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The Support Tomahawk Area Resources (STAR) Foundation's annual STAR Splash was held at Castaways Bar and Grill on Saturday, Jan. 6. Those with enough moxie to plunge into ice-cold Lake Mohawksin collected pledges before the jump, with half of the money raised going to the STAR Foundation and the other half going to an organization chosen by the jumpers. Eight teams raised a total of \$16,700.00 in donations last weekend. Four teams jumping on behalf of the STAR Foundation collected \$3,241.00; the Hometown Christmas team raised \$700.00; a total of \$2,260.00 was raised for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight; and the Knight Owls Snowmobile Club collected \$745.00. Tomahawk High School's BlueLine Club hockey team raised the most funds of the day with \$9,815.00 and will receive an additional \$1,000.00 bonus for their organization for being the top pledgers. Jackie and Bob Leonhard of Northwoods Community Realty made an additional \$10,000.00 contribution to the STAR Foundation, bringing the total raised through the event to nearly \$27,000.00. View more photos on Pages 2 and 3. **Photo courtesy of the STAR Foundation**

'Alarming' number of accidental deaths among Lincoln County seniors attributed to falls, committee says

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – A Lincoln County committee last week said an “alarming” number of accidental deaths among senior citizens in Lincoln County are attributed to falls.

The Lincoln County Death Review Committee met at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Monday, Jan. 8 to “conduct death study reviews, identify contributing factors to death and develop recommendations to be shared amongst partners to prevent future deaths,” according to a release from the Lincoln County Coroner’s Office.

The release said the committee, made up of area health and school officials, local law enforcement and members of the Lincoln County Social Services and Health Departments, reviewed six deaths from 2023 during the roughly two and a half-hour meeting.

The committee also discussed death trends in Lincoln County, during which time Lincoln County Coroner Valerie Caylor highlighted the “alarming number of deaths attributed to falls, mostly among the elderly.”

The release cited a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistic stating that in 2021, Wisconsin led the nation with the highest number of deaths related to falls with 1,635.

According to the release, the Coroner’s Office investigated 45 accidental deaths in 2023, 17 of which were related to falls.

During the meeting, the committee “made recommendations to specific agencies on how to prevent future deaths.”

Going forward, the committee will meet quarterly, as it had prior to 2016, and will focus on education and prevention.

Adhering to the previous meeting schedule will allow for a “timelier review of deaths in order to be more proactive with prevention,” the release said.

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FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF LITTLE RICE – The Little Rice Fire Department recently used donated funds to purchase equipment that could help save lives.

The Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation, CoVantage Cares and the Marshfield Clinic Health System contributed funds to the department, which were used to purchase four new Defibtech automated external defibrillator (AED) units.

AEDs are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. They can analyze the heart’s rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation,



Pictured are Little Rice Fire Department members with three of the four new AEDs. **Photo courtesy the Little Rice Fire Department**

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Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport to receive federal funds for upgrades

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport will receive over \$1.5 million through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make necessary upgrades to improve safety and increase efficiency for travelers.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) made the announcement on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023.

“Wisconsin relies on our regional airports to connect travelers, commuters and businesses to destinations around the world,” Baldwin stated. “I’m proud that my Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making this investment to help keep our ‘Made in Wisconsin’ economy moving forward and travelers in northern Wisconsin safe

for years to come.”

The investment comes through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program, which is making a \$15 billion investment over five years nationwide to upgrade runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects.

In just the first three years of the program, Wisconsin airports have received over \$117 million in AIG grants.

The \$1.5 million grant for Oneida County and the City of Rhinelander will be used to improve 15,000 square feet of the airport’s existing runway to address drainage issues, install new lighting on runways and upgrade existing signage and navi-

gation aids that provide pilots with critical airfield information, including an airport beacon that has reached the end of its useful life.

“On behalf of the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport Commission and its regional sponsors, we extend our gratitude to Senator Baldwin for her continued support of our facility,” said Matthew J. Leitner, Airport Director at Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport. “Funding for this comprehensive project will go toward supplanting much of our airport’s 45-year-old physical infrastructure. This will enhance our airport’s operational capabilities and further increase the economic contribution it makes to our region, which is already over \$40 million annually.”



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OBITUARIES

Obituary updates are posted at www.tomahawkleader.com



Dale V. Boreen, age 69, originally of Green Bay, died in his Tomahawk home on Dec. 30, 2023. He was born on Dec. 11, 1954, in Wausau, Wis., son of the late Vernon and Marion (Hoekstra) Boreen. He graduated with the class of 1973 from Green Bay Southwest High School.

After high school, Dale worked for Moore Business Forms, which became Response Graphics. In 2000, he moved to Tomahawk to work at Harley-Davidson, where he

stayed until his retirement.

Dale was an outdoorsman; he enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf, and spending time at his Eagle River cottage.

Dale is survived by brothers David (Cindy) Boreen and Daniel Boreen, sisters Diane Jeanquart and Della Mudry, niece and nephews, and special friend Debbie Wolff. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother-in-law Phil Jeanquart.

There will be a celebration of Dale's life at a later date.

To send online condolences to Dale's family, and to check for updates to his service information, please visit www.lyndahl.com.



Mary Ann McKibben (Roberts), age 75, of Bethel, Minn., passed away on Tuesday Jan. 2, 2024, from a fight with cancer.

Mary was born in Tomahawk on Oct. 24, 1948 and was the daughter of Bob and Anna Roberts.

Mary was the most kind, loving best friend a husband would ever dream of. A tremendous support for her children, grandchildren and husband. Through the many moves we made and all the ups and downs, we did it together and it was fantastic. Mary's kindness, humor, loving spirit, and subtle sarcastic wit will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

Mary had four sisters, Robbie Smith, Deane Weber, Dawn Thorn, Jody Eick. Three children, Joshua, Andrew and Michelle (Kane). Two granddaughters, Morgan and MacKenzie.

Mary did not request any services; however, if you would like to support a cause she held dear to her heart, please see the memorial suggestions below.

Memorial donations: www.raptor.umn.edu/support-us/sponsor-raptor (University of Minnesota); www.raptoreducationgroup.org/support (Antigo, Wis.).

