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Tomahawk's Robert Garrou to be inducted into Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – A former Tomahawk High School (THS) athlete and current coach will take his place among Wisconsin's wrestling greats next month.

Robert Garrou will be inducted into the George Martin Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame during a banquet held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay on Friday, Nov. 3.

Joining Garrou as 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees are Dan Clark of St. Croix Falls, Dale Spies of Riverdale, Greg Trosper of Reedsburg/Pecatonica and Dick Vosters of Freedom.

Garrou, born and raised in Tomahawk, said he began wrestling in 6th grade in an effort to help himself overcome behavior issues. In the process, he fell in love with the sport – a love, Garrou said, that was fostered by Coach Al Overhaug.

"Athletics became an integral part of my life," Garrou stated.

At THS, Garrou lettered in wrestling, football and track and was named All-Conference during his ju-



Garrou

nior and senior years in both wrestling and football. Garrou was coached in wrestling by Tom Freude and Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Famer Bob Skubal.

Garrou graduated from THS in 1985 and enrolled the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where he wrestled under National Wrestling Hall of Fame member Scott Davis. Garrou was a starter in each of his four years at UW-Superior and was named Team Captain during his junior and senior years.

After graduating from college in 1989, Garrou spent the next 16 years as a wrestling strength, conditioning and youth coach under Skubal. In 1996, Garrou was named Assistant Coach

of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

Garrou became the head wrestling coach at THS in 2004. Among the team accomplishments he said he's most proud of are the ten conference titles and eight regional titles, with a record of 310-89 in dual meets. Garrou has been named the Great Northern Conference (GNC) Coach of the Year nine times.

At the individual level, Garrou coached 14 state champions and nine state runners-up.

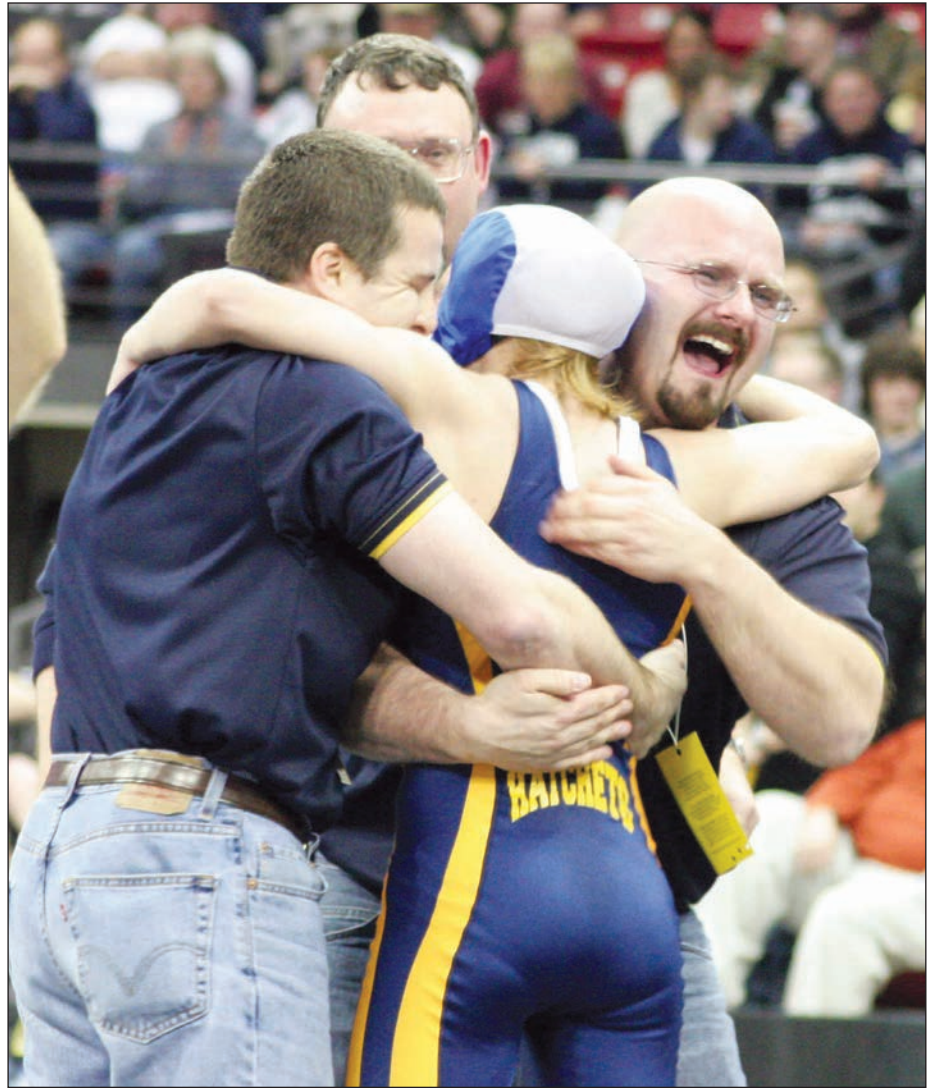
"Six of my wrestlers were named All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, with two winning championships," Garrou noted.

In addition to coaching THS wrestlers, Garrou has also traveled internationally to coach four exchange teams wrestling in Bulgaria and Romania in 1999, 2000, 2003 and 2005.

"I continue to coach middle school track and enjoy mentoring athletes in the weight room year-round," Garrou said.

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Pine Crest survey: Respondents want to keep nursing home county-owned, support referendum

BY TINA L. SCOTT
MMC STAFF

LINCOLN COUNTY – The results of the online community survey conducted by the Merrill Foto News and Tomahawk Leader are in, and respondents overwhelmingly indicated they want to keep Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill as a Lincoln County-owned facility, even if that means increased taxes to do so.

Of course, it wasn't unanimous, but although the question wasn't on the survey, in the comments section it quickly became apparent that even more so, Lincoln County residents want to see a referendum to allow everyone in the county to have their voice heard and their vote counted.

The Lincoln County Census Bureau estimates there were 28,376 residents in Lincoln County, Wis., as of July 1, 2022. Of those residents, 17.4% or approximately 4,937 are under age 18 and 23,436 are adults. And Lincoln County has 16,882 active registered voters, according to the Lincoln County Clerk's office, as of Oct. 2, 2023.

A total of 782 people responded to our survey online. While we requested only Lincoln County residents respond to the survey, that number includes 14 non-residents who responded to the survey anyway. Those 14 respondents represent 1.79% of respondents and did not make any significant difference in the outcome of the survey.

The 768 Lincoln County residents who responded represent 3.27% of the 23,436 adults in Lincoln County and 4.55% of Lincoln County's active registered voters. While this is a small fraction of Lincoln County residents, the results from those respondents were telling.

