
- Fastened with a pin
- On your way: __ route
- Soviet labor camp system
- Enmities
- B complex vitamin
- Go quickly
- Toast
- A team's best pitcher

- Philly culinary specialty
- Small child
- Unhappy
- Trims away
- Full of tears
- Touch softly
- Former OSS
- A person's chest
- Came from behind
- Fall back
- Nellie __, journalist
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Weather
- Sports broadcaster Ian
- Electroencephalograph
- Phenyl salicylate
- Web of Things
- Ship goods as cargo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Young female
- OJ trial judge
- One's grandmother
- West Siberian river



MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE

‘School of Rock’: Revisiting the quintessential Jack Black film 20 years later

BY JALEN MAKI

School of Rock could only be led by one actor on this planet, and his name is Jack Black.

In *School of Rock*, the 2003 comedy film directed by Richard Linklater (*Dazed and Confused*, *Boyhood*, the *Before* trilogy), Black plays Dewey Finn, a kind-hearted, struggling rock musician living with his friend and former-bandmate-turned-substitute teacher Ned Schneebly (Mike White, who wrote the film) and Ned’s cold and controlling girlfriend Patti (Sarah Silverman). After being kicked out of his band (20 minute guitar solos and ill-fated stage dives among the reasons why) ahead of a potentially lucrative battle of the bands competition, and on the verge of being thrown out of the apartment by Ned at Patti’s behest, a cash-strapped Dewey makes a desperate and risky move: he pretends to be Ned and takes a job as a substitute teacher at an esteemed local prep school.

What starts out as simply a scheme to pay his share of the rent takes an unexpected turn when Dewey makes a surprising discovery – the students in his class, all about ten years old, *rock*. Well, not exactly – although their focus is classical music, Dewey sees their headbanging potential, and with the battle of the bands competition’s \$10,000.00 top prize seemingly within reach, he hatches a plan.

The students return from their music class to find that their classroom has been transformed into a makeshift jam space. A few of them are recruited as band members – lead guitar, drums, bass, keyboards and backup vocals – and Dewey takes on the role of lead singer and rhythm guitarist. The rest of the students are given an array of assignments, including band manager, roadies and security.

Dewey tells the students that the battle of the bands is a prestigious class project that would have positive effects on their futures, but that’s not true – he makes it up to pique their interest and ensure their full focus and participation.

Dewey casts the less important subjects aside (you know, like math and reading and social studies and what-not) and replaces them with what is essentially Rock and Roll 101. As part of the coolest class ever conceived, the kids are given CDs by Led Zeppelin, Blondie, Rush, Pink

Floyd and other legends as “homework,” and over the course of several weeks (depicted in a montage featuring my favorite Ramones song, “Bonzo Goes to Bitburg”), Dewey teaches the kids everything he knows about rock. He provides a lesson on the interconnectedness of music genres and shows the kids footage of the greats – the students attentively study Pete Townshend of The Who’s trademark windmill guitar technique, legendary jazz drummer Buddy Rich and Nirvana’s Kurt Cobain. Meanwhile, the band and crew continue to gear up for the competition.

Although watching the kids learn the nuts and bolts of rock and roll is incredibly fun, the heart of the movie lies in Dewey’s individual interactions with the students.

One of my favorite moments in the film happens when Lawrence, a shy piano virtuoso who’s taken up the mantle of keyboardist, flawlessly sight reads The Doors’ “Touch Me,” to which Dewey reacts with the delight and giddiness of a child who was just handed three hundred dollars in cash seconds before entering a candy store. Later that day, Lawrence approaches Dewey in the cafeteria and confesses that he doesn’t think he’s “cool” enough to be in the band. Dewey’s response – reassuring Lawrence that he is, in fact, “the cat’s pajamas” and “the bee’s knees” and the subsequent secret handshake he devises on the fly – is almost overwhelmingly kind.

Several other similar moments happen throughout the film – a student expresses their feelings of insecurity or doubt to Dewey, and he responds with genuine compassion and offers admittedly idiosyncratic, yet surprisingly sage, individually-tailored advice.