Gerald Roberts, 97, a longtime Tomahawk area resident, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at Tomahawk Health Services. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Friday, Jan. 19, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church. Friends may call at the church Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of Mass at noon. Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral Home is caring for the family. A complete obituary will be published in next week's Leader.



Cheryl J. Whitaker, 74, of Spirit Haven Road, Tomahawk, passed away at Milestone Senior Living in Tomahawk surrounded by her family.

Cheryl was born Feb. 19, 1949 in Tomahawk to Hugh and Anita (Naschke) Gaedtke. She was united in marriage on Feb. 19, 1988 in Tomahawk to Neil Whitaker.

Cheryl had worked for 29 years at Harley-Davidson in Tomahawk and retired in 2008. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, camping, bonfires, and riding bike with Neil. Cheryl also enjoyed traveling and was known to enjoy picking up trash on the roadside. She was a truly kind person and was a member of the Berean Baptist Church in Tomahawk.

Surviving are her husband, Neil; children, Karen (Rob) Byxbe, Baraboo; Wendy (Brian) Flynn, Tomahawk; Daniel (Lynda) Whitaker, Eau Claire; Corie (Gary) Baacke, Tomahawk; Jonelle (Wes) Bushor, Tomahawk; Jared (Beth) Feind, Minocqua; and Tammy (Don) Hupf of Gleason. She is also survived by her siblings, Gary (Jackie) Gaedtke, Scott (Debbie) Gaedtke, Christine Christi, and brother in law, Gary Hilt. There are also 13 grandchildren who survive. Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Terry Hilt, and an infant brother.

The funeral service for Cheryl Whitaker will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral Home. Pastor Charles Scheele will officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Rapids Cemetery in the spring. The family will receive friends at the Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral Home Wednesday evening from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and again on Thursday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m.

You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com.



Jessie John Tobias, 49, of Tomahawk, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at his home. Jessie was born July 23, 1974 in Merrill, the son of Cornelius Haring and Patsy Tobias. He was united in marriage on Aug. 8, 2009 to his best friend of 27 years, Heather Kronstedt.

Jessie was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. A special, kindhearted man, who was always there for anyone who needed help.

Jessie was very mechanically inclined – whether it was working on vehicles, bikes or anything that had a motor. He could fix anything. He was also an amazing artist, always sketching, drawing, or creating one-of-a-kind pieces. His talent as an artist really shined during Halloween, from carving pumpkins, to creating costumes and building haunted trails for all to enjoy.

Jessie enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing in dart leagues over the years and spending time with his family at the lake, especially tubing.

He was previously employed in the maintenance department at Lactalis USA for over 10 years. Currently he was working with Conrad Construction and could build anything he put his mind to.

Surviving are his wife of 15 years, Heather Tobias; daughters, Tiffany Orlikowski, Tomahawk, Madilynn Tobias, Tomahawk; son, Nathon Tobias (Shannon Lange), Tomahawk; three grandchildren, Bowlin, Jessie and River; and mother Patsy (Tobias) Haring, as well as extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends who were like family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cornelius, sister, Gardenia Tobias and brother Michael (Fred) Reich. Jessie will be greatly missed by those whose lives he touched.

Private services will be held.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgerfuneral.com.



Polly D. Rathbun, age 63, of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at her home under the care of her family and Compassus Hospice. Polly was born in Elkhorn, WI, on August 15, 1960, to the late Harold and Mary (Trout) Peters. She was married to Scott Rathbun on November 3, 1979; he survives.

Polly was a 1978 graduate of Lake Geneva High School. She later worked at Filtertech for several years, retiring in 1996. After retirement, Polly and Scott moved to the Northwoods where they enjoyed the outdoors walking, biking, boating, tubing, waterskiing, and fishing. Polly and Scott loved motorcycling and she was proud to drive her own Heritage Harley-Davidson. She was a dedicated wife and companion who lovingly raised her children and cherished time spent with her grandchildren, following them in all of their school activities and sports.

Survivors include her husband of over 44 years, Scott Rathbun, of Tomahawk; her son, Scott (Colleen) Rathbun, of Harshaw, Wis.; her daughter, Tricia (Joe) Mack, of Trempealeau, Wis.; her brothers, Tom (Simone) Peters, of Missouri, and Gene (Christina) Peters, of Appleton, Wis.; and her sister, Debbie Babieckzko, of Marquette, Mich.. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Abraham, Ellerie, Ava, Vince, Rachel, and Vic. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Mary; her sister, Barb Hanson; and her brother, Rick Feuerhammer.

Memorial services for Polly Rathbun were held on January 15, 2024, at Generations Funeral Home, at 11:00 AM. Pastor Ross Nelson officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Polly's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.

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Joan M. Kleist, age 98, of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Tomahawk Health Services. Joan was born in Portage, Wis., on April 21, 1925, to the late Emil and Anne (Kopelmeyer) Budde. She was married to John Kleist on September 30, 1945; he passed away on July 9, 2000.

Joan was a 1943 graduate of Portage High School. While John served in the military overseas, Joan lived with her parents awaiting the birth of their first child. She worked for over 30 years as a receptionist for Portage Hosiery, a job that was well fitted for her outgoing and social personality. She and John traveled extensively, visiting all 50 states and Canada. Later in life, she enjoyed traveling with family. Joan loved visits to the casino and looked forward to the bus trips to various casinos with friends she met along the way. She cherished time spent playing cards with her grandchildren and they loved the memories in return.

Survivors include her son, John "George" (Kristen) Kleist, of Tomahawk; and her daughter, Judy (Russell) Shaw, of Portage. She is further survived by her four grandchildren, Jesse Theiler, Mike Theiler, Jenny Smith, and Kim Shaw, in addition to eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Anne; her husband, John; and her three brothers, Bruce Budde, Dean Budde, and Bill Budde.

In accordance with Joan's wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.



Susan "Sue" K. Gipp (Justman), age 73, of Tripoli, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at Nimsgerm Funeral Home in Woodruff. Family received relatives and friends on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nimsgerm Funeral Home in Woodruff and on Saturday, from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Sue was born July 22, 1950, in Marshfield, Wis., the daughter of Roy and Vivien (Johnson) Justman. After the passing of her father, she was lovingly raised by her mother and stepfather, Vivien (Johnson) Bloom and Leo Bloom. She married Don Gipp on March 7, 1970, in Marshfield, Wis.