A majority of the survey takers were female; approximately 61% were female, and 39% were male.

All respondents were over 18 years old, with the vast majority (97%) over the age of 30. Only 24 "young people" ages 19-30 (3.1% of responses) took the survey. Respondents ages 61-70 years old were the largest category of survey takers (32.9%). More than half (56.7%) were ages 61-80 years old. See graphics for



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

complete results.

Of the 782 total respondents, only 7.3% (57 people) said they currently have a family member residing at Pine Crest Nursing Home. 37.5% said a member of their family had "ever" resided there, and 62.5% of respondents never had a family member at Pine Crest.

Nearly half (49.7%) of respondents felt Pine Crest "residents receive exceptional (five star) care" and the next highest group of respondents (29.8%) thought Pine Crest "residents receive excellent (four stars out of five) care." Only 1.2% of responses (nine people) indicated "residents should have better care (two stars out of five)," and a single

respondent thought "residents receive poor care (one star out of five)." Just over 12% of respondents said they did not have an opinion on the quality of care residents receive at Pine Crest.

To sell or not to sell; to raise taxes or not to raise taxes?

The responses to the questions most specifically related to the issue at the forefront of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, and in the freeform comments section, presented a clear directive from those constituents who answered the survey.

A full 83.6% of respondents said "No," they did not believe Lincoln County

should explore and consider selling Pine Crest to a private entity, thus removing taxpayers from the obligation to support Pine Crest costs and expenses. And 85.3% said "Yes," they would support an increase in their real estate taxes for five or more years, in order to keep Pine Crest Nursing Home owned by Lincoln County.

In fact, when it came down to the finances, only 14.8% (113 of the 763 people who answered this question) said they would not support any increased taxes for this purpose. The largest majority (39.7% of the 763 responses) said they would be willing to pay on their real estate taxes "whatever amount is required to keep Pine Crest Nursing Home owned by Lincoln County," another 25.8% said they would be willing to pay \$85.00 per \$100,000.00 value of their home in additional annual taxes, and 19.7% said they would be willing to pay an additional \$100.00 per \$100,000.00 of their home's value each year in taxes for this purpose.

Eighty-five percent support increased taxes, if needed.

15 percent oppose higher taxes

Those in favor of selling the nursing home to a private entity and who did not support an increase in their taxes accounted for only 15% of survey takers.

They offered some of the following comments:

"It is not the responsibility of government to fund a nursing home facility," one woman said. "Pine Crest has operated at a significant loss (\$1/2 million +/- yr) for many years, a fact which, under past County management, was hidden. Prior to the misguided expansion of the facility (2016), selling it to be operated by a private entity (still as a nursing home) was briefly considered, but with a small group of vocal opponents showing up at a meeting, the Board caved to their demands. Since then, costs have spiraled out of control. The current Board is doing the right thing by selling it."

A number of respondents said the problem lies with management.

"There are two privately owned nursing homes in

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Tomahawk's water tower up for 'Tank of the Year' award

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk's recently-repainted water tower is in the running to win an award for its design.

Tnemec Company Inc., founded in 1921, specializes in protecting surfaces and structures from corrosion with high-performance coatings and linings. The company is one of the largest privately-held protective coatings manufacturers in North America.

"Our coatings protect surfaces from Los Angeles to Philadelphia, Shanghai to San Juan, and every order we make is delivered with the expertise of our veteran team and the history they carry with them," Tnemec's website states.

Each year since 2006, Tnemec has celebrated the innovative and creative uses of its coatings on water tanks with an annual Tank of the Year contest, in which tanks of all varieties from across the U.S. and Canada are nominated, and the public has the opportunity to vote for their favorite tank in the



The City of Tomahawk's water tower is in the running for Tnemec Company Inc.'s Tank of the Year award.

Photo by Jalen Maki

People's Choice category.

A Tnemec committee of water tank enthusiasts then chooses 11 other finalists and considers them along with the People's Choice to decide the official Tank of the Year.

Among this year's nominees is Tomahawk's navy blue and yellow design on the city's water tower, which now reflects the School District of Tomahawk's colors. The tower, previously light blue, was repainted this summer as part of routine maintenance.

Tomahawk joins 11 other Wisconsin communities in the competition, including Abbotsford, Beaver Dam, Rice Lake and Schofield.

Voting is open through Friday, Oct. 13. The People's Choice winner will be announced on Monday, Oct. 16, and the Tank of the Year winner will be announced on Friday, Oct. 20.

To view the Tank of the Year nominees and to vote, visit www.tankoftheyear.com/.

Tomahawk, Gleason veterans among those on upcoming Never Forgotten Honor Flight roster

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Numerous local veterans will participate in an upcoming Never Forgotten Honor Flight (NFHF) to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials that honor their service.

The flight is organized by the Wausau-based NFHF organization, which serves veterans in Barron, Clark, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Rusk, Taylor, Vilas and Wood counties.

The flight, slated for Monday, Oct. 16, marks the Wausau-based NFHF organization's 46th flight since the first took place on April 27, 2010.

A total of 110 veterans – two Korean War veterans and 108 Vietnam War veterans – will take the flight.

Among those taking the trip are Tomahawk residents Scott Brzezinski, Navy; Phillip Huebl, Navy; Gary Jaecks, Army; and Wilmer, Seipp, Air Force; as well as Gleason's Thomas Teschner, Army. All five served in the Vietnam Era.

Veterans from other communities throughout northern and central Wisconsin, including Antigo, Medford, Merrill, Park Falls, Rhineland, Rib Lake, Wausau and Westboro, are also listed on the flight roster.

The veterans will be accompanied by 62 guardians on the one-day round trip that departs Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) in Mosinee at 6:30 a.m. and is scheduled to return at approximately 10 p.m.



The public is invited to CWA to welcome the veterans home. NFHF officials recommend arriving no later than 8:30 p.m. Free parking for those welcoming the veterans home will be provided. NFHF veteran alumni are encouraged to wear their NFHF-issued clothing (hat, shirt or windbreaker) for the welcome home ceremony.

Veterans receive a free round-trip flight, and guardians pay \$500.00 for the opportunity to accompany one, two or three veterans on the trip. Veterans and guardians interested in taking a future Honor Flight must complete an application at www.neverforgottenhonorflight.com or contact the organization at 715-573-8519.

All veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War eras are encouraged to submit an application. The only criteria for veterans to qualify for an Honor Flight is to have served during the years listed on the application/website, regardless of where they served.

Completed applications for veterans and guardians also can be mailed to Never Forgotten Honor Flight, 4404 Rib Mountain Drive, #234, Wausau, Wis., 54401. NFHF said the veterans are selected based upon the order in which their applications are received and the conflict they served in.

