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## Tomahawk tradition to continue with 57th Venison Feed

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**  
TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk hunting season tradition, still going strong after nearly 60 years, is set to continue this week. The 57th iteration of the annual Venison Feed will be held on the west end of W. Wisconsin Ave. in downtown Tomahawk on Friday,

Nov. 17. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., free venison burgers and beverages will be served, and beer will be available for purchase. The event will again be organized by the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce, and this year's sponsors include Bethel Excavating, Crossbridge Com-

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Volunteers from local businesses and organizations will fire up the grills, and hunters and the public alike are invited to wear blaze orange, join in the camaraderie and kick off Wisconsin's nine-day gun deer season Tomahawk-style. The first Venison Feed, then

known as the Deer Cookout, was held in 1966. After originally being held in the evening, the event was moved to the afternoon and renamed. In the decades since, the Venison Feed has served as an opportunity for family and friends to reunite before hitting the woods for the big hunt.

## Lincoln County Retired Teachers Association highlights National Education Week

**COURTESY OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
LINCOLN COUNTY – First celebrated in 1921, National Education Week, observed this year from Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17, has become a celebration during which communities across the country recognize the important roles their schools and the staff play in student development.

This country has long devoted personnel and resources to achieve this significant goal. In Lincoln County alone, it is estimated that at one time there were perhaps 100 schools dotting the landscape. That fact truly shows our historic commitment to education in our part of the state.

Today, more than ever, communities are called upon to help our educational system excel in their quest to inspire excellence in each child. During this week, we should take a moment and thank those people who work in the forefront of a system that was designed to help each child attain her/his potential. Lincoln County schools will have their own ways of celebrating this week.

On a more personal level, however, maybe have your child write a thank-you note to a teacher or two. Even if you have been out of school for decades, send a note to that teacher who made a difference in your life. Volunteer at your child's school. Attend concerts, art displays, sporting events, fundrais-

ers, parent/teacher conferences (even in the high school years) and any other activities that brings you closer to your schools. Opportunities are endless. This week should inspire parents and supporters of education to help keep our schools vibrant and effective. Educating America's youth has never been more important nor challenging than today. What can you do to help kids, schools and teachers?

**Family efforts count.** As a family, make education a priority. Set aside time daily to be a part of your child's educational life. Actually talk with your child. Put reasonable limits on social media and gaming. **Read.** Hopefully, this activity has begun in the home early in a child's life. If not, it's never too late to begin. Read to and with your child. Take your kid (and maybe the neighbor kids, too!) to the library. It's free, healthy entertainment. If you notice that your child experiences difficulties with reading, get help. Make sure your child sees you read daily.

**Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help.** If your child struggles, ask for help. Maybe it's something as simple as an eye exam. Maybe your child displays characteristics of learning issues, such as dyslexia, speech issues or a myriad of other learning obstacles. Some may require a clinical evaluation, while others can be addressed by school specialists. **Be aware.** Adopt a watch-

ful eye for your child's physical and mental well-being. Report concerns to appropriate school personnel. All too often we hear of tragic suicides occurring among our youth. Remember the Wisconsin Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is there to help by dialing 988. **Promote safe schools.** We've long done this with anti-smoking and anti-drug laws. Firearms are a fact of life in our area. Many of us get great joy in the hunting culture and the family and friend relationships promoted by this activity, and that's great. However, the epidemic of violence in schools should tell us that schools and school property are no places for weapons. **Be a partner, not an adversary.** Realize that every classroom is made up of students who have differing abilities, aspirations, backgrounds and values. Addressing the needs of this unique group is a daunting task. While you must be concerned about one child's progress, that teacher has to find ways to help everybody. Working calmly and rationally together helps solve issues. This list of suggestions, although limited in length, would be an ideal way to make National Education Week extend to year-long commitment to our schools and those who work diligently to prepare our children and grandchildren to face a complex, demanding future stretching out for another hundred years and more. Happy National Education Week to all!



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## Homelessness: Providing a sense of belonging and love

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT**  
MMC SENIOR EDITOR

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) programming is providing assistance to those experiencing homelessness that is designed to create a sense of belonging and love.

Homelessness often sees the intersection of complex health and social challenges.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), of an estimated 4,515 people in Wisconsin considered homeless, one in five live with a serious mental illness.

The Wisconsin DHS Peer Services says that often "the best remedy for mental health and substance use challenges is the attention of someone who understands."

Peer support mobilizes those with lived experi-

ence to provide support to others in similar situations, such as homelessness, substance use and mental and physical health.

A 2013 study completed by K.F. Bean, M.S. Shafer and M. Glennon found that through peer support, "98% of the participants remained in housing after 12 months. Individuals who were housed reported significant increases in their access to and utilization of planned health care services and quality of life, and reductions in their involvement in the criminal justice system."

DHS Division of Care and Treatment Services Peer Coordinator Lynn Maday-Bigboy explained that with peer support training, the focus is on self-care as well as community care.

"We certainly talk about taking care of each other,"

Maday-Bigboy stated. "We think about the delicate topics we talk about. We explore things such as trauma, historical collective trauma, supporting people, considering suicide diagnoses, the effects of stigma, systemic marginalization and oppression and also voluntary commitment."

"We recognize that in self-care, everyone does not have equal access to practicing self-care," said DHS Division of Care and Treatment Services Peer Coordinator Marguerit Galindo. "With self-care, there comes a level of privilege and not everybody has that privilege. In our society, we know that many times when you hear somebody say that they're going to take some time for self-care, it oftentimes

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has a monetary value to it. Not all people can do that. So, we've acknowledged that in community care, we find connection and community engagement; we find deeper, deeper relationships, and healing can take place within lost connections as well. Recovery and meaningful living are intertwined with community engagement and community care. (Recognizing) our interconnectedness and nurturing close relationships fulfills that innate need. So with that, we understand like we all know that Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is like that sense of belonging and love and every one of us has that need. So, when working alongside in a peer modeling and learning how to either a) connect back to their community that they've already had in place or b) cultivate community within new places by finding out what

type of community they are interested in becoming a part of and then providing that resource and walking alongside of them." Galindo added that it is also important in these situations to check in with them. "Are you checking in regularly with folks to see how they're doing, not wait until they're reaching out to you; but, actually reaching out to them and seeing how they're doing and going beyond the 'Hi, how are you?' piece of things, but really stopping and intentionally listening and hearing how they're actually doing," she said. "When we hear those things and we hear the challenges or maybe they're just sharing their joy with us. We can, you know, be intentional about our listening and validate those feelings that they're sharing with us." **Training and funding** Over 1,500 peer specialists are currently certified



in the state of Wisconsin. DHS Division of Care and Treatment Services Supervisor of Integrated Services Kenya Bright said that there are two different tracks of funding for the program. "DHS funds about seven to 10 trainings a year, and then there are sometimes agencies that want to have their own training where all of their staff is trained," Bright explained. "So, those eight or so agencies can come together as a community, or agencies can themselves pay to have trainers train their staff. It's the same curriculum. They don't veer off of what

the training would be. But those are called community trainings or private trainings because they're not just generally open to the public. Combined with the public ones that DHS funds and the community-specific trainings, we do over 20 trainings a year, and we just continue to grow because more and more people are very interested in becoming certified." "We've had just, thinking off the top of my head, like clinics and hospitals that have sponsored trainings for community-specific (programming) because the value there is tremendous," Maday-Big-

boy stated. "Who can come along and walk alongside someone with a mental health and substance-use crisis. Now we'll have youth as a certification, certified peer specialist and then also the parent peer specialist. So, it really encompasses everybody, and the goal is to have anybody that wants to receive peer support in the state of Wisconsin have that accessibility to them. We are enough. We are all we need to survive. We always have been. We're all we've got. Be good to each other. Take care of each other. That really encompasses what peers do."

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The Tomahawk High School Drama Department is slated to perform its one-act play, "She Wrote, Died, Then Wrote Some More," at the State competition at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay this week, marking Tomahawk's eighth-consecutive state-qualifying play. Pictured, from left: Cheyanne Schade, Xan Sutton, Greta Kurth, Apollo Davis (floor), Arawen Alberg, Julia McGovern, Trey Morrison, Galen Schmidt, Murphy Koth, Bella Marino, Sadie Ruder, Maddy Long; seated on couch: AJ Schertz, Aubrey Graeber, Cedar Hoffman; seated on floor: Shyann Boos, Caroline Klesmith; not pictured: Johnathan Feltes, Mariah Sparbel.  
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Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) Concepts of Design students recently showed off their CO2 dragsters after a competitive two days of racing.



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Tomahawk High School (THS) Small Engines students recently began their carburetor unit and are exploring the concepts of Bernoulli's principle, which is the principle of energy conservation for ideal fluids in steady, or streamline, flow and is the basis for many engineering applications.

# Dream Up! grant team lays out steps taken towards assessing, improving childcare in Lincoln County

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – After Lincoln County received a state grant aimed at assessing and improving childcare in the county, a local team laid out steps it has taken to do so.

The Dream Up! Child Care Supply-Building Grant Program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), has awarded communities strategic planning support and \$75,000 in grant funding. Additional \$5,000 stipends were allocated to participating childcare providers that submitted updated business plans during the strategic planning process.

“Through a collaborative community approach, teams of community stakeholders will work to evaluate, plan, sustain and expand existing childcare and support new childcare programs,” DCF stated.