Sue is best remembered for owning and operating Gipper's Reel Em Inn located in the Willow River Region with her husband, Don. She loved cheering on the Packers and Brewers, and adored her family, especially her grandchildren. Sue is lovingly survived by her son, Corey (Jennifer) Gipp of Hatley; brothers, Dennis (Pam) Bloom of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., and Ronald (Judy Lyon) Bloom of Alpharetta, Ga. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Hunter and Olivia Gipp.

Susan is preceded in death by her mother, father, stepfather, and husband.

Online condolences may be shared at www.nimsgerfuneral.com. The Nimsgerm Funeral Home is assisting the Gipp family with funeral arrangements.

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PAID LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following is a paid Letter to the Editor, per policy. Remember Feb. 20, 2024 Primary voting for Lincoln County Board Contested Races

Are you one of us who have demanded that our Lincoln County Board not sell the Pine Crest Nursing Home? Now is your time to vote those County Board Members out of office as they are up for re-election!

Here is the list of Current Board Members that either have contested opponents, not running again or no challengers.

I will begin with the seven Districts who have contested challengers (chronologically) that voted to Sell Pine Crest: Districts #8 Laurie Thiel; #9 Don Friske; #10 Jesse Boyd; #11 Randal Detert; #12 Julie DePasse; #18 Kenneth Wickham; #20 Angela Cummings.

These three District Board Members are not running for another term (two did vote to Sell) therefore have at least one, two or more primary challengers who will be voted for: Districts #4 Steve Osness; #13 George Brixius; and #14 Brian Hafeman.

These four Board Members are running Unopposed but did vote to sell Pine Crest: Districts #15 Marty Lemke; #16 Dana Miller; #17 James Meunier; and #21 Eugene Simon.

Now is your chance to rectify the saving of Pine Crest, which as always, has been a wonderful home to those in their later years, and to us in our future years, from being privatized under Corporate greed resulting in little benefit to the residents.

Darlene Raunio
Tomahawk

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A daughter, Sylvia Grace Lynn, was born to Jennisa Rick and Michael Rick III, of Tomahawk, on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2023. She was born at 2:35 p.m., weighed eight pounds, 6.4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Wind Down

Dear Reader,

We all become addicted to time. We become more addicted the older we get. Hanging on and savoring the gift of another day is not another given so we push in to it with a little more heart.

Recently I attended a funeral. The life lived was long — linked with many beautiful times and people joined along the way. She had pressed the world hard for all the juices each day would give up. Those who were there were heart-filled with joy and celebration. A tinge of sadness hung subtly in the air but the vision of spirituality shined brightly ahead.

The joy outweighed the grief knowing the ethereal paths ahead were ones of eternity where down the line we'll all be together again... He truly is a loving God.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

News Briefs

Dementia Care Specialist to speak at Tomahawk United Methodist Church

Scott Seeger, Dementia Care Specialist of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Central Wisconsin, will speak at Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. The event is open to the community and will be followed by a question and answer session.

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

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Keep Your Good Resolutions - 2024

At the time of welcoming the new year of 2024, we all have made resolutions to better our lives. We made new resolutions so that our old habits wouldn't dictate our lives. We are already two weeks in, so now is a good time to reflect on and see how far we are advancing in our resolutions and in making changes to our lives. If we have been keeping our new year's resolutions, great, we should congratulate ourselves and thank God for His help. If not, we should pause awhile and ask ourselves why we haven't been able to keep our resolutions. If there isn't a valid reason, it is an insult to our soul and to God to give into our weaknesses.

All of the good resolutions that we make must be kept up. The more we keep our resolutions in our day to day lives, the stronger we will become in our willpower and we will achieve what we want. When we don't keep our resolutions, our mind will get weaker and we will not achieve what we want. Before we make our resolutions, we should make sure that these resolutions improve our state of life, and once we make them, we should never give up, lest we will weaken our willpower.

Resolutions should not be changed because of their difficulty. You may change them if it betters or justifies your state of life, otherwise you will be carrying your weak mind wherever you go. On the other hand, you should carry victory and strong willpower wherever you go and inspire others. You do not win by flying away or giving up your resolutions. Victory is yours when you keep your resolutions. By keeping your resolutions, your willpower is strengthened and it paves the way to a higher willpower to achieve higher goals.

Why should you not be able to do what you wish, guided by reason? You must try and do away with all of your faults. Review your actions of the past life. Make up your mind today, and know that you are never going to do those things that led you astray again. Make your unwanted habits your slave rather than your master.

If you find out that you are wrong, admit it with courage and proceed in your life in changing your attitude. The attitude with which you work is what counts. Mental laziness and working unwillingly spoils your life. God puts His children to greater tests and gives them more than enough power to overcome all the trials and shortcomings of their lives. Habits are grafts in our real nature, so graft habits that will build you or bring you closer to God. It is all in your hands or will. The error of a lifetime can be corrected in an instant.

Be the master of yourself, the captain of your destiny. Resolve to give more time to God to pray and meditate regularly every day to feel the spiritual progress in God. Nothing is impossible because you are the child of God. Seek God first, in which everything is included, and you will have everything in life. Face your challenges boldly because you are not alone, God is in you and you are the image of God.



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 Deuteronomy 13:1-4 and the idea that the Christian life is an *ordinary life*. By an *ordinary life*, I do not mean that there is nothing exciting or that nothing ever happens that is out of the ordinary. What I mean by an *ordinary life* is that the Christian life can be like any other life being lived; it has its ups and downs, and its joys and sorrows like anyone else. If the Christian life is at all extraordinary, it is extraordinary in this: it is a life that is directed by a love for God and a humble obedience to what God has said. The Christian life is not a *religious life*, but a *humble, obedient life* that is confident in the One who defines what is true.

In Mark 12:28, Jesus was asked, *Which is the first commandment of all? Jesus replied, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.* Here, Jesus is quoting the commandment found in Deuteronomy 6:4,5.

This is the same idea as our verses last week from Deuteronomy 13:1-4, where we were told that all God wants to know is whether we would love Him enough to obey what He has already said. But why is a love for God more important than any other commandment?