There are few things more important to a kid than feeling a sense of belonging. As an outcast himself, Dewey knows this as well as anyone, and through his own personal experience, he connects with the kids in a very unique and effective way. Dewey’s ability to make the kids feel like they’re part of something that matters, while, on a personal level, reassuring each them of their importance to the band and encouraging them to empower themselves by embracing their skills is simply wonderful and, in a strange way, kind of heart-breaking – it’s easy to imag-



ine that this kind of support was absent from Dewey’s life at such a crucial age. This all isn’t to say Dewey’s perfect. I mean, I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention that the man connived his way into a teaching position he was ex-

tremely unqualified for and exploited the students and the school for personal and financial gain. This is frowned upon, and from a legal perspective, you could probably make a pretty ironclad case that Dewey should’ve ended up in the crowbar hotel. But, no one was harmed, everyone learned a lesson or two, and the band ended up being pretty awesome, which, in totality, affords Dewey a little leniency from the long arm of the law, in my opinion.

School of Rock would not be *School of Rock* without Jack Black. He’s a rocket ship to Mars from the opening scene to the end credits, delivering an absolutely singular performance. Black has an uncanny ability to shift gears dynamically – in one scene, he’ll do something that would make other actors, let alone normal people, look insane (vocally improvising guitar solos, for example); and in the next, he’ll display authentic humanity and profound tenderness. Yet, these frequent changes in energy and tone aren’t jarring or disorient-

ing; Black oscillates between these two extremes with remarkable ease and grace. Black is the personification of charisma and kindness. He is the soul of the film.

School of Rock turned 20 years old yesterday, but it is absolutely evergreen. Neil Young once said “Rock and roll can never die,” and I believe that to be the truth, but the search for acceptance amid the trials and tribulations of youth will also endure. Everyone, whether they’re 10 years old or 70, wants a place to belong, and the people who open their doors and hearts to such havens are the best among us. And if it just so happens that sanctuary involves melting a few faces or changing the world with one great rock show, then in the words of AC/DC (and Dewey Finn), I say: For those about to rock, I salute you.

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Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2023 6:00 PM District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487 Present: W. Quesinberry, M. Schommer, G. Steckbauer, R. Huseby, S. Woodall, S. Bolder, W. Simonis, (8) community members and (1) staff member. I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm II. Pledge of Allegiance III. Roll Call: Present: D. Huseby, S. Kirsch, K. Kissing Wolf, D. Long in at 7:03, B. Skubal, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R. Zimmerman. Absent: C. Hafeman IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R. Zimmerman declared there was a quorum. V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by S. Kirsch to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. VI. District Administrators Report: W. Quesinberry presented to the board. No action was taken. VII. Consent Agenda Items A. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2023 B. Approve the minutes from the Closed Session of the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2023. C. Approve the Invoices from July 8 through August 4, 2023. D. Employment/Contract Adjustments 1. Resignations: Keshia Bentley Middle School Cross Country Assistant Coach William Jelinek Middle School Head Football Coach Jonathan DeVillers Middle School Assistant Football Coach 2. Retirement Jackie Dorion Personnel Specialist 3. Above Pay Makenzie Kathamegoss Middle School Student Council Advisor Melissa Nieman Middle School WEB Leader Levi Ott Esports Head Coach Dewey Reilly Sr. Middle School Football 8th Grade Head Coach Todd Frederickson Middle School Football 8th Grade Asst. Coach Jason Stromberg Middle School Football 7th Grade Head Coach Mike Reilly Middle School Football 7th Grade Asst. Coach 4. Volunteers Dave Long High School Football Volunteer Coach John DuPlayee High School Football Volunteer Coach Erik Halverson Middle School Football Volunteer Coach E Donations Elementary PTO \$27,971.19 to the Elementary Activity Account PCA \$250 to FCCLA Rondele Ranch \$2,500 to FCCLA Motion by K. Kissing Wolf and seconded by D. Velleux to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously. VIII. Staff Reports: G. Steckbauer, S. Bolder, S. Woodall, R. Huseby, M. Schommer IX. Finance Report: W. Quesinberry presented the 4th Quarter Finance Report to the board. A Capital Projects List Update: W. Quesinberry presented the Capital Projects List status. No action was taken. X. Approve a change to the Employee Handbook: Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by D. Velleux to approve the change to the Employee Handbook. 6 aye, 1 nay. Motion carried. XI. 2023-24 School Year Update: W. Quesinberry presented and update on the plans for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. No action was taken. XII. Approve the changes to Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements: Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by K. Kissing Wolf to approve the change to Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements. Motion carried unanimously. XIII. Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report: W. Simonis presented the Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report. No action was taken. XIV. Discussion on a proposal to restructure Board representation: The board discussed a proposal to restructure board representation. No action was taken. XV. Approve Preliminary 2023-24