A Friday, Nov. 10 release from the Lincoln County Administration Department said the county was selected by DCF for the fall 2022 cohort of grant funding.

In the 12 months since the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution officially accepting the

grant dollars, agencies throughout the county have come together to assess Lincoln County’s childcare capacity and the economic impact of childcare shortages. The agencies have also worked to support current and aspiring childcare providers.

The Lincoln County Dream Up! Team showcased their efforts for DCF Secretary Emilie Amundson on Friday, Nov. 10. Amundson toured Trinity Childcare in Merrill and heard from team members about the successes of community collaborative efforts, barriers to building the childcare supply and future hopes.

The release said the Dream Up! grant has allowed Lincoln County to:

- Provide \$41,000 in retention and sustainability grants to current Lincoln County providers. These funds helped obtain quality

and safe equipment providers otherwise couldn’t afford, provided staff bonuses, purchased large motor skills equipment (tricycles), outdoor playground toys and met other essential needs.

• Partner with Trinity Childcare to support training needs of staff to meet regulations to support obtaining licensure. This will allow greater access to those who receive WI Shares, the state child care assistance.

• Support both Tomahawk and Merrill schools, which are working toward providing high school students curriculum where students can receive college credit and training towards Early Childhood Education.

• Collaborate with the Chambers of Commerce

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# OBITUARIES

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**Robert "Bob" R. Smith**, 97, of Tomahawk, passed away Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 surrounded by family. Bob was born June 5, 1926 in Hartland, Wis., and was the son of Claude and Aurelia (Bong) Smith. He was united in marriage on May 14, 1949 to Jeryl "Jeri" Washburn in Hartland, Wis., and they celebrated 64 years of marriage together before her passing in 2013.

Bob was drafted by the U.S. Army during WWII at 18 years of age and reported for active duty on Aug. 23, 1944. He was sent overseas to Germany and assigned to Company C - 37th Tank Battalion as a bow gunner in a Sherman medium tank with orders to liberate a POW camp of American prisoners just behind German lines. They liberated the camp but were later captured by the Germans on March 28, 1945. Bob spent 33 days in the POW camps until he was liberated on April 29, 1945 and finally returned to the United States on June 15, 1945. Bob had three older brothers - two of which also served in WWII and made it home safely.

While imprisoned in the camps, Bob relied heavily on this faith. He prayed and made the promise to himself that if he were to make it out alive, he would devote his life to helping others. After returning to the States, he remained in the Army until he requested dependency discharge on Feb. 28, 1946 to take care of his mother. By his returning home, Bob was able to provide financially for his mother so his sister would not have to forgo her secondary education. Bob unselfishly sacrificed without hesitation.

Bob found his calling in the banking industry knowing that his skillset would help people with their financial decisions. He attended night school to further his education and advance in his profession. After he married the love of his life, Bob and Jeri raised two children, Cheryl and Greg, in the Wauwatosa area. Their family relocated to areas that provided banking advancement and found themselves in Thiensville where Bob became Vice President of Operations and Loans at Thiensville State Bank. Bob and Jeri moved to Tomahawk in 1972 because they wanted to get away from the big city. Bob was hired in 1973 at Tomahawk Savings and Loan and was appointed President on Dec. 4, 1978. He later retired in 1986.

Bob was involved with the Salvation Army and Alzheimer's Association and served on the Board at Sacred Heart Hospital and Wisconsin League of Financial Institutions. After Tomahawk found themselves without any day care facility, he was instrumental in starting New Beginnings Day Care. If there was a need, Bob was there to help and has done a lot for the community over the years. He has touched the lives of many individuals.

While residing in Tomahawk, Bob and Jeri enjoyed life on their 24 acres of property surrounded by nature and wildlife. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, spending time with family, and camping. After he retired, they purchased a 5th wheel camper and enjoyed some extended trips, camping with Jack, Cheryl and Jessica, and being camp hosts at Council Grounds State Park in Merrill. Bob was also an avid baker - always wanting to bake something to share with family and friends. We will miss his goodies and spending time with him in the kitchen.

Bob was very supportive and active in his granddaughter's activities and was always in attendance. Bob and his granddaughter, Jessica, had a special bond and she had the opportunity to be his guardian on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight on April 23, 2012. Bob had a generous heart, beautiful soul, and calming demeanor. Bob brightened the lives of those around him and made our world a better place by being a part of it.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (Jack) Evans, Tomahawk, and son, Gregory (late Carol) Smith, Washougal, Wash.; grandchildren, Jessica (Nathan) Dahl, Edgar, and their son, Logan Robert, Jeremy (Beatriz) Smith, Cancun, Mexico, and Rebekah (Brian) Lueb, Washougal, Wash.; seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Jeri Smith, his mother, Aurelia Bong, daughters-in-law, Carol Smith and Linda Smith, three brothers, and one sister.

Funeral service with military honors for Bob Smith took place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk, preceded by visitation at 9 a.m. Pastor Julie Sinkula officiated. A burial took place at Calvary Cemetery following the service.

Those wishing to make a donation in honor of Bob Smith may do so at Kinship of Tomahawk or the Tomahawk Food Pantry.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com).



**Anita Selma Nora (Natzke) Barlau** greeted her Savior on October 20, 2023, under the loving watch of her family. She was 84 years old. Anita was born on April 22, 1939, to Elmer and Leona (Prast) Natzke in Merrill, WI, and grew up on their family farm.

She graduated from Merrill High School in 1957 and went on to Concordia Teacher's College at River Forest, IL, graduating in 1961. She then taught second and third grades at Redeemer Lutheran School in Warrington Florida and was an organist for the Pensacola Naval Air Station church services.

It was at the church organ at Redeemer, practicing for a service, that she met Steve Barlau, her husband of 58 years. The couple married on July 31, 1965, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI.

Anita maintained a lifelong love of music, education, children and family. She gave selflessly, and never stopped working while providing continuous love and support. She furthered her own education, taking librarianship classes when she could during her time in Florida and Minnesota, while her husband worked towards successful completion of his PhD in German Linguistics. She played organ and piano throughout her life in many churches, playing for weekly services as well as funerals, weddings, and other special services. She worked tirelessly to help provide for her family and to help on her family farm. She was a devoted mother who worked to provide a life of stability, comfort and love for her son Noel. She also adored, and was in return adored by, her granddaughter Astrid.

Anita is survived by her husband, Steve Barlau, her son Noel Barlau, daughter-in-law Jennifer Stewart, and her beloved granddaughter Astrid Barlau of Fayetteville GA, her sister Doris Natzke of Merrill WI, her brother John and sister-in-law Madelyn Natzke of Merrill WI, and her brothers-in-law Martin Barlau, Norman Glock, Kay McCalla, John Wolff and Jesse Barlau and her sisters-in-law Jeanne Marie Barlau, Beata Raedeke, Agatha Baden, Elvira McCalla, Ethel Wolff, Trudy Barlau and Deborah Hammond.

A memorial service for Anita is being held on November 18, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Merrill. Pastor Joel Danner will officiate. Visitation will be at Immanuel from 9am-11am, and the service will begin at 11am. A luncheon will follow the service in the church basement. Committal at Memorial Park in Merrill will take place after the luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that a memorial donation be considered to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Merrill, Trinity Lutheran School of Merrill, Pommerscher Verein Central Wisconsin Endowment Fund, or Unity Hospice in DePere, WI.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Pastor Danner during this difficult time. He went well above the call of pastoral duty in providing spiritual care to Anita and her family, and it is most appreciated.



**Raymond A. Ingman**, 63, of Hatley, passed away on Nov. 9, 2023 at home with his family after a long fight with cancer. Ray was born on Nov. 28, 1959, and grew up in Tomahawk. After graduating from Tomahawk High School in 1978 he went through a meat cutting apprenticeship and spent his working career at 29 Super. He moved up to become a manager then supervisor in his 40-plus years in the industry.

He was united in marriage to Linda on July 14, 1996, where they combined their two lovely families.

Ray was always known to be a very hard worker and a dedicated family man. His family was by far the most important part of his life. He looked forward to visits from his children and his grandchildren. He would take them on 4-wheeler rides through the woods and trout fishing. He did not let cancer stop him from attending the grandkids' little league games, music concerts or family get togethers despite the difficult treatment he was going through. We could count on him to show up.

He is survived by his wife Linda Ingman of Hatley; five children, Justin (Rachel) Ingman of Wausau, Josh (Jennifer) Ingman of Fairbanks, Alaska, Scott (Rachel) Kline of Green Bay, Heather (Scott) Ingman of Tomahawk, Stacy (Tom) Hogan of Mosinee, and nephew/son Austin Boruch of Roseau, Minn.; grandchildren, Mason, Morgan, EJ, Wesley and Bennett; siblings, Robert "Bob" (Jennifer) Ingman of Tomahawk, Randy Ingman of Wausau, and Rose Ingman; sister-in-law Julie (Lyle) Garton of Eland.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mary Ingman of Tomahawk; siblings Richard Ingman and Roland Ingman, both of Tomahawk; father and mother-in-law Norbert "Foxy" and Jean Letarski of Hatley; along with many other aunts, uncles and grandparents.

A Funeral Service was held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at St. Florian Catholic Church, Hatley. Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier officiated. Burial took place in the Parish Cemetery. Visitation was held on Monday, from 2 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, assisted the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at [www.schmidtschulta.com](http://www.schmidtschulta.com).



## OCHD offering flu, COVID-19 vaccines

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

ONEIDA COUNTY - The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) is offering flu and COVID-19 vaccines.