Reading on in Mark 12, we find Jesus continued with: *And the second is like, namely this, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these.* Jesus is saying that the first commandment is the most important commandment, but the second commandment, *to love your neighbor as yourself*, is also as important as the first, but subject to the first.

Why is it more important to love God than it is to love our neighbor like we love our self? The Apostle John states it best when He says, *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments* (1 John 5:2). In other words, if we love God as we should, then we will be behaving in a way that shows love toward others.

If we loved God, then we would obey God. And if we obeyed God, then we would not lie, cheat, steal, kill, commit adultery, be envious or jealous of others, act in malice, or do anything that would, on purpose, bring harm to another person, because we would not want to break any of God's commandments. The problem is, we do all the things listed above because we love our self *more* than we love God, and so we sin, breaking God's commandments to satisfy our own desires.

The only extraordinary thing about the Christian life is that the Christian should be living a life that is learning to obey God, and asking for forgiveness when they have not obeyed God. Otherwise, the Christian life is like any other life with this one defining difference.

Pastor Charles Scheele
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Hallway Decorating at TES

After winter break, staff at Tomahawk Elementary School (TES) were looking to find hands-on ways for students to show their understanding of their expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Each grade level was tasked with decorating their hallway to reflect the expectations.

Photos courtesy of Courtney Sennett



Callahan not backing GOP-led medical marijuana proposal

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR



Callahan

MADISON – A local legislator is not backing his colleagues' efforts to legalize medical marijuana in Wisconsin.

On Monday, Jan. 8, Republicans in the Wisconsin State Assembly announced a proposal that would legalize marijuana for medical use in the Badger State.

Under the proposal, five state-operated dispensaries would offer non-smokable marijuana products to individuals with severe chronic medical conditions, such as cancer.

State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) said in a release that he would not support his fellow Republicans' proposal.

"While still a very limited proposal, Governor Evers signaled last week he would sign it, prior to having reviewed it, even though he would prefer full legaliza-

tion," Callahan stated in a release. "In all the discussions I have had with my local law enforcement – sheriffs, chiefs of police, officers – throughout my time in the State Assembly, never have I heard them ask me to support the legalization of marijuana in any form."

Callahan said he would not back the GOP-led proposal because he believes it is a "gateway bill to full legalization."

"Instead, I will continue to stand by my partners in the law enforcement community in the 35th Assembly District," Callahan stated.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Jan. 8:

Over the week, our Lincoln County 911 Center received two 911 nuisance calls/hang ups. The Lincoln County Deputies conducted 44 traffic stops, with four resulting in OWI arrest. Within the county this week, there were six car vs. animal collisions.

On 01/02/2024 at approximately 10:15, in the 11000 block of County Rd. Y, in the Township of Bradley, Lincoln County dispatch center received a call that a person was wandering in the area and taking pictures. A Lincoln County Deputy made contact with a male, 26, from Michigan. The male advised the deputy that he was watching the trains come and go. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/02/2024 at approximately 16:30, Lincoln County 911 Center received a call of a garage fire. Lincoln County deputies, Merrill Fire Department, and Merrill EMS responded to the scene. Tomahawk EMS responded to Irma to provide additional resources. Once deputies arrived on scene, the fire had already been extinguished, but the inside of the garage was still smoldering. No one was injured and the fire department took over and fully extinguished the fire. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/03/2024 at approximately 01:25, in the area of E. Wisconsin Ave. and S. 5th St. in the City of Tomahawk, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop. The Lincoln County Deputy made contact with the driver, a Tomahawk man, 57, at his residence due to him not pulling over. The driver exited the vehicle and did not comply with the deputy's commands. The driver smelled of extremely strong odor of intoxicating beverages. The driver declined field sobriety tests as well as a breathalyzer test. The driver was transported to the Merrill Aspirus Hospital for medical clearance and transported to the Lincoln County Jail. The driver was arrested for OWI, felony bail jumping and resisting/obstructing an officer. The driver was also ticketed for OWI, operating while suspended and failing to obey officer sign/signal. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/03/2024 at approximately 06:40, Lincoln County dispatch center received a call of a one-vehicle rollover in the area of U.S. Hwy. 8 and W. Circle Dr. in the Township of Somo. Lincoln County deputies, Tomahawk EMS and Tomahawk Fire Department responded to the scene. Deputies made contact with a Prentice woman, 65. The driver was not injured, and the scene was cleared. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/05/2024 at approximately 08:45, in the area of County Rd. H and Chase Hill Dr., in the Township of Birch, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop. Deputies made contact with

the driver, a Tomahawk man, 35, and his passenger, an Irma man, 42. The deputy on scene requested a K9 be deployed on the vehicle due to prior contact with the individuals. The Lincoln County Deputy trained as a Drug Recognition Expert conducted advanced sobriety testing. The driver was arrested for OWI 1st and felony bail jumping. The driver was transported to the Merrill Aspirus Hospital for medical clearance, then transported to the Lincoln County jail. The vehicle was tagged for 48 hours. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/05/2024 at approximately 18:40, in the area of U.S. Hwy. 51 and State Rd. 64 in the Township of Merrill, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop. Deputies made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 27. During the contact with the driver, the deputy placed him under arrest for felony bail jumping, misdemeanor bail jumping 2x, operating while revoked (criminal 4th+) and failure to install IID. The driver was transported to the Lincoln County Jail and the vehicle was tagged for 48 hours. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/06/2024 at approximately 17:20, in the area of U.S. Hwy. 51 and mile marker 210 in the Township of Merrill, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop. Deputies made contact with the driver, a Sheboygan man, 42. Upon contact, deputies could smell a mild odor of intoxicants, along with red eyes and slurred speech. The deputy conducted field sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was arrested and given citations for OWI 3rd, operating while suspended and speed. The driver was transported to the Merrill Aspirus Hospital for medical clearance and then to the Lincoln County Jail. Nothing further at this time.