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Budget: W. Quesinberry presented the 2023-24 preliminary budget. Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by D. Velleux. Motion carried unanimously. XVI. Public Comment: B. Skubal, kudos to R. Flynn and the FCCLA group XVII. Board Referrals: D. Velleux commented on CESA 9's accomplishments. XVIII. Adjourn: R. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:10 pm

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A. 1305 Main Street Stevens Point, WI 54481 Plaintiff, vs. VINCENT PIZZOFERRATO JR. 87 Summerset Cir. Wheaton, IL 60189 Defendants. Case No. 23-CV-86 Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404 Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison Br. 1 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: VINCENT PIZZOFERRATO JR. You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within forty (40) days after September 20, 2023, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to: Lincoln Clerk of Circuit Court Lincoln County Courthouse 1110 E. Main Street, Suite 200 Merrill, WI 54452 and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: Weld Riley, S.C. 500 Third Street, Suite 800 P.O. Box 479 Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-0479 You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated: 9/12/2023. WELD RILEY, S.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff BY: /s/ John A. Cravens JOHN A. CRAVENS State Bar #1001261 PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE, INQUIRIES AND PLEADINGS TO: Amy L. Unertl, Paralegal Weld Riley, S.C. 500 Third Street, Suite 800 P.O. Box 479 Wausau, WI 54402-0479 (715)845-8234 Published September 20, 27, October 4, 2023 WNAXLP

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Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library book sale
 Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library will hold a book sale in the basement of the library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Books for all ages, magazines, CDs, tapes and some rummage items will be available. No items are priced, and all are available for donations.

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News Briefs

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church to host LWML Fall Rally

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 12 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, will host the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) North Wisconsin District Zone 6 Fall Rally on Saturday, Oct. 14. Retired Pastor Gene Ernst will host weekend services. Pastor Gene and Vivian Ernst will be the speakers. Skits, special music and more will be featured. Registration for the rally will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$5.00 and includes lunch. For more information, call 715-453-4774.

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 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.

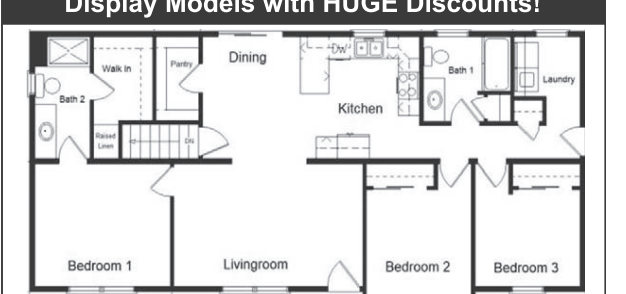
Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms

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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Monday, Sept. 25	63	56
Tuesday, Sept. 26	66	57
Wednesday, Sept. 27	61	53
Thursday, Sept. 28	64	53
Friday, Sept. 29	66	58
Saturday, Sept. 30	72	55

Leader Sports & Nature

Football: Tomahawk falls to Coleman in Homecoming matchup

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet football team hosted Coleman for Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 29 and fell by a score of 42-14.

The first half was all Coleman, with the Cougars taking a 35-7 lead into the locker room. Tomahawk's lone score of the half was a six-yard touchdown run by Ryan Larson, followed by a successful extra point.

Coleman scored one more touchdown in the third quarter, and Caleb Dickens' three-yard touchdown run and subsequent extra point in the fourth quarter was the Hatchets' final score of the game.

Through the air, Brayden Larson completed four of ten passes for 12 yards. Caleb Dickens led the Hatchets' ground attack with 104 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries.

This week's action

On Friday, Oct. 6, the Hatchets will travel to Westfield for a game 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

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is encouraging Tomahawk residents and guests to visit the Allan Bell Memorial Trail, located behind the high school office on Kings Rd. "There, you will find a very interesting half-mile walk with ten interpretive signs set up by high school students," the Historical Society said.



Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens



The THS cross country captains presented the game ball to the captains of the football team before kickoff of the Hatchets' homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 29.

Hatchet harriers earn pair of second-place finishes in Medford

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MEDFORD – The Tomahawk Hatchet cross country team competed in Medford on Thursday, Sept. 28.

The boys and girls both took second place, only losing to the Ashland boys and Medford girls. The Hatchets had three runners in the top 10 finishers for both races.

The boys raced first, knowing that the bar was set high to compete against the strong Ashland team. The boys rose to the occasion, only taking second by 13 points.