The vaccines are available at OCHD, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander, Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Appointments are not required.

In a release, OCHD said it is "dedicated to ensuring that everyone in our community has access to flu and COVID-19 vaccines," adding that November is "a great time to make sure your loved ones and your community are safeguarded against these illnesses."

OCHD currently offers:

- The Bridge Access Program, which provides COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance

does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs.

- Vaccines for Adults (VFA), which helps with flu vaccines for uninsured or underinsured adults 19 and older.

- Transportation assistance, which provides rides to and from community clinics for people who do not have their own transportation or have trouble getting there.

- Drive-up vaccines for those individuals who may have limited mobility and would prefer a vaccine from their vehicle.

- Home visits for those individuals that have an acute or chronic illness, limited mobility, injury, developmental disability, or mental health condition that makes it difficult to leave the home.

For more information, visit [www.oneidacounty-publichealth.org](http://www.oneidacounty-publichealth.org) or call OCHD at 715-369-6111.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A daughter, Montgomery Marie, was born to Shelby and Kevin Gersmehl, Town of Bradley, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023.

Local news online  
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# THANK YOU

The family of **Bob Lee** would like to thank everyone for their support upon his passing. A special thank you to Kevin and Karri at Generations Funeral Home and Crematory. All memorial donations will help fund a scholarship in Bob's name to be given to a graduating Tomahawk senior pursuing a career in law enforcement. Bob loved this community. He loved serving it and protecting it.



The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Outreach Center in Merrill recently received donations of winter clothing. Pamela Zettelmeier, of Waukesha, has donated crocheted mittens to SVDP for the past five years. Zettelmeier dropped off 300 children's mittens at the center while visiting her son in Merrill.

Photos courtesy of Russ Mancil



Deb and Dick Erickson, of Merrill, donated 27 children's winter coats, 24 snow pants, 95 kids' winter pajamas and 14 stocking caps, as well as mittens, slippers and miscellaneous children's and adult items. Pictured are Outreach Center Operations Manager Sue Norenberg and Deb Erickson. "These gifts will have influence in the lives of the recipients," Norenberg said. "These donors show the spirit of giving is alive in Lincoln County. We thank them for their generosity." SVDP Outreach Center is located at 503 S. Center Ave., Suite 2, Merrill. For more information, contact Norenberg at 715-539-2666.

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

# ReadyWisconsin offers tips to prepare for cold temps, snow

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Wisconsin winters are great for outdoor activities, but the cold and snow can also pose serious dangers to the safety of everyone in the state.

To help Wisconsin plan for the months ahead, Governor Tony Evers declared Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17 Winter Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

"When the wind blows and the snow starts falling, it's important for all of Wisconsin to know what to do so they can stay safe," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. "During Winter Weather Awareness Week, everyone is encouraged to take time to update their emergency kits and make sure their vehicle is ready for the ice and snow that often covers the roads."

"Staying informed is a critical part of being prepared for winter," a release from ReadyWisconsin said. "Make sure to check in with the National Weather Service and other trusted local sources daily for forecasts. If heavy snow or ice is expected, prepare by stocking up on additional supplies, make sure you have an emergency kit at home and in your vehicle and have a plan for what to do if you lose power at home."

According to the National Weather Service, Wisconsin experiences an average of three to six winter storms during the season.



During the 2022-23 winter season, the highest one-day snowfall total in the state of 19.5 inches was reported on April 17 in Melrose in Jackson County. Bayfield in Bayfield County recorded 182.9 inches of snow last winter, giving it the highest seasonal snowfall total in the state.

The coldest temperature recorded in Wisconsin last winter was -29 degrees Fahrenheit on Jan. 31 in Barron County near Ridgeland, and again on Feb. 4 in Butternut in Ashland County.

ReadyWisconsin said the freezing temperatures of the winter months can be dangerous for many people, leading to cold-related illnesses and injuries, such as hypothermia and frostbite.

There were 94 cold-related deaths in the state during the winter months of 2022-23, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). There was an average of 996 emergency department visits and 387 hospitaliza-

tions in the state due to cold-related illnesses during the winters of 2018-2019 through 2021-2022.

"Prepare for cold temperatures by wearing weather-appropriate clothing and limiting your time outdoors during periods of extreme cold," ReadyWisconsin stated.

Ice and snow on the roads remain a major threat to drivers throughout the state, causing thousands of motor vehicle crashes each year. Preliminary data from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) shows 41 people were killed and 3,573 were injured in the state during 2022 from crashes involving winter road conditions.

"While driving in snow or ice, remain distraction-free and adjust your speed for current conditions," ReadyWisconsin said. "Use 511 Wisconsin to check travel conditions before you leave home."

This information, along with live traffic cameras and traffic alerts, is acces-

sible through the free 511 Wisconsin mobile app or the mobile-friendly site [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov).

ReadyWisconsin said winter emergency kits kept in homes and cars should include items such as food, water, a flashlight, batteries and blankets. In vehicles, include a snow shovel, extra gloves and hats, a cell phone charger and kitty litter or sand to help give wheels traction on icy roads if a vehicle gets stuck.

"Prepare your home by having your furnace serviced regularly," ReadyWisconsin stated. "Check doorways and windows for signs they are allowing cold air into your home. Test carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly and have fresh batteries. Keep any free-standing heating devices away from curtains or other objects that could catch fire."

Evers' Winter Weather Awareness Week proclamation is available at [www.tinyurl.com/2adhvud9](http://www.tinyurl.com/2adhvud9).

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Thanks to so many in our community and beyond who recognize the importance of youth mentoring and after-school programming. There are currently 61 children in the Kinship Program with 24 still waiting for a mentor. If you are interested in learning more about, or becoming, a mentor or a lunch buddy mentor please contact the Kinship Office at (715) 453-1910.

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Special thanks to the Banquet Committee who made the event possible: Tammy Stiteley, Jeffrey Johnson, Chris Raasch, Kathy Tobin, Paul Werner, Luann Kiander, Cheryl Brickner and Patti Hilgendorf.

Thank you one and all from the Kinship Board of Directors and staff members: President Thersea Burzynski, Vice President Chris Raasch, Secretary Aubrey Boisvert, Treasurer Wendy Smith, Board Members - Kathy Tobin, Paul Werner, Luann Kiander, Brett Susa, Grant Voermans, Cheryl Brickner, Mark Zulliger, Paula Norman, Pastor Julie Sinkula, Executive Director Patti Hilgendorf, Activity Coordinator Jenny Symonds, Match Coordinator Michelle Werner, KinsKlub Coordinator Kris Berg, and KinsKlub assistants Margie Welke and Pam Hosey.

If by chance we have missed anyone's name in our acknowledgements we apologize and would appreciate if you let us know.

**What is Kinship?** Kinship of Tomahawk is a non-profit national organization with a very successful local affiliate here in Tomahawk that matches youth ages 5-17 living within the Tomahawk School District, with mentors who can be individuals, couples or families. Kinship also provides an after-school program for all kinskids where they can come to the Kinship House two times a week to socialize with peers and positive adult role models, get help with homework, and participate in organized activities. Lunch Buddies is another mentoring opportunity available through the Kinship Program where mentors get together during the little buddy's lunch time to eat together and then play games, read a book, or just talk and hang out. For more information on any of these opportunities please call the Kinship House at (715) 453-1910 or visit our website at [kinshiptomahawk.org](http://kinshiptomahawk.org)

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## SHIFT IN HEALTH

# Vitamin D boosts immunity for school-age children

BY DR. WENDY HENRICHS  
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RHINELANDER – If you are a parent, you strive to keep your children healthy and resilient, especially during their school years when they are exposed to various germs. The leading cause of school absence is illness or sickness.

Further, the most deficient nutrient in children ages 2-12 is vitamin D3.

Vitamin D3 is an essential nutrient that plays a crucial role in supporting the immune system. With its immune-boosting properties, vitamin D supplementation can be a valuable tool in promoting optimal health for your children.

This article explores the benefits of vitamin D supplementation and how it can strengthen the immune system.

### Understanding vitamin D

Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin that helps regulate calcium absorption and supports bone health. However, recent research has shown that it also plays a vital role in modulating the immune system's response to infections.

Epidemiological studies have shown that inadequate vitamin D levels lead to a

immune response, making your child more susceptible to infections.

### Benefits of supplementation

Supplementing with vitamin D can help bridge this gap by ensuring adequate levels throughout the year.

Studies have shown that regular supplementation reduces the risk of respiratory tract infections, flu and common colds among school-age children.

### Dosage recommendations

You should consult with your healthcare professional before starting any supplementation regimen for your child. They will assess your child's specific needs based on factors such as age, weight, overall health status, and current blood levels.

### Food source

While sunlight remains one primary source of natural vitamin D synthesis, it can be challenging to rely solely on sun exposure especially here in the Northwoods.

Include foods rich in vitamin D in your family's meals and snacks such as fatty SMASH fish (salmon, mackerel, anchovies, sardines, herring), eggs, tofu, yogurt and mushrooms.