On 01/07/2024 at approximately 01:00, in the area of Zenith Tower Rd. and State Rd. 86 in the Township of Tomahawk, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop. Deputies made contact with the driver, a Tripoli woman, 31, and her passenger, a Merrill man, 27. The driver was cited for operating while revoked, and the passenger was observed operating a second vehicle and was arrested for six counts of felony bail jumping and also cited for operating while revoked. The passenger was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, and the vehicles were tagged for 48 hours. Nothing further at this time.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has received multiple complaints for the area of N10200 block of Sunny Point Rd. in the Township of King regarding trespassing. Lincoln County deputies have taken the necessary steps to prevent further trespassing and ask the public to be aware of where they are.

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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE

‘Mad Max: Fury Road’ is a miracle in filmmaking

BY JALEN MAKI

Every so often, a movie comes out and feels like an unparalleled achievement in some regard. Maybe it's a career-defining performance, or a brilliantly-written screenplay, or a deeply evocative score. Even less frequently, a film itself is both conceived and executed on a level that is simply above and beyond its predecessors.

One of those rare gems is *Mad Max: Fury Road*.

Released in 2015, *Mad Max: Fury Road* was directed and co-written by George Miller and stars Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron. The film is the fourth entry in Miller's *Mad Max* franchise, marking his return to the series 30 years after 1985's *Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome*.

I am aware that to those unfamiliar with *Fury Road*, the following description is going to sound insane. Despite this, please trust me when I say this movie might rock harder than any made before or after it.

Fury Road opens with loner and former cop Max Rockatansky (Hardy, in a role played by Mel Gibson back in the day), who is trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic desert hellscape while being tormented by recurring visions of people lost on his watch. After being captured by War Boys under the leadership of warlord Immortan Joe, he's brought to the Citadel, where he's used as a "blood-bag" for Nux, who, like all his fellow War Boys, is slowly dying of a blood-borne disease. Joe's led the War Boys to believe that if they serve him bravely, they'll be rewarded in the afterlife; in return, the brainwashed zealots do Joe's bidding without question or remorse.



While Max is having one of the Worst Times Imaginable with Nux and the gang, Imperator Furiosa (Theron), an underling of Immortan Joe, is gearing up to drive the War Rig – a big, awesome armored semi-truck monstrosity – at the head of a party tasked with trading produce grown at the Citadel for fuel and ammunition. Unbeknownst to Immortan Joe, Furiosa has a plan: instead of bartering with Joe's allies, the People Eater (a weirdly aggressive name for a Fuel Guy) and the Bullet Farmer (a top-notch name for an Ammunition Guy), she's blowing the popsicle stand that is the Citadel and making a run for the Green Place, the paradise where she was born. This in itself would probably be pretty annoying for Joe, considering a top lieutenant committed grand theft auto with his War Rig and bailed, but it's something that he could reasonably recover from. But, Furiosa's not alone; she's also helping Joe's five wives (yes, you read that correctly) escape from his control. His spouses running out on him is simply beyond the pale, so Joe and an army of War Boys in truly bonkers vehicles set out in pursuit of Furiosa and

company across the desert. Nux joins the chase with his bloodbag Max in tow, but rather than being buckled into the shotgun seat like a normal passenger, Max is instead strapped onto the front of the car, a situation that'd likely be frowned upon by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

That's pretty much the entire setup of the movie. What follows is about an hour and 45 minutes of some of the most staggering, masterfully pulled off chase and fight sequences ever put to film. You've got pretty much everything you could want in this type of action movie: people shooting guns while climbing in and out of moving cars decked out with ridiculous armor, weird exploding spears thrown at said vehicles, motorcycles flying around all over the dang place, a guy playing a double-neck guitar in front of a colossal wall of speakers (because what's a road trip without some tunes?) and most importantly, Furiosa, Max (who eventually escapes from Nux) and the wives cruising in the War Rig, just completely wrecking shop.

There's a pretty easy case to be made that the Marvel Cinematic Universe has ushered in an era where movies are increasingly reliant on computer-generated effects. CGI can be a tremendous tool in a filmmaker's toolbox and can be downright astounding when used well (the *Avatar* movies rule, folks), but recent CGI-driven films have felt lacking in soul, particularly those under the MCU umbrella. There's a similar quandary in music: the choice between using a drum machine or a having a person play a real drum kit, and

the pros and cons associated with each. You can achieve flawlessness with a computer program – perfectly syncopated notes exactly on tempo – but it's the human element that brings the heart. While truly impressive feats can be accomplished using modern technology, and the possibilities it unlocks are almost limitless, I'd rather hear a live drummer speed up a little during the chorus or watch a real car be blown to smithereens.

In this regard – actually doing absurdly cool stuff in real life rather than just creating said cool stuff with CGI – *Mad Max: Fury Road* is simply a miracle in filmmaking. While *Fury Road* does indeed take advantage of computer-generated imagery, its utilization of practical effects is nothing short of breathtaking. The film's tactility – the assortment of vehicles, the car parts and scraps of metal sent airborne, the explosions, the fire, the smoke, the sand, the dust – further immerses the viewer in the out-of-control dystopian wasteland it's depicting. Every mammoth set piece or mind-boggling stunt makes you feel like you've watched a truly ridiculous thing that really happened...because you did! The combination of the film's tangible nature with its pedal-to-the-metal intensity, brought to the forefront by lights-out camera work and sound design, is unrivaled. Within the action movie landscape, *Mad Max: Fury Road* sits atop the class, and is yet to be supplanted.

While the technical mastery in the filmmaking is utterly unbelievable, the storytelling is genuinely compelling. An ingenious thing about *Fury Road*, and

another reason why it stands tall among its counterparts in the action genre, is that despite how straight-up weird the movie is on the whole, it's still remarkably easy to get swept up in its story and empathize with its characters. This isn't a simple task for any type of film, let alone one like *Fury Road*, where you're pretty much dropped directly into the middle of a unique plot set in a strange world and expected to get your bearings quickly before the sand and bullets start flying. *Fury Road* doesn't hold your

hand; it trusts that its audience will buy in completely, and it rewards those who do with an incomparable viewing experience. And even if you don't let *Mad Max: Fury Road* truly enfold you...well, you'll still have watched one of the greatest action films ever made. And what a lovely day it will have been. What a lovely, lovely day.

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AEDs

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to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm, according to the American Red Cross.