The top 10 finishing boys were senior Presley Gutbrod (5th-18:14), junior Sam Zastrow (9th-18:47) and junior Dominic Boos (10th-18:56). They were followed by the rest of the squad, including Owen Dickrell (15th-19:22), Nathan Rosenmeier (18th-19:41), Jeremiah Johnson (19th-19:46), Trey Morrison (26th-20:31), Drew Voermans (32nd-21:03), Elliot O'Connor (39th-22:18), Will Boneck (41st-22:36), Ryan Montag (43rd-22:36), Eli Albrecht (47th-22:50) and Gerard Gorell (50th-23:56).

Boys' team scores: Ashland-44, Tomahawk-57, Medford-69, Rhinelander-69, and Merrill-116.

For the girls, this was a Great Northern Conference showdown preview. The girls had many indicators that they're ready for the coming conference race, but still need to make some adjustments if

they hope to dethrone the previous conference champion Red Raiders.

Exactly like their co-ed counterparts, the girls placed three in the top ten, which included freshman Elise Gi-beault (5th-21:10), junior Alli Palmer (6th-21:15) and senior Rachael Reilly (9th-22:05). Rounding out the Hatchet assault were Halle Derleth (12th-22:28), Robin Schmidt (13th-22:32), Lydia Shaney (16th-23:00), Faith Derleth (28th-23:52), Norah Mann (33rd-24:10), Izzy Lee (35th-24:36), Abi Mücke (41st-26:00), Reese Molitor (43rd-26:39), Jennie Frederickson (48th-28:26), Summer Gaedtke (52nd-29:17) and Kailynn Hanse (DNF).

Girls' team scores: Medford-37, Tomahawk-45, Ashland-73, Rhinelander-74, and Merrill-148.

"The Medford Invite is a relatively flat course with great views of the race for the competitors," said coach Steph Ahrens. "It was extremely handy for our girls to get the feel of where they need to be in relation to the defending conference champions."

"Both teams raced with tremendous effort, which was great to see," said coach Connor Ahrens. "This is the kind of determination we need to see come postseason. We also got to have many of our previously injured runners return to the fold. If we can make some more adjust-

ments, both teams will be ready for the Great Northern Conference Meet."

The week was capped by the 26th Annual Hatchet Cross Country Homecoming Football Relay Friday. Per tradition, the game ball was presented to the cross country captains near the end of the pep assembly by the football captains and coach Reilly. The team then ran the ball relay-style (a distance of approximately a marathon, 26-miles) from the direction of Coleman (the Homecoming Hatchet opponent) traveling northwest through Gleason back to the school complex, arriving just before game time around 6:40 p.m.

When the team arrived at the football field, they took the traditional pre-game lap

around the track. The cross country captains then presented the game ball to the captains of the football team in time for the coin toss.

"It was great to hear and witness the excitement of the team during the homecoming football relay," said coach Kurt Reinke. "This is a tradition the team greatly enjoys. It was evident with how quick they ran each leg of the relay after racing the previous day."

This week's action

The next meet for Tomahawk is the 47th annual Hatchet Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Inshalla Country Club. The first race begins at 10:30 a.m. The meet will include a 50/50 raffle fundraiser for the team's end of season awards.

Fishing Report: Best fall fishing is not far away

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Water temps have declined to the mid-60s, and some of the smaller lakes have started the process of turning over. This is evidenced by some "green" on the surface, almost like an algae bloom, though that isn't the case.

Turnover is essentially the surface water sinking as it is cooled by air temperatures, and the bottom water (with the accumulated "gunk" from this year) rising to the top. This process normally takes a couple of weeks, and once it's over, we get some of the best fishing of the fall.

Weeds are dying on all lakes, especially the shallow vegetation. If we do not get a major warm front — and we certainly don't want one — we'll be ready for a very significant water temperature drop and the resulting great walleye and musky fishing we get in the late fall. The color in the woods up here was getting awfully close to peak by last week, and the scenery out on the water has been bar-none.

Walleye fishing is good, with the fish moving a little deeper weekly on the dark water lakes. They'll end up in or near the holes, but they aren't there yet. Look for the deepest weed edges and mud

flats off the weeds to be holding fish this week. Jigs and minnows are the best bait and will be for the rest of the open water season. The bigger, clear lakes just haven't performed that great recently, and we're waiting for some cold weather to turn these fish on. They'll be off the weeds in 15 to 30 feet of water when that happens.