### Vitamin D

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## Aspirus: Simple changes to soothe dry skin this winter

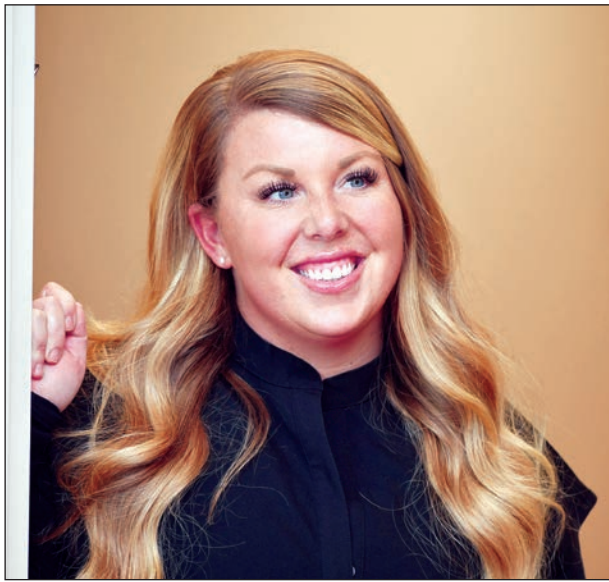
FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – In recognition of National Healthy Skin Month, a time when people are encouraged to learn about the functions of the skin and how to keep it working and looking its best, Aspirus Health is providing information on how to soothe dry skin this winter.

“The skin, being the body’s largest organ, is the canvas of our well-being, and everyone wants to put their best skin forward,” Aspirus said in a release. “However, maintaining healthy and vibrant skin requires effort, especially during colder, drier months.”

The aim of National Healthy Skin month is to emphasize the significance of keeping the skin fresh and well-hydrated, not only in winter, but year-round.

“Our skin loses moisture as we age, so it’s important to establish daily healthy habits and skincare routines for optimal skin health,” said Nikole Larkin, Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Plastic Surgery and Aesthet-



Larkin

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

ics. “It’s never too late to start.”

Here are seven winter tips from the American Academy of Dermatology Association (AAD):

**1. Combat dry skin during baths and showers:** Adjust shower or bath temperature to a lower setting and limit the duration to five to ten minutes. Use a gentle cleanser and pat your skin dry with a towel.

**2. Moisturize promptly:** Apply mois-

turizer immediately after washing to trap moisture in the skin. Opt for ointments, creams, or lotions containing moisture-locking ingredients like glycerin, hyaluronic acid and dimethicone. Larkin noted that applying hyaluronic acid topically attracts and retains moisture, effectively hydrating the skin, which results in a moisturized, soft skin texture and a reduction in the appearance of lines and wrinkles.

**3. Choose ointments or creams:** Opt for ointments or creams over lotions, as they are more ef-

fective and less irritating. Look for products with moisture-locking ingredients to keep your skin hydrated and soft.

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**4. Protect your lips:** Use a soothing lip balm and switch if it causes discomfort or irritation to your lips.

**5. Guard your hands:** Wear gloves to protect your hands, especially in cold or wet weather or when handling substances that could irritate the skin.

**6. Stay warm wisely:** Avoid direct exposure to excessive heat sources like fireplaces, as they can dry out your skin. Layer clothing and use blankets for warmth.

**7. Humidify the air:** Plug in a humidifier to add moisture to the air, particularly in heated indoor spaces.

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## With construction project nearing completion, WIS 107 now open to traffic

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Nearly four months after a construction project began, WIS 107 in Lincoln County has reopened to traffic.

The project, which began this summer, involved replacing culvert pipes 0.6 miles north of Eggert Dr. and 0.2 miles north of Rock Falls Dr., as well as structure repairs and pavement improvements to the bridge over Joe Snow Creek and a bridge structure replacement and pavement replacement at Skanawan Creek.

While work was underway, WIS 107 was closed and detoured via WIS 64, County Rd. J, U.S. 51 and County Rd. S.

Crews wrapped up work on the Skanawan Creek bridge on Friday, Nov. 10, allowing the detours to be removed and WIS 107 to reopened.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) said crews will complete finishing work, but no traffic impacts are expected.

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Tuesday, Nov. 7:

Over the week our Lincoln County 911 Center received thirteen 911 nuisance calls/hang ups. The Lincoln County Deputies conducted 68 traffic stops, with three resulting in OWI arrests. Within the county this week, there were 21 car vs. animal collisions.

On 10/30/2023 at approximately 08:30, Lincoln County 911 Center received a call about a UTV crash with injuries in the area of County Rd. A in the Township of King. Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies, Tomahawk EMS, Tomahawk Fire Department and Life Link III responded to the scene. Upon arrival, the driver of the UTV, a Tomahawk man, 60, was struck by a pickup truck driven by a Tomahawk man, 72. The 60-year-old man had minor injuries and was not transported to the hospital. The vehicles were cleared from the roadway. Nothing further at this time.

On 10/30/2023 a deputy made an attempted a traffic stop for minor traffic violations. The driver of the vehicle quickly pulled into KFC/Taco Bell, exited the vehicle and went inside as the deputy gave the individual a command to stop. The subject, a Tomahawk man, 24, returned to his car and was detained by the deputy. The deputy had recognized the subject and knew there were warrants for his arrest. The subject was arrested on the warrant. The subject was also arrested for second offense possession of marijuana and other traffic violations.

## VITAMIN D

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### Supporting overall health

Vitamin D supplementation not only supports immune function, but also contributes to overall health and well-being. It aids in calcium absorption for strong bones, promotes muscle strength, and may even have a positive impact on mood regulation.

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recommendations tailored specifically for your child's needs. By combining appropriate supplementation with healthy dietary choices and safe sun exposure practices, you can empower your child's immune system while promoting their overall well-being throughout their school journey.

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## Associated Clergy of Tomahawk “Pastor’s Corner”

### Let Your Light So Shine Before Men (Matt 5:14-16)

The Lord said, “A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:14-16). Here, the Lord is speaking about each one of us, and how we need to be a source of light to society and to the world.

He gave us light in order that it might appear before men, and we become enlightened and guided towards God. This is why He said to the Jews about John the Baptist, “John was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light” (John 5:35). The lamp refers to God's commandments or to the one who carries it to the people.

Evil works against good and resists it. The devil covets the children of God and does not wish them to be the light of the world because he himself is darkness and the ruler of darkness. This is why the devil agitates his evil followers and helps against the believers. They attack the faithful because of envy, jealousy, hatred for the Kingdom, misunderstanding, or due to the continual struggle between the Kingdom of God and that of the devil. This is what Herod did with John the Baptist because the light of John showed Herod's sins (Matt 14:3-5).

Sometimes the bushel appears in the form of competition. It is strange to find competition in the construction of the Kingdom of God where servants oppose each other's efforts. Everyone tries to put a bushel over the other's work while the field of service has room enough for all. Selfishness puts a bushel over the other person's lamp. “The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few” (Matt 9:37).

There are virtues which cannot be concealed. You can conceal your prayer, fasting and charity, but can you hide your truthfulness, faithfulness and grace when you deal with all people? Can you hide your smooth style and your selected words which contain no defamation, roughness and disgrace to anybody and which do not hurt any feelings? There are ways of behavior which cannot be hidden such as: your temper, politeness, personality, wisdom, pattern, and gentleness. All these are seen by others without any attempt from you. The main thing is to possess within yourself a pure heart; not to ask praise of people and to work in secrecy as far as you can and not to mention your good deeds before others. However, you may not speak about yourself; your good deeds will speak on your behalf while you remain silent.

Every deed you do, is done to God's glory not yours. The Psalmist says, “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name we give glory” (Ps 115:1). It is enough for you that the Lord sees your good deeds, but if men see them, it will be for God's glory. People will praise God because they see His image in you and observe in you the nobleness of Christianity, and know that God's commandments can be carried out practically. As God created the sun, the moon, and the stars to illuminate the material world, so He wishes that the spiritual lights illuminate the way before men.



Rev. Dr. Louis Maram Reddy  
Pastor, St. Mary's Church,  
Tomahawk, WI

## 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.

Last week we looked at Romans 2:7-11 and its detailed description of the principle stated in Romans 1:18, where we are told that God is angry about the sins of those who know the truth, but do not obey it. Today we shall continue this discussion as it is further explained in Romans 2:12-16, with its explanation of the justness of God's judgment of us. In these verses we will see explained that God does not judge us all the same, and yet He does.

Verse 12 lays out for us the basis upon which God judges us. There are two levels of judgment laid out here: those who have God's law (Bible), and those who do not have God's law (have no Bible). The verse reads: *For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law.* Notice, if we never had a Bible, we will not be judged by what the Bible says. But if we have a Bible and have a knowledge of what it says; we will be judged by what we know from it. But whether we have a Bible or not, all will be found guilty before God. Why is this so?

Verse 13 says that knowing or not knowing the Bible is not what is important to God and will not determine our eternal judgment. But whether or not we are acting in obedience to what Bible teaches, does affect our eternal judgment; this goes back to what was said in Romans 1:18, as well as what we read in John 3:19 and James 4:17. God's judgment is not about what sins or how many sins we have committed, it is whether or not we have obeyed what we know God says is right (also explained in Romans 2:7-11). But this being the case, how can God condemn anyone who has never read or heard from the Bible? Verses 14 and 15 explain why/how God does.

Verses 14 and 15 say we all have a conscience because God has written in our hearts the basic principles of His moral law. In creation, God designed us with our own working copy of His basic moral principles that should guide us (Genesis 1:26,27, God made us in His image); we call it a conscience. But how have we responded to our conscience? We sometimes listen to it, but too often we have ignored it or argued with it. We have not always obeyed it, even though we have used it to condemn others. This is what will bring God's judgment even upon those who have never seen a Bible – we have our own personal copy of the basics of God's law that we disobey.