In a Facebook post, the department said it now has AEDs in each of its responders' direct-to-the-scene gear and noted that it is currently working on placing public access AEDs in each of the businesses in its response area.

The department is aiming to install eight public access AEDs by April 1.

Each of the public access AED units cost roughly \$1,000.00.

The department is currently accepting donations towards its AED implementation efforts. Contributions can be mailed to the Little Rice Fire Department, 3737 County Rd. Y, Tomahawk, Wis., 54487.

FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Table with columns: Date (CDT), Morning (Minor, Major), Evening (Minor, Major). Rows for dates Jan 17 to Jan 24.

Solar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is February 9th.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE A. CLIFFORD
DOD: 07/24/2023
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 24PR1

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The decedent, with date of birth 12/15/1953 and date of death 07/24/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N8131 E. Silver Lake Road, Irma, WI 54442.
2. All interested persons waived notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 05/03/2024.
2. A claim must be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Room- Office of Register in Probate.

BY THE COURT:

DATE SIGNED: January 10, 2024

Electronically signed by:

Galen Bayne-Allison

Circuit Court Judge

Form completed by:

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WNAXLP

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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:30 PM
District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Present: W. Quesinberry, G. Steckbauer, S. Bolder, R. Huseby, S. Woodall, M. Schommer, W. Simonis, R. Flynn, A. Wingate (6) staff members and (2) community members

I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call: Present: D. Huseby, S. Kirsch, K. Kissinger Wolf, D. Long, B. Skubal, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R. Zimmerman Absent: C. Hafeman

IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R. Zimmerman declared there was a quorum.

V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by S. Kirsch to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. District Administrator Report: W. Quesinberry presented to the Board.

VII. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2023

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B. Approve the Minutes from the Personnel Committee Meeting on December 5, 2023

C. Approve the Minutes from the Closed Session of the Personnel Committee meeting on December 5, 2023

D. Approve the November Invoices

E. Employment/Contract Adjustments

1. Replacement Staff

Sheri Woodall Elementary Principal, effective start of 2024-25 school year

2. Resignations

Michele Balda Musical Assistant Director

Sheri Woodall High School Associate Principal, effective end of 2023-24 school year

Melissa Nieman High School Girls Swim Head Coach

Matt Turkiewicz Middle School Wrestling Head Coach

3. New Position

Taylor Remington Community Education Program Coordinator

4. Above Pay

Michele Balda Technical Assistant for Musical

Katie Pintens Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach

Shirley Derleth Middle School Head Forensics Advisor

Amanda Bandoch Middle School Assistant Forensics Advisor

Mikayla Zipp Assistant Director for Musical

5. Volunteers

Don McMeekin Middle School Wrestling Volunteer Coach

Tony Derleth Middle School Wrestling Volunteer Coach

John Repinski High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach

Ted Towle High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach

Matt Turkiewicz High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach

6. Student Transportation Contract

Kari Smith

F Donations

Park City Cares Foundation \$1,995 to Hatchet Innovations (purchase of a heat press)

Family of Mary Wilke \$1,670 for Social and Emotional Learning and Mental Health Awareness

Motion by K. Kissinger Wolf and seconded by D. Velleux to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Approval of New Course Proposal: R. Huseby, C. Kelley and T. Hudzinski-Pike presented the proposed high school course "Strength and Conditioning." This would be an 8-week course held in the summer for .5 credit in physical education, beginning in the summer of 2024. Motion by D. Long and seconded by A. Swenty to approve the new course. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Staff Reports: L. VanStrydom presented to the Board about the

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Behavioralist position. Several staff members voiced their support for the position.

X. Review of DPI Report Card, Mark Schommer: Mark Schommer presented an in-depth analysis of the DPI Report Card. No official action was taken.

XI. Approval of Pupil Services Staffing Proposal: W. Simonis presented a staffing proposal regarding the Elementary counseling and school psych positions. Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by S. Kirsch to approve a second counselor at the Elementary level. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Closeout of 2022 - 2023 District Strategic Planning Scorecard: W. Quesinberry presented the closeout of the 2022-2023 District Strategic Planning Scorecard. No official action was taken.

XIII. Public Comment: B. Skubal

XIV. Board Referrals: D. Velleux

Motion by D. Long and seconded by S. Kirsch to go into Closed Session. All eye in a roll call vote.

XV. CLOSED SESSION under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (d)considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations" and Section 120.13(1), Wisc. Stats. regarding student expulsions.

A. Review Written Evaluation of Lockdown Drill on October 16, 2023

B. Traffic Flow Project

C. Personnel Concerns

D. Student Discipline Discussions

E. District Administrator Evaluation/Contract

XVI. Return to Open Session

A Take Action on Closed Session Items

XVII. Adjourn: R. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:56 pm

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This facility does not belong in this residential neighborhood

I am writing to talk about problems with the drug rehab center proposed by the Great Lakes Inner Tribal Council to be built in the Town of Cassian, Wis.

There are so many red flags with this proposed facility being placed in this residential neighborhood. The first issue is security – there won't be any. The only fence they have planned is around the dumpster. The next issue involves bringing in three-phase power.

They say this would benefit the neighborhood, but nobody needs three-phase power in a residential home. This only invites more commercial expansion in a residential neighborhood.

Another issue is the very poor well productivity in this area. The soil is only about 40 to 50 feet deep before it is solid granite. I live about 300 yards from this proposed facility. My well can pump three gallons per minute, which is considered very low. They plan on pumping 5,800 gallons of water per

day. The average family of five uses about 500 gallons. I spoke with a well driller who is very familiar with the area. He said there is no way they would be able to pump that much water out of that area, and that they couldn't have picked a worse area to build a facility like this. They should have done their homework first before purchasing this land.

In addition, what about the massive septic system that would be needed? Nitrates from the system would cause problems with the drinking water in the other 37 wells within a one-square-mile radius. If they did pump 5,800 gallons of water, that would also seriously impact those 37 wells. As a comparison, the new Marshfield Hospital is a 24-bed facility. This is planned as a 36-bed facility with 50 employees.