"Preference is given to World War II veterans, then Korea Veterans, and then Vietnam era veterans," NFHF stated. "Veterans who are terminally ill, regardless of when they served in those three eras, are given top preference. Guardians should be 18-69 years old and able to lend physical assistance to the veterans."

Following the flight, NFHF will have flown more than 4,300 veterans to Washington, D.C.

North Central Wisconsin's NFHF is the nation's 77th regional hub and one of five Wisconsin Honor Flight hubs. The Wausau-based organization was certified by the National Honor Flight Network office in Springfield, Ohio on Dec. 11, 2009.

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Garrou has been married to his wife, Joy, for 23 years. In his free time, he enjoys bow hunting with his brothers and traveling around the country with Joy on their motorcycle. He's been employed at Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) for 31 years and has served as Safety Coordinator for the last 13. In addition, Garrou has served as the Chairperson of the United Steel Workers International Safety Committee for the last 14 years and was awarded the title of Safety Person of the Year by the United Steel Workers International Union in 2020.

"My accomplishments in wrestling would not have been possible without the support of assistant coaches John Arnott, John Repinski, Ted Towle and Dane Borchard," Garrou stated.

Hall of Fame banquet tickets available online

Tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet are available to purchase online at www.wvca.org/. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Nov. 1.

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'Tomahawk Warrior' digital book now available to preorder

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BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The digital version of a book that chronicles the events of an ill-fated World War II aircraft is now available to preorder.

The *B-17 Tomahawk Warrior: A WWII Final Honor*, written by David E. Huntley, documents the stories of the crew of the Tomahawk Warrior, a plane went down in 1944.

The Tomahawk Warrior was piloted by Charles J. Searl of Tomahawk.

The Tomahawk Warrior

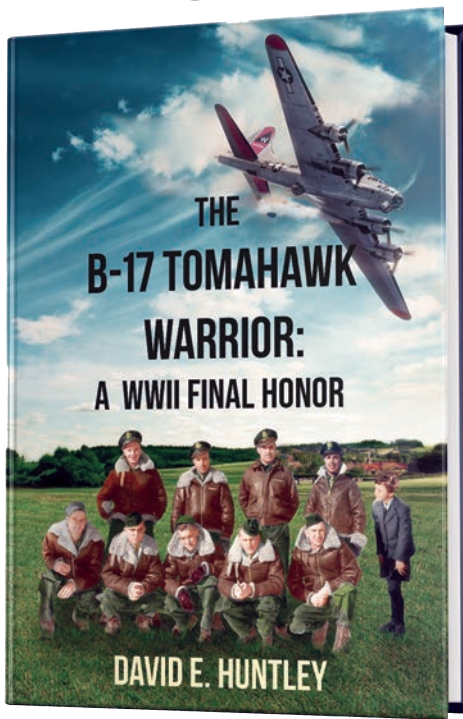
Early on the morning of Aug. 12, 1944, a plane, engines sputtering, roared

over the cottage of Huntley's family in Loudwater, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, about 30 miles west of London. The aircraft passed over at a low altitude and went down less than a minute later at Lude Farm in Penn, just north of Loudwater.

Huntley, who was nine years old at the time, raced to the scene with his brother and step-brother and found that the aircraft had been destroyed and its entire crew had either been killed in the crash or had been captured.

Huntley later learned that the plane was called the Tomahawk Warrior, and Searl was its pilot.

The Tomahawk Warrior was a B-17 Bomber, part of the United States Army Air Forces 398th Bomb



Group. On the morning of the crash, the plane and its crew departed from Royal Air Force Station Nuthamstead, England, headed for Versailles, France, on their 25th bombing mission.

On the way to France,

the plane, loaded with bombs for the mission, experienced mechanical problems and went down.

Huntley said the explosion was heard in all the surrounding towns, and the blast was louder than most he had experienced in London during the Blitz, Nazi Germany's bombing campaign against Great Britain in 1940 and 1941.

According to the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association, Searl purposefully put the ill-fated aircraft down in an open field near Lude Farm, saving countless lives by avoiding the populated areas nearby.

Huntley's book

Huntley said he found information about the Tomahawk Warrior, its crew and

the crash purely by chance while researching another WWII story. Coincidentally, he discovered the account of the Tomahawk Warrior on Aug. 12, 2016, the 72nd anniversary of the crash.

"The book provides an in-depth look at the lives and loves of the brave, very young men who faced immense odds of survival in brutal conditions," a Huntley said in a release.

The book is also a "comprehensive look at a section of time of air combat in WWII in 1944," according to the release.

Readers will also learn about how Huntley secured a British Honor for the fallen Tomahawk Warrior crew and led a delegation of family descendants he had traced to England to receive the award from the British authorities.

"Later, with the help of a member of the House of Lords, (Huntley) was able, with other locals, to establish a Permanent Commemorative Marker adjacent to the crash site of the Tomahawk Warriors," the release stated.

The digital version of the book includes footnotes at the end of each chapter, and the print version, expected to be published at a later date, has the footnotes on each relevant page, together with a full seven-page index for reference.

To learn more about *The B-17 Tomahawk Warrior: A WWII Final Honor* or to pre-order the digital version on Amazon, visit www.tinyurl.com/mry-zc9vp or search "B-17 Tomahawk Warrior" on www.amazon.com.

News Briefs

Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library book sale today

Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library will hold a book sale in the basement of the library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., today (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.

Lincoln County Veterans Services Office closed through Friday

The Lincoln County Veterans Services Office will be closed through Friday, Oct. 13 to allow staff to attend offsite training. Staff will have limited access to email and voice-mails, but will check both as

time permits. Veterans with emergencies during this time may contact a local VA clinic or the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 988 or by visiting www.veteranscrisisline.net/. Staff will return all calls and respond to emails upon returning on Monday, Oct. 16.

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.

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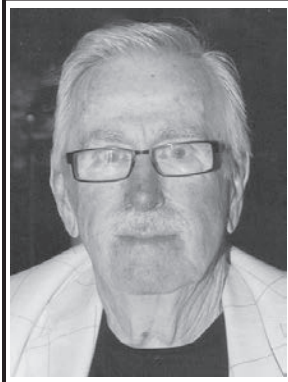


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Obituary updates are posted at www.tomahawkleader.com



James E. Carpenter Jr., 79, Donie, Tex., passed away on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 at Fairview Healthcare Residence in Fairfield, Tex.

James (Jim) was a loving husband, devoted father and successful businessman who will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

On Aug. 28, 1971, James was united in marriage with Joan, they celebrated 52 wonderful years together. Throughout his career, Jim excelled in the office equipment industry as a business and salesperson, working for Brother International, Oki Data, Konica Minolta and Sharp. His talent and dedication earned him numerous awards and recognition within his field. After retiring he volunteered for the U.S. Park Service and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as a Vessel Examiner. He was elevated to Vice Flotilla Commander and earned the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.