Northerns have slowed a little, but they are also in the weeds for the rest of the fall looking for minnows. Look for green weeds for these fish and throw some spinners.

Musky fishing has been good, but not as good as it will be when the water temps fall further. They are hitting some suckers, but not quite as actively as they will when the temps get to the 50s. Bucktails seem to be working best at the weed edges, as these fish will also start to move a little deeper with turnover.

Panfish action is good now, with crappie action on the rise. The fish are holding in the deeper weeds and brush piles. Minnows are best, as always, for these fish. Perch activity has picked up with the cooler water also. They are in the deeper weeds. They'll hit either minnows or worms equally.

Keep hoping for colder weather for the best fishing! Good luck and good fishin'!

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Athletes of the Week



Alli Palmer – “Battling with her knee on and off throughout the season, it seems Alli Palmer has come out on top. She has consistently dropped time throughout the season and is now vying for the team’s top position. Missing her personal record by a mere three seconds at Medford, the coaching staff knows this veteran will make the most of her upcoming meets, as she has historically peaked at the right time in the season. Her offseason mileage and day in and day out consistency, along with handling her knee, honestly and effectively has resulted in Alli having a great 2023 season. The team will need her most down the stretch if a run at the WIAA State Meet is to occur.”

Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens



Norah Mann – “Norah is another girl who has been fighting the injury bug and has found a way to keep making herself better at every practice and meet. A freshman with potential who has bounced around several positions within the team seems to be finding her stride, knocking on the door to varsity once again with her 8th-place team finish in a time of 24:10 at Medford. The coaching staff knows that she is a key piece of what the Hatchets have in store for the future.”



Ryan Montag – “A hooper at heart, Ryan has found another sport which he can excel at. Starting the season as high as 26 minutes for a 5k, he has now run under the 23 minute marker three times in a row, most recently setting a personal record at the Medford Invite with a time of 22:36. As this freshman continues to develop his distance running abilities, his basketball conditioning and shooting will improve as well due to better leg strength. With a season or two under his belt, combined with some potential track and field leg speed, Ryan might prove to be one of the boys varsity scorers sooner than he may realize.”



Will Boneck – “One of our runners with the highest ceiling of potential is freshman Will Boneck. Coming out of middle school with no sporting experience and joining cross country means we still don’t know what he can truly accomplish. This is extremely exciting. His friendly demeanor has been a great fit within the boys’ team, and his effort at practices and meets have been commendable. Another freshman who started with a 26-minute 5k has found himself in the sub-23-minute group through hard work and steadfast commitment to the program. With continued training, the coaching staff looks forward to inevitable growth from Will in his distance running career. Like his Medford side by side finishing teammate, Ryan, Will may soon be a varsity scorer, especially if track and field leg speed is added to his training regimen this coming spring. This will certainly not be the last time Will Boneck’s name graces Athlete of the Week.”

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MAX CHILDERS
ATTITUDE / EFFORT

“WEEK STARTED OFF A BIT ROUGH BUT HE CHALLENGED HIMSELF ON RACE DAY. PACED HIS OWN RACE AT TIME FASTER THAN HIS MILE TIME TRIAL AND BRIDGED THE GAP TO HIS TEAMMATES IN THE LAST PART OF THE RACE”

8TH GRADE

JOA REILLY
CONSISTENCY / LEADERSHIP

“HER LEADERSHIP IS AS STRONG AS HER CONSISTENCY ON THE COURSE SHE JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER WITH EACH RACE AND HAS RUN HER FASTEST MILE SPLITS OF THE SEASON AT THE RIGHT TIME AND IS BRIDGING THAT GAP TO THE SCORING 5 TEAMMATES”

7TH GRADE

VICTORIA TOWLE
PR / CONSISTENCY

“VICTORIA IS ONE DETERMINED ATHLETE. SHE SETS HER SIGHT ON SOMETHING AND GOES AFTER IT. TO HAVE AS MUCH CONSISTENCY AS SHE HAD IN HER FIRST YEAR IS DRIVEN BY HER EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER”

7TH GRADE

LILLIANNA MARHEINE
PERSEVERANCE / EFFORT

“LILLI HAD A GREAT BOUNCE BACK WEEK AFTER MISSING THE THREE LAKES RACE. SHE CHALLENGED HERSELF TO PACE BETTER AND SHE HAD A MONSTER KICK IN THE END WHICH IS ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE”