I would call this a commercial facility, but the Great Lakes Inner Tribal Council is calling it residential. The required infrastructure is not there and would not support it. This facility does not belong in this residential neighborhood. In addition, according to the township attorney, a drug rehab center doesn't fall within

the zoning ordinances. I urge the Oneida County Zoning Board to vote "no." **Gregg DuPuis**
Town of Cassian

Opposition on GLITC proposed Adolescent Recovery/Rehab Center, Cassian Township

Dec. 28, Oneida Planning and Zone held a meeting to hear both sides of this issue and to determine the Conditional Use Permit.

No question, there is a need for a youth rehab and mental health facility, however, many unanswered questions have not been addressed:

Bryan Bainbridge, CEO of GLITC, stated that zero financial support will be asked for from Cassian Township. The only way GLITC is able to build the facility, was a grant from the state of Wisconsin for over \$15 Million Dollars. He did state at a Cassian Township meeting, that it would truly cost \$17.5 Million for the facility. Bryan stated that "partnering with tribal entities is a benefit, they have the ability to access additional funding sources." I assume the funding resources are additional grants from the

state of Wisconsin or the Federal Government, again taxpayer dollars. Leads to the question – How will the facility even sustain itself?

There are costs that have not been defined, such as 3-Phase power would need to be brought from Route 51, four miles away from the proposed property. Who pays for that? A huge concern is damage/drying up the neighboring private wells, due to how much water would be used daily to run the facility. Also, construction and delivery traffic would continue to impact our roads, continuing to add to costs.

Bryan stated that there will be 44 new jobs/employees to run this facility. That is 44 more cars on gravel roads, two times/day. Where will these people come from? Or live? Bryan had stated GLITC is thinking about building housing on the property. Adding more strain to the infrastructure issues. An adult facility on the reservation in Lac du Flambeau, called Gookomis Endaad had shut down, in Dec. 2021 and in May 2022, due to staffing shortages. Will that happen here?

The facility is to be put on the 156 acres purchased

earlier this year. However, a second property (134 acres) adjacent to the first has been purchased as well, totaling 290 acres. For what purposes? Concerns include this land being put into a land trust. Bryan stated it takes years to put land into a trust but has not denied the possibility of doing so.

Thank you, Cassian Township Board, for listening to their residents and continually trying to fight this proposed facility. The issue of costs, well damage, electricity, roads, and the prospect of a land trust should be taken into consideration when the Conditional Use Permit is reviewed and voted on. At the Dec. 28 meeting, I asked if any of the Oneida County Planning/Zoning Committee had been to proposed location? The answer was no, none of them were familiar with this site.

This is not only a Cassian Township issue, it is an issue for all of Oneida County.

Next meeting for the determination of the CUP is Jan. 17 at 2 p.m., Oneida County Courthouse, Rhinelander.

Chris Turnbull
Cassian Township

NEWS BRIEFS

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will take place at Friendly Village, 900 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander, on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, March 11, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. to noon. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of First Congregational, 135 E. Larch St., Rhinelander, or the Oneida County Health Department, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. For more information, refer to the Warm for Winter Facebook page (www.tinyurl.com/2w2ccd7s) or call 608-345-7305.

City of Tomahawk winter parking ban

The City of Tomahawk's winter parking ban will be in effect through Friday, March 15. Parking on city streets is prohibited between 2:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

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Fishing Report: Ice, fishing bite both improved

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

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We got a bit of snow last week, ending with a good snap of really cold temperatures. We are more than ready for a snowstorm at this point in the winter.

Walleye fishing has been good to great, thanks in part to a lot of overcast, mild weather. Some really nice fish have been caught

in the last week. We've seen consistently good numbers both in late afternoons and after dark. Use shiners or sucker minnows with tip-ups. Set those minnows about 18 inches off the bottom at the deep weed edges, or on the edge of bars for best results. We've been hearing reports of good results in the afternoons jigging deep now, too.

Northern action has picked up again. Larger shiners under tip ups are working. Set those in or next to the weeds for the best action. The bite has lasted all day long on many lakes. Many anglers are hitting northerns during the day and walleyes in the evening.

Panfish action has been fantastic. Bluegills are now

in the weeds with some consistency and are hitting well on spikes or waxies. The perch are also in the weeds but look a bit deeper. They are hitting on minnows or waxies. Crappies are particularly hot right now and being located in deeper water near in or near the holes and especially off shallower structure. Little ice jigs tipped with waxies or spikes are working great along with tip-downs and minnows.

Get out there and enjoy these fishing conditions while you can. If we've learned anything from the start of this season, it's that those conditions can change in the blink of an eye.

Good luck and good fishing!



Woodpecker damage is an early sign that a tree might be infested with emerald ash borer (EAB). Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

Property owners encouraged to watch for signs of EAB this winter

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging property owners to watch for woodpecker damage to their ash trees this winter. If damage is found, property owners should make plans to take action in the spring.

Woodpecker damage, often called "flecking," happens when birds peck away some of a tree's bark to access the larvae underneath. Flecking is a common early sign that an ash tree might be infested with emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect. EAB is the most damaging threat to Wisconsin trees, killing more than 99% of the untreated ash trees it infests.

In 2023, EAB was found in three additional northern counties of Wisconsin and is now known to be present in 69 of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

EAB has been found in the City of Tomahawk. City employees have been working to remove EAB-impacted trees and replace them with trees of different species.

It is a common insect in the southern half of the state, and woodpecker damage to ash trees is already widespread.

EAB infestations are currently uncommon in most

parts of northern Wisconsin, and woodpecker damage will be less abundant.

Landowners who spot woodpecker damage in their woodlot ash trees are encouraged to consult a DNR or consulting forester (www.apps.dnr.wi.gov/fal) for management advice.

Property owners who detect an EAB infestation in its early stages – often by looking for woodpecker damage – can take steps to protect their high-value ash trees by treating them with insecticide between mid-April and mid-May. Insecticide treatments are seldom practical or economical for woodlot ash trees.

Insecticide treatment of valuable ash trees is more likely to succeed if the trees have low or moderate levels of woodpecker damage. Now is a good time to make plans for insecticide protection this spring.

Treatments are worth considering statewide. The highest risk of infestation is in communities already known to be infested or within 15 miles of a known infestation.