In addition to his professional achievements, Jim had a zest for life and loved to travel. He and his wife, Joan, embarked on many adventures, exploring exotic destinations. Jim had a passion for outdoor activities, including snowmobiling, skiing, golfing and scuba diving. One of his greatest joys was boating, spending time on the water with loved ones. Over the years, Jim crossed off many items from his bucket list, living life to the fullest.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Joan, his sister Joanne, his children, Denice, Dori, Wendy and Dana. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Erica, Andrea, Whitney, Kristin, Karinn, Cassandra, Rebecca, Samantha, Parker, Mariah and Matthew. Furthermore, Jim leaves behind 23 great-grandchildren, each a testament to the love and legacy he shared. Jim was preceded in death by his father James and his mother Janet.

To honor and celebrate his life, a Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 15, 2023 in Donie, Tex. Jim will be remembered for his warm heart, humorous wit, adventurous spirit and the love he shared with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our hearts.

THS Drama Department to host One-Act Play Festival this weekend

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Drama Department will host the District 2 One-Act Play Festival this weekend.

The festival will be held in the auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 14. THS will be the first school to take the stage at 8 a.m., performing "She Wrote, Died, Then Wrote Some More" by Steven Stack.

THS will be followed by Northland Pines at 9:20 a.m., Oconto Falls at 10:20 a.m., and Marinette at 11:20 a.m.

All shows are open to the public, and there is no charge for admission.

One-Act Play Director Michele Balda said the goal for each school is to receive advances from two of their three judges in order to move on to Sectionals in Oconto Falls in early November, with the ultimate

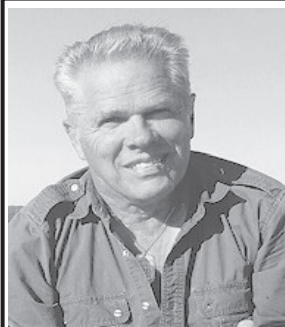
goal being to qualify for State, which will be held at UW-Green Bay in mid-November.

"She Wrote, Died, Then Wrote Some More" centers around Alina Devereaux, who has finally completed her 2,700-plus page nonfiction fictional memoir and is anxious to share it with

the world. Until she ends up dead. Or not dead. The comedic, melodramatic, one-act mystery features betrayals, broken hearts, a rather odd yet beautiful love story and a few twists, along with eccentric and unique characters who may

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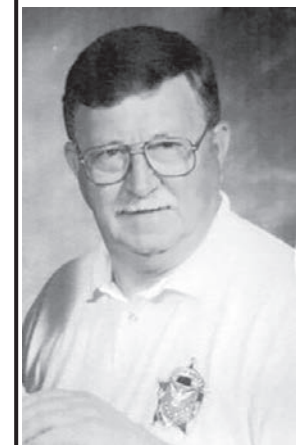


Ronald L. Fuller, age 74, of Hazelhurst, Wis., passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at the Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, Wis. Ron was born in Merrill, Wis., on March 12, 1947, to the late Bernard and Bernice (Craven) Fuller. He was married to Esther Taves on May 29, 1992; she survives.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Fuller; his son, Christopher (Joy) Albrent; his daughter, Melanie (Duane) Juedes; and his grandchildren, Saydee Juedes, and Rayne, Garron, and Elias Albrent. He was preceded in death by his great friend and fishing buddy, Hank Zietlow.

On Sept. 11, 2023, our loving husband, father, and grandfather, Ronald Lyle Fuller, was laid to rest at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., with his family in attendance. This was the final gesture we could do for him. We were beyond blessed and honored to be able to bring his wishes to fruition. We thank him for his service.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, assisted with arrangements. You may view Ronald's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Robert "Bob" J. Lee Sr., age 88, of Tomahawk, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at Tomahawk Health Services under the care of Compassus Hospice. Bob was born on July 13, 1935, in Downers Grove, Ill., to the late Robert E. and Dorothy (Kerstin) Lee.

Bob graduated from Downers Grove High School in 1954 and in 1955, he married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Jankowski. In 1969, he moved his family to Tomahawk where he joined the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. After 26 years, he retired as Chief Deputy. Bob was a member of the Tomahawk School Board for many years and also served on the Tomahawk City Council and the Tomahawk Police and Fire Commission. He was a member of the Lincoln County Board of Directors and proudly served as Tomahawk's mayor from 2000 to 2014. In 2022, Bob was presented with the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement award.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Lee; his children, Melody (Mike) Young, Cathy (David) Koth, Robbie (Tiffany) Lee, and Mike (Robin) Lee. Bob is further survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Dorothy. Bob's family would like to thank the staff at Riverview Nursing Home and the Memory Care Unit at Tomahawk Health Services for their care.

A celebration of life gathering for Robert Lee will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at Besse's on Clear Lake, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Bob's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

Ask the PASTOR

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

Today I would like to take a look at Psalm 73 as it addresses why God lets the wicked prosper. I will summarize Psalm 73.

I believe God truly is good to those who believe Him, who work at obeying what God has written in His Word. But for me personally, I was on the verge of giving up on God. I saw how some who ignored and even hated God prospered in their wicked lifestyles. And when dying, most showed no fear, but confidence.

In life, the wicked don't seem to have as many troubles as others. They have more wealth than they need, and use it to oppress others; even boasting about how they gain their wealth by abusing their influence. They have no problem with talking about what they do, speaking as if no one will ever hold them accountable. Therefore, their associates also boast and praise them for their successes. They think God does not see what they do or will ever hold them accountable for the evil they do.

And me, I have worked hard at doing the right thing. But what do I get for my efforts? Nothing good! It seems like I am constantly struggling with problems. It just is not fair!

And when I try to talk to other believers about my struggles, they are offended. They don't want to think that any believer could ever doubt God's goodness, or ask, "Is it worth it to serve God?"

I was depressed as I thought on these things, until I went to a church that believed God's Word, then I understood. This life is the only time, throughout eternity, that the wicked will ever know anything good.

God has set the wicked in a slippery place. When the wicked die, God casts them down to judgment for their wicked life. Their death will be as if one awakes from a pleasant dream only to find themselves surrounded with terror. God is not impressed with their wealth or influence, but will hand them the punishments they have earned.

When I first was reminded of this, I felt foolish for having ever doubted God's justice, or for being ready to give up on God. I despaired because I was ignorant of the truth, and was living only for the moment. I realize that even when I was ready to give up on God, God had never given up on me, but continued to lead me in life, and in the end would take me to be with Him in Heaven.