In verse 16, we are reminded that on Judgment Day, we will be judged for what we did with what we knew. For those who had a Bible, they will be judged by the Bible. For those who only had their conscience, they will be judged by their conscience. In the end, we must admit we are all guilty of being contentious so that we have not obeyed the truth, but have obeyed unrighteousness (Romans 2:8).

As I hinted in the beginning, God does not judge us all on same things (Bible or conscience), but He does judge us by the same principle (did we obey what we knew).

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# Alzheimer's Association: \$100 million in research investments made this year

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**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN – The Alzheimer's Association, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, announced that it has invested \$100 million into research initiatives in 2023.

"This unparalleled commitment stands as the largest single-year investment since the organization's founding in 1980," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said.

In 2023, the Alzheimer's Association funded 271 scientific investigations from researchers at all career levels examining topics across the spectrum of dementia science. The Association said its global, cumulative impact on research now includes more than \$360 million invested in over 1,000 active research projects in 53 countries, spanning six continents.

Nearly \$450,000.00 has been awarded to advance

research efforts in Wisconsin.

"This includes research being conducted in Madison investigating how fasting may promote healthy aging and protect against the risk of Alzheimer's disease and a new tool that could help emergency departments better meet the needs of people living with dementia," the Association stated.

"The FDA's recent approval of the first-ever treatment proven to slow the progression of Alzheimer's is a monumental step forward in our fight against the disease," said Dave Grams, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "Research funding is so critical in allowing us to get closer to these kinds of discoveries, not only in treatment, but also in diagnosis and prevention."

In addition to research



grant funding, the Association's investment in research supports a wide range of global leadership initiatives, including:

- Global scientific/medical conferences, including the field's largest and most prestigious event: the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference® (AAIC). Nearly 11,000 scientists attended AAIC 2023 from 110 countries.

- Three influential peer-reviewed journals, including the flagship Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association.

- TrialMatch® – a free clinical studies matching service.

- The Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART) – an inclusive global network of more than 10,000 members representing over 120 countries.

"Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States," the Association stated. "It kills more Americans than diabetes and more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined."

**About the Alzheimer's Association®**

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

"Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia," the Association said.

For more information, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

More than six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. By 2050, the number of people with Alzheimer's is projected to increase to nearly 13 million, barring the development of medical breakthroughs to prevent, slow or stop the disease.

In Wisconsin, there will be 130,000 living with the disease by 2025, and there are over 191,000 individuals serving as their unpaid caregivers. More than 53% of those caregivers report having their own chronic health conditions.

**DREAM UP FROM PAGE 3**

in Tomahawk and Merrill to provide educational outreach to multiple nonprofit organizations and businesses to support increasing childcare capacity. This included sharing information from a locally-conducted survey.

- Support the Lincoln County Health Department in providing a Community Baby Shower that provided care packages and access to community resources that address childcare, child safety and healthy development.

- Partner with Langlade County Dream Up! Team to develop marketing and sup-

port the counties' shared childcare resource agency, Childcaring Inc., who now hosts a landing page for our teams. Childcaring can provide information regarding how to become regulated, funding available to support the process of becoming regulated, information for people looking for childcare and more.

"While the grant is wrapping up, the Lincoln County Dream Up! Team will continue to work with our community to support our current and aspiring providers," the release stated.

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A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at [www.co.price.wi.us](http://www.co.price.wi.us), by emailing a request to [hroffice@co.price.wi.us](mailto:hroffice@co.price.wi.us) or by calling 715-339-5131.

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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**Get Up and Ride  
(or Walk) the Camino**



Dear Reader,

The Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of St. James, has a history that spans over a thousand years. Its origins are rooted in the early 9th century, when the tomb of Saint James was miraculously discovered in what is now the city of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain.

The discovery of the apostle's remains turned the site into a major Christian pilgrimage destination, rivaling even Jerusalem and Rome. Pilgrims from all over Europe began making their way to Santiago, and the routes leading to the shrine gradually formed what we now know as the Camino.

During the Middle Ages, the Camino de Santiago became a well-established network of trails and roads. The pilgrimage was a profound spiritual journey, offering penance and the opportunity to seek forgiveness. It also served as a cultural exchange route, with pilgrims sharing stories, music, and art, contributing to the spread of knowledge and ideas across Europe.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, the Camino saw a decline in popularity, partly due to political turmoil in Spain and changes in religious practices. However, the pilgrimage experienced a revival in the late 20th century, largely driven by a renewed inter-

est in spirituality, adventure, and a desire to connect with history and culture.

Today, the Camino de Santiago has regained its status as one of the world's most famous pilgrimages. It offers a range of routes, each with its unique charm, from the rugged Camino Francés to the coastal Camino del Norte. Pilgrims, whether driven by faith or a desire for self-discovery, continue to walk or cycle these ancient paths, forging new traditions while honoring the rich history that underlies this remarkable journey.

I walked the Camino eight years ago which was a pilgrimage. Recently my two cousins, Jimmy Shea (famous author of the book "Get Up And Ride") and his trusted wingman Marty Moldovan, rode their bikes from Pamplona to Santiago. I met them for moral support and also with a car to help carry some of their gear towards the end of their pilgrimage. It was glorious to film those guys riding in to the front of the Basilica after their arduous trek on the road. We especially savored the brotherhood of bonding at Mass that Sunday as the last people who were able to enter with hundreds left outside to possibly catch it another time. "Buen Camino," it was!

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

**News Briefs**

**United Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar**

United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., Tomahawk, will host its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts and holiday décor, attic treasures, equal exchange items, a soup/salad luncheon, homemade pie and a bake sale will be featured. Homemade soup will be sold by the quart or pint to go.

**Warm for Winter distributing clothing in Rhinelander**

Warm for Winter, a mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander, collects new and gently used clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, toys and bedding. Everyone is welcome, no questions asked. No income requirements. Distributions will take place at Friendly Village, 900 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander, on Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to noon. Additional dates are scheduled for this year and next year. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of First Congregational, 135 E. Larch St., Rhinelander, or the Oneida County Health Department, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. For more information, refer to the Warm for Winter Facebook page ([www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s](http://www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s)) or call 608-345-7305.

**CESA 9 offering Substitute Teacher Training**

CESA 9 in Tomahawk will offer Substitute Teacher Training on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Individ-

uals with an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree and who successfully complete the training are eligible to apply for a Substitute Teacher permit. For more information, visit [www.cesa9.org](http://www.cesa9.org) or call 715-453-2141.

**National Wreaths Across America Day**

A National Wreaths Across America Day ceremony will be held at Northwoods National Cemetery, 4520 Lakewood Rd., Harshaw, on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. The program will include the Ceremonial Wreath laying (branch of service, POW/MIA, organization) and grave-specific wreath placements by family and friends, followed by a complimentary hot sandwich and dessert social at Rondele Ranch. Group sponsors for the event are American Legion Riders District 11 and Veterans Ceremony U.G.C. Inc. For information on group sponsorship, sponsoring a wreath for a veterans grave and/or volunteering to place a wreath, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC) or contact Mary, Location Coordinator, at 715-612-2196.

**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 may 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](http://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](mailto:paulapmt25@gmail.com) or call Eagle Summit Healing Center 715 224-3490.

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# Wisconsin ranks number one in country during fall Drug Take Back Day

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**  
 WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), on Thursday, Nov. 9, announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected during the fall 2023 Drug Take Back.

Wisconsin collected 53,122 pounds of unwanted medications this fall.



Wisconsin has collected a total of 1,202,039 pounds of unwanted medications since Drug Take Back began in 2010 under the leadership of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

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“Because of collaboration among many partners around the state and the commitment of Wisconsinites to helping to keep their communities safe, we continue to lead the nation in drug take back,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “Thank you to everyone who participated this fall in Drug Take Back Day.”

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**We believe that AWRC is one such effort**

*Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the Oneida County Planning and Development Committee, dated Tuesday, Nov. 7.*

Dear Members of the Oneida County Planning and Development Committee:

We are writing to you in your capacity as members of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors and the Oneida County Planning and Development Committee to lend our firm support to the establishment of AWRC in Cassian Township.

Drug rehabilitation helps those battling addiction to get on the road to recovery, in this case for the critical age group of 13-17 year olds. This vital service will help young people get back on track at this very early stage in their lives. The facility, which will have 36 residential beds, will be the only one of its kind in the Northwoods, and while proposed primarily for tribal youth, non-tribal youth will also be

welcome. The center will also provide jobs for up to 50 employees with the resultant positive impact on the local economy.

A local policeman recently addressed the Rhinelander Kiwanis Club about drug use among young people in our area. He said fines and prison were not a solution. Rather we needed to provide support and rehabilitation for those battling addiction. We can aid our local law enforcement as they work to find solutions for the drug problem in northern Wisconsin by building rehabilitation centers like AWRC.

For these reasons, we are writing to ask that you approve building the AWRC.

We are year-round residents of Cassian Township who promote efforts to bring health and wellness to our entire community. We believe that AWRC is one such effort.

Sincerely,

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Tomahawk sports history: Softball

BY BOB SKUBAL  
RETIRED COACH,  
HISTORIAN, AUTHOR  
OF 'HISTORY OF  
TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK – Girls' softball has been a varsity sport at Tomahawk High School (THS) since 1979.