6TH GRADE

LILY MEUER
PR / EFFORT

“SHOWED THE LARGEST IMPROVEMENT IN HER MILE BY 109 SECONDS. CHALLENGED HERSELF AT MEDFORD SEEING THE DETERMINATION AFTER A CONFIDENCE BOOSTING MILE WAS KEY”

6TH GRADE

VALLYN OTT
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ALIYAH NELSON
TOP 10 / COACHABILITY

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8TH GRADE

REAGAN GORELL
PR / PERSEVERANCE

“AFTER A VERY TOUGH WEEK SHE BOUNCED BACK WITH A VENGEANCE WITH A PR MILE AND HER BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR”

TMS runners take part in Medford invitational

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MEDFORD – On Thursday, Sept. 28, Medford hosted several area teams for their annual cross country invitational at Medford High School.

The boys and girls middle school combined race got the meet started, and when the dust settled, the Tomahawk Middle School girls were invitational champions for the third time this season, with all five scoring runners in the top 10.

Charlee Lund was the first Hatchet girl to cross the line as the overall winner in the girls’ race in a time of 12:57. Four more Hatchets would cross the line and earn medalist honors in the top 10, including Hallie Pierce (7th), Aliyah Nelson (8th), Lexi Palmer (9th) and Camryn Kraklow (10th).

The strong Hatchet pack included Joa Reilly (18th), Giordana Cammisuli (19th), Autumn Pankow (21st), Reagan Gorell (27th), Leigha Vassar (33rd), Victoria Towle (34th), Lily Meurer (41st), Lilliana Marheine (47th), Lucy Nelson (48th), Savannah Reinke (51st) and Kortney Bust-erud (57th).

Team scores: Tomahawk 35, Medford 46, Marshfield 56, Ashland 105, Antigo 129.

The boys were led to a 3rd-place finish by 8th grader Joe Zastrow, who had his strongest race of the year, finishing in 8th place in a time of 12:30. The team was also supported by some great efforts from Dawson Jones (14th), Kamorn Ristau (16th), Levi Cerkas (24th), Zach Scott (36th), Tripp Tabbert (37th), Max Childers (38th) and Vallyn Ott (42nd).

Team scores: Marshfield 17, Medford 52, Tomahawk 88, Ashland 96, Antigo 116.

This week’s action

The TMS runners will wrap up their season on their home turf on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Tomahawk Elementary School playground. The first race gets underway at 4:30 p.m.

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8th Grade A Team Volleyball

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 Photos by Stacie Petta Photography



8th Grade B Team Volleyball

Back row, from left: Taleah Lasee, Amirah Dickens, coach Sarah Miller, Mataya Pultz, Tessa Amelse; front: manager Morgan Wallis, Madisyn Wallis, Alexis Coffman, Samantha Reimert, Savannah Lear.



7th Grade Volleyball

Back row, from left: Tilly VanAsten, Lauren Riebe, coach Emily Pierce, Ella Pierce, Rory Molitor; front: Morgan Maule, Makayla Ray, Zoey Finn, Thea Seslar.

An open letter to the Senators and Representatives of the United States

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I write to you today as a concerned citizen and a newspaper publisher who believes in the importance of a functioning government that serves the interests of all Americans. It deeply troubles me to witness the recurring threats of government shutdowns due to your inability to reach a consensus and your unwillingness to put aside partisan differences for the greater good.

It is imperative that you remember your duty is to the American people, and this duty should always come before your own political squabbles and differences. Shutting down the government has dire consequences for millions of Americans, causing economic hardships and eroding the credibility of our nation on the world stage. You may not feel the immediate impact of such actions, given your financial security, but it is the ordinary citizens who bear the brunt of this instability.

It is disheartening to observe the radical and often ignorant actions and rhetoric from both sides of the aisle. As the next election approaches, we, the American people, should remember those among you who put your personal agendas before the well-being of our nation. We must exercise our right to vote and elect Senators and Representatives who prioritize the interests of their constituents and the nation as a whole over their own partisan interest.

If you are willing to entertain the notion of a government shutdown, I propose a simple solution: Fine each of you for every day the government remains closed, and suspend your salaries until you do what is right for the American people. Perhaps this financial consequence will serve as a reminder of your responsibility to your constituents.

In closing, I urge you to reflect on your roles as public servants and the trust that the American people have placed in you. It is time to set aside your differences, engage in respectful dialogue, negotiate, and compromise in order to prevent further harm to our great nation. The welfare of America should always come first.

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