Who can I depend upon in Heaven to be faithful to me like God is? And because God is so faithful to me, I desire God more than any comforts this world may offer me. When my thoughts and this body fail me; the truth of God remains the strength of my thoughts, and God is my inheritance forever.

Now I understand that those who go away from God will perish under His judgment. But it is good for me to draw near to God in obedience. Therefore, I will continue to trust God and share these truths, declaring God's wonderful works to those around me.

Pastor Charles Scheele

Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk
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The Pastor's Corner for Wed. October 11, 2023

This summer was extremely dry. I planted my garden a little late due to the slow melting snow. Then, there was barely any rain. The growth of my plants, at the beginning, was stunted. For my garden to survive, I had to water it frequently. If I forgot to water it, the plants started drooping immediately. Sandy soil doesn't hold much water. However, with consistent watering, my garden grew. It became lush and produced lots of tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, and more.

People also need water. It is an essential part of life. Without it, we will die very quickly. Our bodies send us signals when we are low on water. We get thirsty. Our concentration lags. Our systems don't function as they should. Not long ago, I had to take my stepdad into urgent care. He was acting confused, and it was obvious that something was wrong. He needed fluids. They started an IV and it wasn't long before he started to perk up. His face became filled out and he wasn't confused anymore. All he needed was life-giving water.

There is another kind of life-giving water that all humans need. We have been created in the image of God. Whether you believe it took one day or a billion years, we were created to be in relationship with God. Created to know God. Created to love God. Created to communicate with God. God, the Father. God, the Son. God, the Holy Spirit.

When we live our lives without God, we are just shriveled up, empty shells. We live our lives confused and frightened. We often make choices that are not good for us or for others. We hurt and sometimes we don't even know why. It is because we were meant to be filled with the life-giving water that only God can give.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Let everyone who hears say, "Come." Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. Revelation 22:17

This life-giving water is a free gift provided by a loving Creator. Do you find yourself thirsty for more than this world is offering? Reach out and take the free gift that God gives. God has an abundant supply. There is enough for you. There is enough for me. There is enough for the whole world.



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OKTOBERFEST



Tomahawk Main Street Inc. hosted an Oktoberfest event on the west end of W. Wisconsin Ave. in downtown Tomahawk on Saturday, Oct. 7. The event featured more than a dozen varieties of craft beer, several styles of brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, soft pretzel bites and German chocolate cake, as well as live music and numerous giveaways. The first 300 ticket buyers received a commemorative Tomahawk Oktoberfest pilsner tasting glass and a collectible Tomahawk Oktoberfest button.

Photos by Jalen Maki



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A daughter, Autumn Grace, was born to Heather and Nick Krueger, Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023. She was born at 5:13 p.m., weighed 7.2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

FESTIVAL

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or may not at some point end up dying themselves.

The cast for the production is as follows: Murphy Koth, Alina Devereau; Sadie Ruder, Marian the Maid; Isabella Marino, Minnie Matthews; Julia McGovern, Vivian Devereaux; Galen Schmidt, Barnabas Buckley; AJ Schertz, Anna Marie Silverstreet; Aubrey Graeber, Deanna Farnsworth; Xan Sutton, Nicho-

las Springfield; Arawen Alberg, Elizabeth Montgomery; Trey Morrison, Stefan Stade; and Cedar Hoffman, Stage Manager/Student Director.

Crew: Kiannah Mullen and Cheyanne Schade, lights; Johnathan Feltes, sound; Shyann Boos, Caroline Klesmith, Apollo Davis, Greta Kurth, Madeline Long and Mariah Sparbel.

Balda will be joined by Assistant Directors Nancy Herbison and Makayla Zipp.

NEWS BRIEFS

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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, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 25, 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 Face-

book page (www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s) or call 608-345-7305.

PCA offering scholarship

PCA Tomahawk Mill is offering a scholarship to a senior who is planning to major in engineering. Complete information, including how to apply, was emailed to seniors at Tomahawk High School. Contact the Guidance Office at 715-453-2106, ext. 214, with any questions.

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 Region-

al 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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Felzkowski named '2023 WCA Friend of County Government'

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) recently named State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) as its “2023 WCA Friend of County Government.”

Felzkowski was co-named with State Representative Tony Kurtz (R-Wonewoc).

WCA, which works to represent the interests of county governments and the state and federal levels, said in a release that the award is the highest honor given by WCA to an individual or individuals who have “performed outstanding service to county government in their official capacity.”

Felzkowski was honored at the 2023 WCA Annual Conference, held in Sauk County last month, for her leadership on Assembly Bill 245, also known as the shared revenue bill.



Wimmer and Company Partner Kyle Christianson (left) and WCA President and CEO Mark D. O'Connell (right) presented Felzkowski with the 2023 WCA Friend of County Government Award at the State Capitol in Madison on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Photo courtesy of Michelle Gormican Thompson

“Signed into law June 20, 2023 as Wisconsin Act 12, the legislation was crafted and led through the legislative

process by both Felzkowski and Representative Kurtz,” WCA stated. “Senator Felzkowski,

alongside Representative Kurtz, spearheaded what could be described as the most important piece of leg-

islation in generations here in Wisconsin,” said WCA President and CEO Mark D. O'Connell. “Because of their

efforts working alongside local governments, as well as our team, this new law will provide much needed funding to counties and other local units of government.”

O'Connell said the passage of the shared revenue bill was a “bipartisan effort of the Legislature and the Governor, where both sides of the aisle worked together to find common ground.”

“Plain and simple, without the leadership of Senator Felzkowski and Representative Kurtz, we would not have Act 12,” he stated. “We would not have a sustainable funding source tied directly to the economic success of our state and our communities. Their leadership will have a profound impact on Wisconsin for generations to come. We are grateful for Senator Felzkowski for her work, vision and commitment to getting this legislation across the finish line.”

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SURVEY
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Tomahawk that are offering excellent services at no cost to the taxpayers. Pine Crest could be run in the same manner," Charlie Jarvis said.

Others questioned why selling Pine Crest to a private entity was automatically perceived that it would result in poorer quality care for residents.

"I totally support selling Pine Crest to a private company," one woman said. "Being a long-term healthcare worker, I know privately owned does not at all translate to poor care. Nursing homes are regulated and inspected. Staffing is an issue everywhere and a facility is only as good as the employees caring for the residents."

Increased taxes supported with a caveat

Even some respondents who said they would support a tax increase said changes need to be made.

"The way I understand it, is that Pine Crest is operating way over their budget," a Merrill woman said. "If we are able to increase the budget a little, (with minor tax increases), that is fine with me. If it is going to require hundreds of dollars of increases in taxes, then I do not support that and feel it maybe should be sold."