Softball is the only varsity sport that all varsity coaches have a winning record. The list of varsity coaches includes Laurie Mitchell, Don Hanson, Ron Wilson, Dave Kukowski and John Larson. Ron Wilson leads the way with a 28-15-1 record for a .648 winning percentage. John Larson has the most wins with 322 and the longest tenure with 30 seasons at the helm.

We will take a look at the first season and aspects of each varsity coach's time at THS, as well as special seasons and highlights, including the two trips to state.

### 1979

Laurie Mitchell was the first varsity softball coach at THS.

Team members this season were Margie Renn, Lisa Kainz, Lynn Slaga, Jenny Stiff, Mary Theiler, Ruth Eiche, Peggy Geneilin, Laurie Schoone, Julie Swan, Delores Reich, Terri DeBels, Lisa Bartz, Sheila Musch, Kris Nyberg, Brenda Leighton, Kim Findler, Joan Hanke, and Tony Buchanan.

Tomahawk produced a 3-5 record with wins of 30-5 over White Lake, 18-15 over Mellen, and 17-7 over Lakeland. Losses that season were 11-10 to Lakeland in eight innings and 15-5 to Elcho (a sub-regional game).

Season results were in-



### Varsity Softball 1983

Back row, from left: C. Jurgens, D. DuPlayee, S. Schnell, N. VanStrydonk, D. Hansen; middle: L. Arnott, G. VanRyen, N. Weizenecker, L. Coomans, coach Hanson; front: S. Renn, M. Schoone, B. Scholz, K. DeBels, D. Hess.

complete that season as this writer could not find all results; only that after the Mellen game Tomahawk's record stood at 2-3, according to the Tomahawk Leader.

### 1983

Don Hanson took over as varsity coach after being Mitchell's assistant for three seasons. Don "Sarge" Hanson was assisted by Gary Nelmark.

Team members were Heather Imm, Kris Theiler, Kelly O'Leary, Carmen Schoone, Chris Jurgens, Diane Hess, Dorrie Hansen, Connie Theiler, Suzi Schell, Sue Hanson, Leslie DeBels, Hiromi Ogawa, Sue Schoen, Penny Radtke, Nancy VanStrydonk, Kathy Reich, Chris Morren, Kim Kruchten and Diane DuPlayee.

The team had a 13-7

record with a regional championship, a sectional championship and was state runner-up. Prior to playoffs, Tomahawk had wins over Wabeno 14-13 (Tomahawk had 14 hits and 14 errors) and 12-8, Lakeland 17-16 (Tomahawk had 21 hits and 12 errors) and 17-16, Three Lakes 13-12 (THS drew two bases loaded walks in the bottom of the 7th for the win), Crandon 18-11 (Kruchten hit a grand slam), DCE 21-11, and Wausau West 14-2. Losses prior to the playoffs were to Rhinelander 8-7, Crandon 8-4, Ashland 11-9 and 11-7, DCE 5-3 and Three Lakes 10-9 (10-inning game).

Playoffs started with an 8-6 win over Nekoosa (Sue Hanson pitched 7 strong innings) followed by a 4-3 win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood for the regional title. Sectionals saw THS defeat

Cadott 7-4 (Cadott did not pitch their number one pitcher, Sally Peters; they were saving her for the second game and Tomahawk scored seven times in the first for the win).

In the sectional finals, THS defeated Ellsworth 8-3 by scoring five runs in the 6th inning. At state, Tomahawk opened with an 8-7 win over North Fond du Lac. This was an eight-inning game that saw Carmen Schoone score the lead run in the top of the 8th inning. During the game, Nancy VanStrydonk stabbed a liner for one out, stepped on first for the second out and threw to second base for the triple play. In the state finals, Tomahawk played hard but fell 17-6 to Denmark.

### 1986

Ron Wilson was in his

first year as varsity coach and was assisted by Gary Nelmark.

Team members were Gwen VanRyen, Monica Myre, D'Ann Haugen, Amy Hilgendorf, Kerri Storm, Heidi Younker, Tina Evans, Shannon Benda, Tracy Grigg, Shelly Russell, Jan Timm, Jenny Eisenman, Johanna Meier, Judi Schoone, Marie Bushar, Sandy Schell and Mary Turgeon.

THS was 12-4-1, a regional champion and came one game away from going to state.

Wins this season were over Eagle River 22-8 (VanRyen threw 170 pitches), 16-1 (VanRyen threw a one-hitter), and 15-1 (Evans was 3-5), Lakeland 19-2 (Grigg threw a four-hitter and Evans hit a three-run in-the-park home run) and 19-10, Flambeau 14-3, Ashland 9-5 and 13-6 (Bushar was 3-3),

Wausau West 2-1 (Meier's 4th inning double was the difference in the game), Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12-2 (Evans hit two home runs and had five RBIs), Clintonville 14-8 and Altoona 6-5 in the first game at sectionals.

Losses were to DCE 19-18 (Tomahawk was up by eight runs in the 6th; Grigg threw 176 pitches), Flambeau 4-3 (8 inning game), Crandon 6-2 and to Amery 13-12 in the sectional finals game.

Tina Evans hit .500 for the season.

### 1988

Ron Wilson was assisted by Kris Kangas.

THS was 11-7 and 6-2 in their first season as a conference sport. The only conference losses were to Ashland 7-2 and 18-8.

All-Conference honors went to Johanna Meier, Jenny Eisenman, Angela Hagen and Becky Krueger, while Judi Schoone and Sara Theiler were honorable mention.

### 1989

Dave Kukowski took over as varsity coach and was assisted by Steve Theiler.

Highlights this season were Becky Krueger throwing a one-hitter against Phillips, with All-Conference honors going to Angela Hagen and Becky Krueger.

### 1991

Dave Kukowski and Steve Theiler led the Hatchets to a 12-3 overall and co-conference championship.

Team members were Tammy Davis, Stacy Theiler, Shawn Burroughs, Lisa Schiltz, Sonya Bablick, Sara Scholz, Alicia Derleth, Heather Andersen, Terri Krueger, Nora Whitaker, Tracy Lussow, Traci Hetzel, Kelly Buck, Laurel Eisenman and Laurenda Jelinek.

Wins this season were over Rib Lake 10-9 (Tomahawk scored four runs in the 7th, with Lisa Schiltz stealing home for the winning run), Medford 21-2 and 18-7, Ashland 14-2 and 19-2, Phillips 29-3 and 17-16, Lakeland 26-2 and 5-4 (Buck scored the winning run on a wild pitch), Eagle River 18-10 (Tomahawk scored 10 runs in the 8th inning of a suspended game from earlier in the season) and 14-4 and Park Falls 4-1.

Losses were 10-6 to Wausau West, 9-6 to Park Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7-0 in the playoffs.

All-Conference honors went to Tammy Davis, Terri Krueger, Alicia Derleth and Heather Andersen.

Dave Kukowski and Steve Theiler were voted Lumberjack Conference Coaches of the Year.

### 1993

John Larson took over as head coach and was assisted by Steve Theiler.

Team members were Sonya Bablick, Kelly Buck,

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Lee Steigerwaldt, Linda Soward, Beth Reilly, Amy Hogeland, Nicki Myre, Michelle Ruka, Tammi Hetzel, Jenny Powell, Lisa Schiltz, Tracy VanRyen, Kim Skubal, Trinity Karl and Karen Meyers.

Tomahawk was regional champion for the first time since 1986.

All-Conference honors went to Sonya Bablick and Kelly Buck, with Nicki Myre and Beth Reilly honorable mention.

1996

John Larson and Steve Theiler were assisted by Ron Wilson.

Team members were Michelle Foss, Bobbi Steinhafel, Billie Steinhafel, Kellie VanStrydonk, Ann Waldum, Kim Derleth, Natalie Nelmark, Amy Cottrell, Kris Liberty, Joelle Mott, Danielle Towle, Chris Pierce, Amanda Treder and Amy Smith.

Tomahawk was co-conference champion at 10-2 with Park Falls.

All-Conference honors went to Bobbi Steinhafel, Billie Steinhafel, Kris Liberty, Jonelle Mott, and Chris Pierce with Danielle Towle, Kim Derleth, and Kellie VanStrydonk all honorable mention.

John Larson, Steve Theiler and Ron Wilson were Lumberjack Conference Co-Coaches of the Year.

1997

Coaches included John Larson, Ron Wilson, Jen Pfannerstill, Dan Towle and Jason Brunner.

Tomahawk was regional

champions.

All-Conference honors went to Kim Derleth, Dawn Carey and Amy Smith, with Katie Klinger and Kellie VanStrydonk honorable mention.

1999

Coaches were John Larson, Mark Wall, Ron Wilson and Andy Blodgett.

Team members were Jill Carey, Allie Anderson, Kersten Wilson, Katie Krueger, Kathy Borem, Katie Snyder, Abby Bartz, Abbie Amelse, Heidi Voermans, Deanna Freidel, Jenny Wilson, Christina Scholz, Lindsay Wadzinski, Mandy Freidel, Sam MacGlashing, Joelle Lund, Lacy Roberts, Emily Waldum and Lindsay Brottlund.

Tomahawk was 16-7 overall and co-conference champions with Medford at 9-3. Victories that season were over Wautoma 12-2, Rib Lake 15-0, Rhinelander 12-11, Medford 7-4 and 8-1, Lakeland 14-6, and 12-3, Ashland 1-0, Prentice 10-0, Phillips 8-3 and 6-2, Eagle River 24-1, and 23-1, Park Falls 4-3 and 7-1, and Maple Northwestern 6-1.