"(I) have 25+ years working as a CFO at three different Wisconsin hospitals and advanced each one from 6-digit annual losses to 7-digit annual profits," Thomas J. Semling said. "The primary cause was mismanagement and pocket lining."

"I would support Lincoln County retaining ownership of Pine Crest pending an assessment by an experienced consultant in geriatric services/long-term care specialist who could provide a comprehensive assessment of the quality of the existing services, given the declines that have occurred since the onset of North Central Health Care system assuming the management of the facility," Mary Jo Rajek said. "An experienced consultant can make recommendations as to how to maximize the potential for long-term

care services and revenue-producing programs to offset the expected costs of operations when residents age in place and their care is covered through Medicaid (which has never covered the costs of actual care needs). I have worked in rehabilitation services for over 44 years to include long term care, inpatient rehab services, outpatient rehab services, specialty outpatient clinics for traumatic brain injury, MS, home health, and adult day care. Both of my parents have been residents at Pine Crest ... What I have observed since my return to Pine Crest has been nothing short of an administrative debacle since the management takeover by NCHC. Cost cutting measures have directly impacted the quality of care the residents receive with loss of experienced clinicians, chronically short-staffed units, (and) temp staff who do not have the familiarity with the residents (and) their medical complexities and longer-term emotional needs. While the current care may be adequate, it is not remotely the quality it was when my parents were there several years ago."

"There has got to be a way to make this place profitable once again," a rural Merrill woman said. "Adding an assisted-living portion would be great, possibly connected daycare options. Try looking for these things in this area. The waiting lists are long and sometimes there are no other options. We need to care for our aging population. ... It's time to brainstorm on how to improve the current situation, not sell it off to a private party."

Citizens for keeping Pine Crest county-owned

"The community would like to keep Pine Crest community owned because the community is a family, and family care for their own," Carey Volgman said.

"This facility is vital to the Lincoln County residents," Linda Huss said. "We live in an area where many come to retire and enjoy the quiet life. Many have grown up here and returned after retirement to be back with family."

These people need an affordable place to place aging parents nearby and not a couple hours away. If you interview the younger residents of Lincoln County, you will find that they are smart enough to know that a couple hundred dollars a year is a great investment for quality of life for the senior citizens of this county. It saddens me that the County Board has placed the value of a dollar over the value of caring for the aging and victims of stroke, major heart attacks, etc."

"Keeping Pine Crest a County-owned care facility would be beneficial to those who reside in Lincoln County because Pine Crest accepts more patients who are on a fixed or a lower income," Taylor Polak said. "Instead of funds being solely sourced from property taxes, an increase of County sales tax would spread the need for funds across anyone who shops in Lincoln County. A sales tax increase of 0.5% would be a great start. This is an increase of 50 cents per every \$100.00 spent. This would solve the issues of those who only own property supporting the cost of Pine Crest. With a County-wide increase of sales tax, sufficient funds would be allotted to keep Pine Crest County owned. Keeping a County-owned nursing home in Lincoln County will allow fixed- or lower-income residents a safe place when they are in need of a nursing home."

"Property taxes here are very low compared to other places we've lived,

both in and out of state-as well as other locations in Wisconsin," Sarah Litzer said. "I have no children, but have never begrudged the amount of property taxes we pay in order to fund schools. I consider it an investment to make my community more livable and the same is true for property taxes we pay that fund the many services our community offers, even if we don't avail ourselves of those services. No taxes equals no services, a foolish choice for people living together in our present-day society. We are retired and live on a 'fixed' income, but we continue to choose to live here because of the services available and the relatively low cost of living. People who have never lived anywhere else seem to lack this perspective."

"A recommendation I have for the County Board," Polak said, "is they should take a look at how other county-owned facilities are run and funded. How do they stay open and afloat? Why are they receiving more funds than Lincoln County? What can Lincoln County do to earn more government funding?"

One woman summarized a common thread running throughout the responses.

"People in this County paid for years for this nursing home," she said. "For many, it was all of their working life so far. Now it could be taken away from them, and that is not fair."

Referendum

The one thing both sides of this issue seem to totally

agree on is this: "I think the matter should be addressed through a referendum. I am disappointed in the County Board's indifference to resident concerns," Brian Riese said.

The County Board's refusal to, thus far, put the matter to a referendum, has those with opinions on both sides of the issue frustrated and upset.

"Why does the County Board refuse to put this matter up for a referendum?" one respondent asked.

"Unfortunately, in the modern political climate, elected politicians often forget their mission is to govern the will of the people and not their own misguided political allegiances," Bruce Sunde said. "Denying the opportunity for citizen referendum is the epitome of political arrogance and voter marginalization. The current political notion of 'we know better than the people who sent us here' certainly can be rectified at the ballot box."

"In my opinion, the County Board made a mistake by not allowing the people of this County to vote on an issue that is very personal," Tyler Frederick said. "If the Board just allowed it to go to a vote by the people, then either the people would vote yes to increase in property taxes or vote no to not increase taxes. The yes vote gives the County money to continue

the ownership of Pine Crest and no vote means they can now look at other options."

"I believe it is irresponsible of our elected officials to make such an important decision for the residents of Lincoln County without a referendum informing them of how their electorate feels about this issue," a Merrill man said. "No one wants their taxes to go up, but there is an obligation of the citizens to take care of each other. I am not sure a private entity has the same understanding."

"(I'm) disappointed the elected officials have not listened to people in the community. They have lost all trust for me," a Merrill woman said.

Many others made similar comments.

"I understand the complexity of this issue, and understand this is a tough issue. But listen to those who have elected you."

"Listen to your constituents," Gwen Cotter said.

"If Pine Crest is sold, there will be no turning back," she said. "Time to put the brakes on and rethink this whole decision with the public's input. Thank you for providing this survey."

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Oneida County Humane Society hosting Exotic Pet Surrender Event

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Those with an exotic pet they are no longer able to care for will have the opportunity to safely and surrender the animal to a rescue group this weekend.

The Exotic Pet Surrender Event, coordinated by the Neenah, Wis.-based J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, will be held at the Oneida County Humane Society, 1852 N. Stevens St., Rhineland, on Sunday, Oct. 15 from noon to 3 p.m.

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue will be accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals and plants, no questions asked, according to a release from the Oneida County Land and Conservation Department. The group will then

care for the animal until it is ready to be adopted or released to a wildlife sanctuary.

Domestic pets, such as dogs, cats, rabbits, pigs and chickens, will not be accepted. The release said owners of domestic animals should inquire with local pet shelters or rescues for options on rehoming pets.

“In some areas, there are no rehoming options for exotic animals, such as fish, birds and reptiles,” the release stated. “Some pet owners that are unable to care for their pet may think that releasing the animal into the wild is the right thing to do. However, releasing a pet into its non-native habitat is harmful for the animal and the environment. Some animals cannot survive in the wild. However,

some do, and they may become nuisance or invasive, causing harm to the environment, economy and human health.”