Losses were to Waupaca, 10-1, Phillips 4-3, Park Falls 9-8, Merrill 19-9, Ashland 7-6 (10-inning game), Antigo 14-13 (eight-inning game with Tomahawk leading 13-3 in the bottom of the 5th) and Amery 3-2 at sectionals.

All-Conference honors went to Kathy Borem, Lacy Roberts, Christina Scholz, Jenny Wilson, with honorable mention going to Joelle Lund, Kersten Wilson, Heidi Voermans, Abby Bartz, Lindsay Brottlund

and Allie Anderson.

Tomahawk's coaches were Lumberjack Conference Co-Coaches of the Year.

2000

Tomahawk was second in the conference and regional champions.

Team members were Deanna Freidel, Lindsay Wadzinski, Kathy Borem, Lacy Roberts, Allie Anderson, Katie Krueger, Christina Scholz, Heidi Voermans, Katie Heikkinen, Lindsay Brottlund, Abby Bartz, Kersten Wilson, Emily Waldum, Amie Haring, Melissa Derleth and Jenny Wilson.

Playoff games saw Tomahawk defeat Hayward 9-2, Eagle River 16-6, Maple Northwestern 10-0, and Prescott 6-5. THS would lose 13-3 to Altoona in the sectional finals.

Kersten Wilson was Lumberjack Conference Player of the Year.

Lindsay Brottlund threw a no-hitter against Phillips.

All-Conference honors went to Kersten Wilson, Kathy Borem, Christina Scholz, and Jenny Wilson, with Lindsay Brottlund, Abbie Bartz, Lacy Roberts and Allie Anderson honorable mention.

2001

Jenny Wilson was Lumberjack Conference Player of the Year.

All-Conference honors went to Jenny Wilson, Allie Anderson, Abby Bartz and Lacy Roberts, with Amy Haring, Jamie Leverance and Katie Krueger honorable mention.

2002

All-Conference honors went to Jenny Wilson, Allie Anderson, Mandy Freidel and Jamie Leverance, with Justine Cottrell and Michelle Boomer honorable mention.

Jenny Wilson was Lumberjack Conference Co-Player of the Year.

Jenny Wilson and Allie Anderson were selected to play on the Wisconsin High School All Star Softball Team.

2003

All-Conference honors went to Amanda Maule, Justine Cottrell and Katie Morren, with Michelle Boomer, Rachael Wiedeman and Ashley Nelson honorable mention.

Amanda Maule was All-District and Lumberjack Conference Player of the Year.

2004

Tomahawk was second in the conference for the fifth-straight year.

All-Conference honors went to Tasha Myre, with Ashley Nelson, Denise Borem, Shani Hanson, Amanda Roberets and Kyla Heikkinen honorable mention.

2012

Kendall Nelson, Kacey Iwen and Kelsey Paramore were first team All-Conference, while Stephanie Welke was second team All-Conference. Saydee Juedes and Alex DuPlayee were honorable mention.

Kendall Nelson was voted Great Northern Conference Player of the Year. Nelson and Kacey Iwen were voted All-District and played in the Wisconsin High School All Star Game.

2017

Rachel Dallman and Courtney Theiler were first team All-Conference. Taylor Shilts and Katy Volz were second team All-Conference, and Whitney Osero was honorable mention.

Rachel Dallman was voted Great Northern Conference Player of the Year.

John Larson, Ron Volz, Amanda Kovar and Kyla Dotter were Great Northern Conference Coaches of the Year.

2018

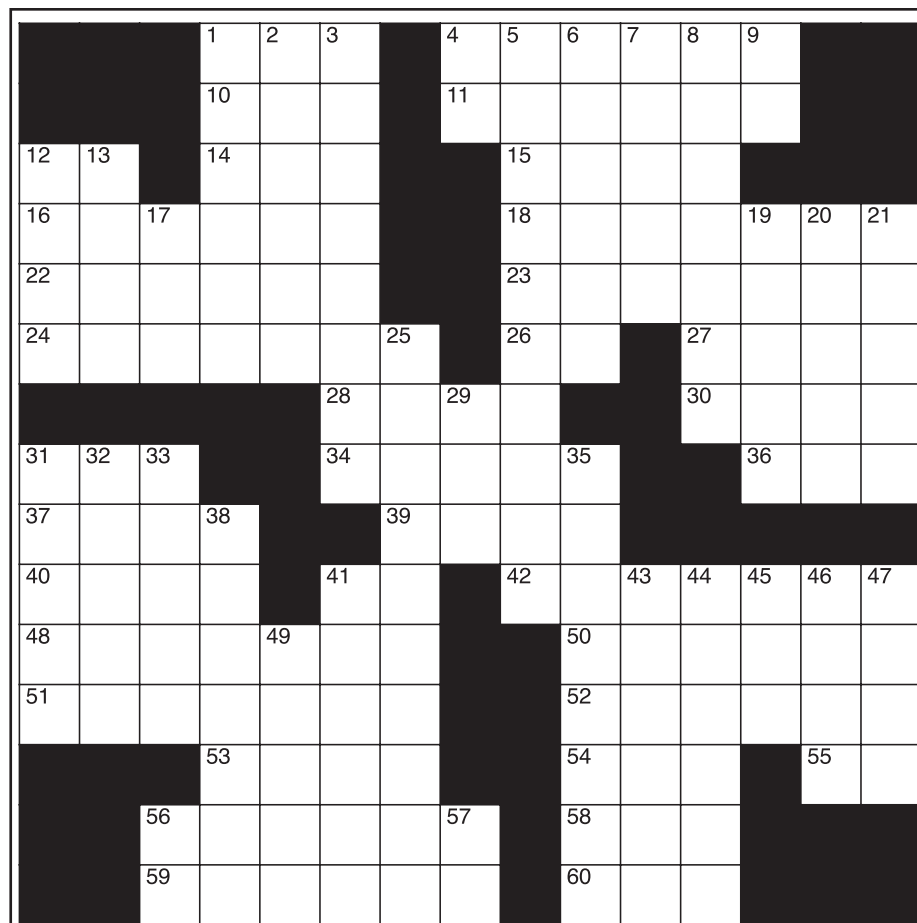
Coaches were John Larson, Ron Volz, Amanda Kovar, Lisa Karau, and Lauren Pfeifer.

Team members were Tiffany DuPlayee, Taylor Shilts, Courtney Theiler, Whitney Osero, Haley Voermans-Dean, Sophie Wegner, Jennifer DuPlayee, Megan Marcks, Jordyn Kaminski, Katy Volz, Rachel Dallman, Gillian Buckwalter, Danielle Kurth and Brooklyn Nelson.

Tomahawk had a 16-8 overall record and were regional champions, sectional champions and state runner-up.

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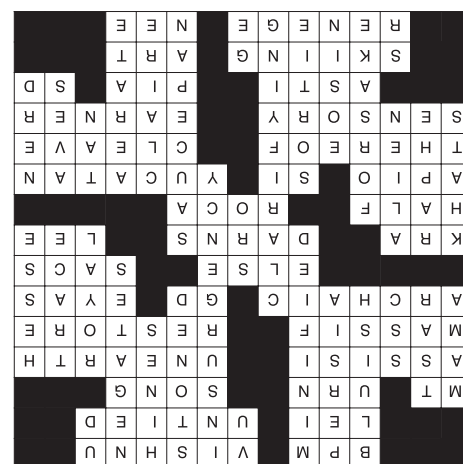
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All-Conference honors went to Courtney Theiler and Rachel Dallman-first team; Katy Volz, Haley Voermans-Dean, and Whitney Osero-second team; and Sophie Wegner Megan Marcks, Taylor Shilts and Jordyn Kaminski, honorable mention.

The season started out with five straight losses to Orangeville, Ill., 8-7, Monroe 3-1, Waterford 13-2, and Mosinee 3-0 and 8-0.

Tomahawk ten won eight in a row, with victories over Antigo 9-4 and 15-4, Wausau East 7-2, Phillips 13-3, Lakeland 11-1 and 11-1, Eagle River 10-0 and 18-3 before losing to Merrill 11-2. THS won a twin bill over Medford 10-2 and 8-5 before losing to Rhinelander 3-2. Their last game of the regular season saw Tomahawk defeat Rhinelander 12-2.

The first game of playoffs was a 10-0 win over Wautoma, with Rachel Dallman throwing a no-hitter and



**Varsity Softball 2018**

Front row, from left: Tiffany DuPlayee, Taylor Shilts, Courtney Theiler, Whitney Osero, Haley Voermans-Dean, Sophie Wegner, Jennifer DuPlayee; back, Megan Marcks, Jordyn Kaminski, Katy Volz, Rachel Dallman, Gillian Buckwalter, Danielle Kurth. Not pictured: Brooklyn Nelson.

a perfect game. A regional title was claimed with a 7-1 win over Peshtigo. Sectionals started with a 4-3 win over Oconto in a 10-inning game. Sectional finals saw a 2-0 win over Brillion at Chilton. In the sectional fi-

nal game, Rachel Dallman threw a no-hitter and her second perfect game of the season. Brillion came into the game with a 16-2 record.

The first game at state saw Tomahawk defeat Prescott 2-1 in an eight-inning game, with Theiler scoring Kaminski for the winning run. State finals saw another hard fought game, with Poynette coming out on top 2-0.