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue (JRAAR) is hosting the event with help from several other area

organizations, including the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department’s Aquatic Invasive Species Program, the Oneida County Humane Society and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources

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For more information regarding the Exotic Pet Surrender Event, contact John Moyles of J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue at adoptions@jraar.org.

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Hatchet spikers rack up wins with Regionals on horizon

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet volleyball team earned numerous wins with the end of the regular season approaching.

Northland Pines

The Hatchets kicked off a winning streak with a 3-1 road victory over Northland Pines (25-7, 24-26, 25-16, 25-18) on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Hatchet stats: Chloe Buckwalter, 43 assists (season high), 11 digs; Macy Jankiewicz, 18 kills (season high), three blocks; Samantha Gebauer, 21 digs, three aces; Claire Albert, seven kills, 19 digs, two aces; Cadee Benaszkeski, 10 kills; Siannah Calkins, 11 kills, three blocks.

Medford

On Thursday, the Tomahawk spikers hosted Medford and emerged with a 3-1 win (5-21, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22).

Hatchet stats: Buckwalter 33 assists, 12 digs, 5 kills, 1 ace; Benaszkeski, 13 kills; Jankiewicz, nine kills, three blocks; Calkins, nine kills, three blocks; Albert, eight kills, 22 digs; Gebauer, 33 digs (season high), one ace.

Rhineland

The Hatchets traveled to Rhineland on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and earned a 3-1 victory (7-25, 25-18, 23-25, 25-21).

Hatchet stats: Buckwalter, 36 assists, three aces.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Tomahawk's winning streak ended when the team fell in a road matchup against Wittenberg-Birnamwood by a score of 2-3 (25-12, 25-18, 21-25, 21-25, 13-15) on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Hatchet stats: Buckwalter, 36 assists, 10 digs; Jankiewicz, 12 kills; Gebauer, 18 digs (hit 1,000 career digs), two aces; Albert, 10 kills, 10 digs, one ace; Emerson Lange, six kills, 13 digs, five aces.

Recent, upcoming action

The Hatchets wrapped up their regular season by hosting a conference tournament against Antigo, Lakeland and Mosinee on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Regionals are slated to take place next week.

Football: Tomahawk comes out on top in defensive battle with Westfield

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WESTFIELD – The Tomahawk Hatchet football team traveled to Westfield on Friday, Oct. 6 and came away with a 7-0 nonconference win.

The lone score of the game came in the second quarter, when Caleb Dickens ran for a two-yard touchdown. The following extra point attempt was

successful.

Both defenses shined throughout the game, each forcing several turnovers. The Hatchets threw two interceptions, while the Pioneers threw five interceptions and lost one fumble.

Tomahawk limited Westfield to just 69 total yards, 66 of which came on the ground. The Hatchets tallied 196 total yards.

Brayden Larson went 3-8 through the air with two interceptions. Jonah Dickens, Caleb Dickens and Ryan Larson each caught one pass. Jonah Dickens (13 carries, 18 yards), Caleb Dickens (14 carries, 73 yards, one touchdown) and Landyn Seymour (12 carries, 46 yards) were the Hatchets' leading rushers.

With the victory over

Westfield and a forfeit win over Menomonie Indian, Tomahawk's record improved to 5-5 (2-4 in conference).

This week's action

For its final game of the regular season, Tomahawk will host the Clintonville Truckers at Hatchet Field on Friday, Oct. 17, with opening kickoff at 7 p.m.

Fishing Report: Colder weather will help anglers

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – It was expected to get much cooler after last week's warm spell, and that is good news for the fishing – especially the musky fishing. Water levels have been a little low on some lakes, but nothing catastrophic. The rain we got earlier this month helped. Temps were still in the low 60s on most bodies of water here as of last week. We're waiting for that big, magic drop into the 50s to really get the action going.

Walleye fishing has been pretty decent. This is a good time for walleye – just as good as the musky bite but lesser known. These fish are being found in

deeper water and jigs with minnows or crawlers are working. We've heard from many people about those crawlers, so they're worth taking with. All the lakes on the Eagle River Chain are producing well in or near the holes. On those few lakes without distinct holes, just fish the deepest part. On the bigger lakes we've also been hearing of some luck with crank baits.

Panfish action is very good for both perch and crappies. You will find crappie mixed right in with the walleyes in deeper water. Small plastics or fathead minnows are best for these fish. Perch are basically moving to deeper water, but tend to hold longer in the deeper weeds. We see a

good number of perch anglers in the fall.

Bass fishing is highlighted right now by smallies, and they too are deeper. The best action is in 20 to 30 feet with plastics. Jigs with minnows will also produce in this deeper water. The crayfish are gone by now, so the smallies move to feeding mostly on minnows. A few largemouth are being caught in the weeds, but few anglers are targeting them.

Northerns are hitting mostly in the weeds. Flashy baits like Mepps Spinners or Johnson Silver Minnows are working well. Look for the deeper green weeds to hold the most fish.

This is the time for great musky fishing, and it will

only improve as the water temperatures drop on all lakes. Musky anglers wait all year for this to happen, and they will stay out there fishing for them right until the last day of the season or ice up, whichever comes first.

We are starting to see a little action with suckers. The best baits are jerk baits and twitch baits over the weeds and on the deeper weed edges. Out over deeper water, try some diving crank baits or plastics. Big baits and slow retrieves are starting to work now, so slow yourself down, especially as the temperatures drop.

Good luck and good fishing!



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Middle school runners wrap up season with Tomahawk invite

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – On Thursday, Oct. 5, The Tomahawk Hatchet boys' and girls' middle school cross country teams wrapped up their season on their home course at the Tomahawk Middle School Invite.

Coach Justin Lund said the Hatchets finished the season strong, with just about everyone having a personal career or season best.

The boys started off the day, and Brayden Kelly from Lakeland took the overall win with a time of 11:43 while securing the team title for the boys.

Leading the Hatchets

in their 4th-place team result was 8th grader Joe Zastrow with a 6th-place medal, finishing in a time of 12:35. The Hatchet boys also had a number of great races by Kamron Ristau (18th), Abe Flohr (19th), Levi Cerkas (23rd), Dawson Jones (33rd), Max Childers (42nd), Zach Scott (44th), Vallyn Ott (47th) and Trip Tabbert (48th).

Team scores: Lakeland (40), Chequamegon (47), Medford (78), Tomahawk (99), Rhinelander (112) and Northland Pines (116).

The Lady Hatchets battled tough as they have all year with Lakeland and Rhinelander with Lakeland getting the slim edge

by six points.

Charlee Lund closed out her 7th grade season with her 4th overall win in a row with time of 13:00 in a great battle with Emerson Rubo from Lakeland. Hallie Pierce would find her way on the podium again as a medalist for her 9th-place effort. The Hatchets also saw fantastic seasonal or personal best races by Lexi Palmer (15th), Camryn Kraklow (17th), Aliyah Nelson (18th), Autumn Pankow (27th), Giordana Cammisuli (31st), Joa Reilly (33rd), Leigha Vassar (44th), Victoria Towle (46th), Reagan Gorell (51st), Lily Meurer (58th), Lilli Marheine (59th), Lucy Nelson (60th),

Savannah Reinke (65th), Alaina Stogbauer (66th) and Kortney Busterud (70th).

Team scores: Lakeland (54), Tomahawk (60), Rhinelander (65), Medford (97), Chequamegon (111), Northland Pines (122).

"This wraps up the Tomahawk Middle School cross country season," Lund said. "The parents, coaches and athletes would all like the thank you for supporting our running program. The season concluded with a pizza party for the athletes, as well as an awards presentation in honor of all the hard work and incredible performances this year. Go Hatchets!"

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 151

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

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

Week 150 question: During the 1972

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

Week 150 answer: During the 1972 football season, THS defeated Park Falls for the first time since 1969.

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

Week 151 question: When was the first official season for hockey at THS: 1971, 1972 or 1973?

Sports Briefs

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.

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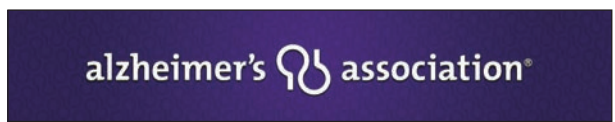
Pair of Alzheimer's Association workshops to take place in Northwoods

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – The Alzheimer's Association will host a pair of workshops in the Northwoods this month.

The first program, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County, 100 Keenan St., Rhinelander, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program will provide a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis, as well as those who wish to be more informed about the disease. The workshop will explore the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and



dementia, examine what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's, detail what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's, identify FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms, look ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research and offer helpful Alzheimer's Association and local community resources.

The second program, Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body, is offered in partnership with the ADRC of Vilas County and will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 at the Olson Memo-

rial Library, 203 N. Main St., Eagle River, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said. "These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline associated with Alzheimer's disease. To help people age well, the Alzheimer's Association is offering the Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body program."

The workshop will cover areas of lifestyle habits that are associated with healthy aging, including cognitive activity; physical health and exercise; diet and nutrition; and social engagement.

To learn more about the programs or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or jstpierre@alz.org. Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

Aspirus: Understanding, managing peripheral artery disease

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently shared information on peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

"Are you experiencing leg discomfort or cramping while walking or ascending stairs? Often, when you pause to rest, the discomfort subsides temporarily, only to return once you resume movement," Aspirus said. "This recurring pattern of pain is referred to as intermittent claudication and can serve as an indicator of PAD."

In PAD, the blood vessels responsible for transporting blood to the extremities become narrowed or obstructed, caused by buildup of plaque and calcification in the arteries. This impedes the flow of blood, primarily affecting the lower extremities.

"Certain individuals face a higher risk of developing PAD," said Daniel Krause, DO, Aspirus Cardiologist. "People at risk of PAD are specifically smokers, individuals with high cholesterol, those who are obese, over the age of 50 and those who experience pain, numbness or tingling during exercise or an inability to exercise at all."

Aspirus said identifying the signs of PAD is key to early intervention. Common indicators include leg numbness or pain during physical activity, hair loss on the legs and a pale or cold appearance of the lower extremities.

"These symptoms should not be dismissed as mere signs of aging, as they could indicate a more serious underlying condition," Krause stated.

PAD can be diagnosed through various tests, such as CT scans or the ankle-brachial index (ABI), which measures blood pressure in the arms and legs to detect significant differences.

"Early intervention is critical to stabilize arterial plaque and prevent further narrowing of the arteries," Aspirus said. "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people with PAD are at risk for developing coronary artery disease and cerebrovascular disease, which could lead to a heart attack or stroke."

"We have a range of medical therapies at our disposal, but lifestyle changes are paramount," Krause said. "Smoking cessation is the top priority for anyone with

PAD. Additionally, controlling blood pressure, managing weight, staying physically active and monitoring cholesterol levels – particularly bad cholesterol – are all integral components of a comprehensive treatment plan. I encourage individuals to stay as active as possible, as exercise can be one of the most effective tools in managing peripheral artery disease."

PAD management involves a multifaceted approach, including lifestyle modifications and medical interventions, according to Aspirus.

"Engaging in open communication with your healthcare provider is paramount to ensuring the most effective management strategy for your condition," Aspirus stated.

Krause emphasized the importance of taking action.

"We want individuals to thrive, and in the case of these symptoms, we urge you not to delay," Krause said. "Reach out to your primary care physician or cardiologist for further evaluation and guidance on managing PAD. The path to a healthier heart begins with informed decisions and proactive steps."

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Oct. 1	87	56
Monday, Oct. 2	84	55
Tuesday, Oct. 3	82	66
Wednesday, Oct. 4	73	44
Thursday, Oct. 5	66	45
Friday, Oct. 6	47	34
Saturday, Oct. 7	53	32

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Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Oct 11	3:03AM	9:29AM	4:43PM	9:50PM
Oct 12	4:07AM	10:09AM	4:59PM	10:29PM
Oct 13	5:12AM	10:49AM	5:14PM	---
Oct 14	6:18AM	11:10PM	5:31PM	11:30AM
Oct 15	7:26AM	11:51PM	5:49PM	12:13PM
Oct 16	8:37AM	12:36AM	6:12PM	12:59PM
Oct 17	9:50AM	1:24AM	6:41PM	1:49PM
Oct 18	11:04AM	2:16AM	7:18PM	2:43PM

Solunar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is October 14th.

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REDUCED! N3688 Buck Short Ln Merrill: Great trails through this 79-acre wooded parcel. Enjoy nature, family camping gathers, or go hunting. The cabin on this property is approximately 20x20, is one room with a wood burner and gas lights. The garage has a dirt floor and houses the Polaris 4-wheeler and older tractor and mower which comes with the sale. **\$219,900**

REDUCED! N8517 Hwy 107: Welcome to the country. Just a little south of Tomahawk on 2.88 acres is this 3-unit country home. One unit a one bedroom, one unit a 2-bedroom unit, and the 3rd has 3 bedrooms. This one has a 2-car garage and walk to the creek location. Live in one unit and rent the other units, could be a possibility, or rent out all 3 units. Rents are \$610, \$605, And \$470, heat included, tenant pays their own electric. **\$174,900**

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