Rachel Dallman was vot-

ed First Team All-District and First Team All-State. She also played in the Wisconsin High School All-Star Game. Courtney Theiler was voted honorable mention All-District.

**2019**

Katy Volz, Haley Voermans-Dean and Megan Marcks were first team all-conference. Molly Mott and Taylor Shilts were second team all-conference, with

Tiffany DuPlayee, Gillian Buckwalter and Whitney Osero honorable mention.

Katy Volz was All-District, and Haley Voermans-Dean was honorable mention All-District. Katy Volz was voted All-State honorable mention and played in the Wisconsin High School All-Star Game.

John Larson and Ron Volz were coaches for the Wisconsin High School All-Star Game.

**2020**

Season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

**2021**

Molly Mott and Maddie Marino were voted first team All-Conference. Addison Bartz was second team, while Mackenzie Scholz, Meghan Scholz and Scout Stromberg were honorable mention.

Maddie Marino was honorable mention All-State.

**2022**

Tomahawk defeated Rhinelander 12-0 and 13-0, with Maddie Marino throwing a no-hitter in one game and a two-hitter in the second. She had 25 Ks between the two games.

Maddie Marino was first team All-Conference. Scout Stromberg was second team All-Conference, while Bella Marino, Mary Jankiewicz and Sara Gebauer were honorable mention.

Once again, Maddie Marino was honorable mention All-State.

**2023**

All-Conference honors went to Scout Stromberg second team, with Bella Marino and Khianna Vacho honorable mention.

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**DATCP: Buck at Oneida County deer farm tests positive for CWD**

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ONEIDA COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), on Wednesday, Nov. 8, said it had confirmed that an Oneida County deer farm tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

The result was confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.



DATCP said the positive result came from a four-year-old white-tailed buck.

“The farm has been placed under quarantine, where it will remain while

DATCP and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarians and staff conduct the epidemiological investigation,” DATCP stated.

CWD is a fatal, neurological disease of deer, elk, and moose caused by an infectious protein called a prion that affects the animal’s brain. DATCP regulates deer farms for registration, recordkeeping, disease testing, movement, and permit requirements.

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## Fishing Report: True 'trophy time' for musky hunters

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – As we move ever deeper into the late fall pattern, the water temps are dropping into the low 40s and the high 30s. This is the true time for the musky hunters, as they wait all year for this “trophy time.” You won’t see many anglers still out there – only the late fall walleye guys and those musky nuts.

It can get really ugly on the water during the snow and rain storms, not to mention the wind, which drives us all crazy with its almost hourly changes and gusts. But it’s great to be out there and your best chance at a really big fish.

It’s also a great time for the archers and the grouse

hunters. All the leaves are gone and sight lines are perfect. It was amazing during the recent snow storm how far and clearly we could see in the woods.

Walleye fishing has been good, with the fish in pretty predictable spots for this time of year. Look in the holes (or right around the edges of them) on the Chain. They concentrate well, and this is the time of the year to get a few larger fish on the Chain. As usual, jigs and large fatheads work best, but some anglers prefer to go bigger and use walleye suckers. These fish will stay in the deeper water until spring, moving occasionally to weed areas to feed in the late afternoons and evenings.

On the larger, deeper lakes, they are in water from 20 to 40 feet, also concentrated and feeding on minnows. This is a great time to fish for walleye on these bigger waters if you can stand the cold – in the evenings especially. We know of some anglers that have caught some nice fish by fishing the shorelines in waders, throwing Rapalas after dark. You need to find a shoreline with a nice drop off near the shore.

Musky fishing is in its golden time right now, and some big fish are being caught throughout the area. It is the time for slower, bigger baits, such as Suicks or Eddie Baits, and to slow down the retrieve with plastics. The fish are

hitting suckers very well, too. The next big thing for the musky fishermen will be the cisco spawn, which will be this month. This is a great time to fish right off the areas that they are spawning on all lakes. The musky tend to hold off these areas during the daytime and come in at night.

Now is when we start dreaming of ice, and some snow in the woods for those hunters, too. A lot of folks will do double duty during the later part of November – hunting during the daytime and fishing after dark. Ice makes this time of year so much better for all of us.

Good luck and good fishing!

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 156

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@mmcllocal.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 155 question:** Beginning with the 1974-1975 school year, the WIAA indicated that there would no longer be any ties in what sport: Football, soccer or hockey?

**Week 155 answer:** Beginning with the 1974-1975 school year, the WIAA indicated that there would no longer be any ties in football.

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

**Week 156 question:** During the 1974 golf season, THS shot a new school record in the Phillips Invitational. What did they shoot: 152, 153 or 154?

## DNR encouraging public to report black bear dens this winter

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging the public to report any black bear den locations across the state to help with an ongoing study on black bear reproduction.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey ([www.tinyurl.com/y6vuzdj3e](http://www.tinyurl.com/y6vuzdj3e)), now entering its third year of data collection, will generate updated estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each of the state’s bear management zones. These updated estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used in each zone.

Additionally, researchers

are investigating a possible connection between the consumption of human food by bears and bear reproduction success, as diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

“The reports we receive from the public are an essential piece of this project,” said Dr. Jennifer Price Tack, DNR Large Carnivore and Elk Research Scientist. “Obviously, people don’t find bear dens every day, so it is important that people report them to us when they find them. Den reports help us meet sample size requirements for the study, which will increase the accuracy of black bear population estimates.”

The public is encouraged to report as much information about occupied black

bear dens as possible without approaching or disturbing the dens. Helpful information to report to the bear research team includes:

- GPS coordinates of the den
- Photos of the den, ideally showing it relative to its surroundings, from a safe distance (approximately 30 yards)
- Description of the den site and surrounding area, including landmarks
- Any information on the bear(s) and bear activity near the site

After reports are filed, Price Tack and her team will work with den reporters and landowners to visit the sites and determine if the dens are safe, accessible and active prior to any decision to

survey.

The research team may be unable to visit every reported den location this season. Dens that are known to be currently occupied will be prioritized.

### What data will be collected

As part of each survey, DNR staff will collect biological data from the dens, including sex, weight and body measurements.

Mother bears, known as sows, will be outfitted with GPS collars. These collars help staff learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the following years for continued study. Revisiting the sows will help staff monitor the reproduc-

tive success of each sow, including her litter frequency, litter size and the survival rates of her cubs. Data on sow weight, body measurements and age are also collected.

While surveying, bear health and safety are a top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow’s breathing and heart rate while the rest of the team gathers the needed samples and measurements as quickly as possible.

Any cubs present at the den are carefully weighed and sexed. Cubs are tucked into staff’s coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their temperature.

Once researchers finish collecting samples and fitting the

GPS collar, the sow and cubs are returned to their den.

### Looking ahead

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey team will continue to survey dens for the next six to seven years. Over that time, the research team hopes to place tracking collars on at least 100 sows across the state’s bear management zones, with approximately 20 collars per zone.

Thus far, the team is on pace to achieve their sample-size target, but they will need new reports each year to meet their benchmark.

To report a known black bear den, visit the DNR’s black bear den submission form at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDSMFZS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDSMFZS).

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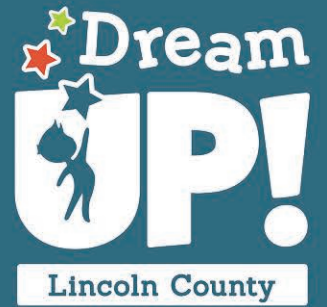


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According to the WI Department of Children & Families - Preschool Development Grant Sandbox Data: 75% of zip codes in Lincoln County are considered child care deserts (areas with little or no access to quality childcare. There are only 15 regulated (certified or licensed) child care options with a capacity to serve 429 children in Lincoln County as of July 2023!

The Median Household Income in Lincoln County according to the 2020 census was \$59,152. The Median Income is \$56,645. A family with a child age 0-1 in a group child care setting will pay an average of \$9,392/year which is 2.4 times the affordable amount (16.6% of income is spent on child care). The Federal Government defines affordable care as no more than 7% of a family's yearly income should be spent on child care.

Data last updated: 2/7/2022

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/pdg/sandbox/data2>

**The average Early Childhood Wage in Lincoln County in 2023 is:**  
Assistant Teachers \$12.00/hour  
Teachers \$12.50/hour  
Director \$20.00/hour

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Providers have shared that even just 1 day per week can result in:

- Healthier Meals by helping prepare fresh fruits & vegetables.
- Support Retention of Teachers/Assistant Teachers -
  - Teachers spend their days with the children.
 Cleaning & preparing curriculum/activities happen after the day ends. Helping clean the classrooms allows teachers the time to regroup & focus on improving their teaching.
- Help with opening/closing times. The transition times of children coming & going is chaotic for teachers, caregivers, and the children. Having extra hands and eyes improves safety & communication. Respond to any future "call to actions"
- Dream Up! Is excited about current community conversations & anticipate action in the near future that will provide additional support to regulated providers. Stay informed & share these as they develop with others.
- Support school districts in their efforts in developing Early Childhood Education programs.

## DID YOU KNOW?

76 Lincoln County Residents participated in a recent survey regarding childcare.

- 14 of those participants have multiple children at different locations for childcare.
- 39 participants are currently using a family member or friend for childcare.
- 26 participants left the workforce in the last 5 years because of childcare issues and 11 more had a significant other or another family member leave the workforce for a total 49% surveyed.
- 60% of the participants had challenges within the last 2 years accessing childcare.

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