More information on EAB protection can be found on the Wisconsin EAB website at www.datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp.

Treatments are applied

every one or two years, depending on the product. Homeowners can apply some types of insecticide products, but a certified professional must apply others. Review the available options before selecting an insecticide and treatment method. Visit the Wisconsin EAB and EAB Information Network (www.emeraldashborer.info/) websites for more insecticide information.

Property owners should consider a tree's benefits – including shade, view, wildlife habitat, reduced air conditioner use and increased property value – along with the financial cost of the treatments. Some ash trees are not worth treating due to pre-existing health or structure problems. For those trees, removal and replacement may be better options.

You can search for a certified arborist on the Wisconsin Arborist Association website (www.waa-isa.org/find-certified-arborist/) and the International Society of Arboriculture website (www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/find-anarborist). Other businesses that conduct EAB treatments may be found online.

Property owners are encouraged to arrange for treatments well in advance.



Super Bowl trophy

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with The Press Times, published by Multi Media Channels (MMC). This trophy was presented to the Green Bay Packers from the City of Green Bay following the team's Super Bowl win in 1967. It reads, "First NFL-AFL Playoff, Jan. 15, 1967, Los Angeles, Green Bay Packers 35 – Kansas City Chiefs 10." For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

Photo by Kris Leonhardt

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 165

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

The first person to tell us the correct answer

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

Week 164 question: In what year did the WIAA put a playoff system in place for football: 1974, 1975 or 1976?

Week 164 answer: The WIAA put a playoff system in place for

football in 1976.

Congrats to Jacob Felser for being the first to answer last week's question!

Week 165 question: Where did THS grad Bill Cook run cross country after high school: UW-River Falls, UW-Superior or UW-Stevens Point?

SPORTS BRIEFS

Open gym

Open gym, for basketball only, will be held in the Tomahawk school complex fieldhouse from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Wednesday through May, excluding days when school is not in session. All participants must sign a waiver form. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

Natural Connections: Lichens and Kipukas in Hawaii

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Whenever I visit the smooth, gray rocks on the North Shore of Lake Superior, I find myself crouching low to examine the colorful patchwork of lichens who have made their home in such a seemingly perilous place. I never expected to do the same thing on Hawaii!

The basalt bedrock in the Northwoods hardened from lava that poured out of the Mid-Continent Rift 1.1 billion years ago. (If you want to learn more about the rift, visit our Northwoods Rocks exhibit!) While mak-

ing plans to visit Hawaii last month, I knew that I'd be seeing much younger basalt, especially on the Big Island, where Kilauea erupted as recently as December 2022. What I didn't expect was such an abundance of lichens that the rocks looked fuzzy!

Anytime I talk about lichens, I brag about how the symbiotic partnership between fungus and algae allows them to live where neither partner could survive alone, to colonize bare rock, and even to survive in outer space. The fungus provides a structure, and an anchor. The algae do photosynthesis and make food for them both out of sun, water, and air. Some-

times instead of algae, the partner is a cyanobacteria, who can do photosynthesis AND fix nitrogen out of the air. Plus, lichens are wind-dispersed, and as I wrote last week, wind is one of the main agents that brings new life to the Hawaiian Islands.

The first lichens I noticed weren't growing on rocks, though, they were clinging to the trunks and branches of trees. The fuzzy, pale green strings were so dense they made the trees look like stuffed animals who had been loved and washed within an inch of their lives.

The trees were on a kipuka, a vegetated hill in a sea

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of younger lava flows. Volcanoes erupted and formed the Hawaiian Islands. Over time forests grew, but the eruptions kept coming. Tongues of lava meandered across the flanks of the volcanoes, creating islands of older forest within a brand new landscape.

Kipukas are essential reservoirs of biodiversity in Hawaii. Not only do they provide the source populations for revegetating fresh lava flows after volcanoes erupt, their isolation helps to protect them from invasive species. One kipuka in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is home to more native tree species per acre than any other forest in the park (and probably on the whole island). The diversity of lichens is far greater. Because they are sometimes hard to find and difficult to identify, the true number of lichen species in Hawaii may be impossible to ever measure, but it is likely more than 800 species, with at least 30 percent of those only existing in Hawaii.

While lichens make up a good part of the lushness and biodiversity in mature kipukas, they are also key to helping life start over from scratch on the surrounding lava. On our way to explore a kipuka along the Kaula-na Manu Nature Trail, we passed by areas of younger lava rocks that weren't yet covered in forest. They were, however, fuzzy with lichen!

The first species to arrive on freshly cooled lava flows is *Stereocaulon vulcani*, the lava-colonizing lichen.



This view from a kipuka on Mauna Kea in Hawaii highlights the age of the pale green lichen-covered forest in the foreground, with a background of newer lava flows.

Fragments of lichen thalli (leaves) from other areas may break off and blow in, or the fungal partner within the lichen may produce dust-like spores that sail around the globe in the upper atmosphere. They especially thrive on the rugged a'a lava flows, where abundant surface area breaks down to release nutrients, and little holes left from gas bubbles collect rainwater.

These lichens can fix nitrogen—an essential ingredient for plant growth—while also breaking down rocks, building up soil, holding onto moisture, and providing cozy spots for other seeds and spores to germinate. The lichens shelter insects, which attract lizards and birds, the birds bring more seeds, and eventually a forest grows. The forest contains many more niches than the bare rock, so more and more species of lichens become established there, until they are carpeting the trees like the first ones I saw.

Lichens grow relatively

quickly in the rainy areas of the islands. The ones I saw on the trees were sparkling with droplets swept out of thick clouds, which benefits the rest of the forest, too. They also enjoy the mild climate. Even though (according to one researcher,) at high elevations lichens experience “summer every day and winter every night,” I'm pretty sure that's more conducive to growth than the Northwoods' schedule of “winter for 6 months of the year.”

On the wave-washed, basalt shores of Lake Superior, it's the bright orange Elegant Sunburst Lichen who first colonizes the rocks. Constant wave action prevents much more from growing there, for now. But if wave disturbance ever ceases, more and more lichens will move in there, too, building up soil and setting the stage for forests to grow. From afar, Hawaii seems really different from the Northwoods. Upon closer examination, I found all sorts of natural connections.



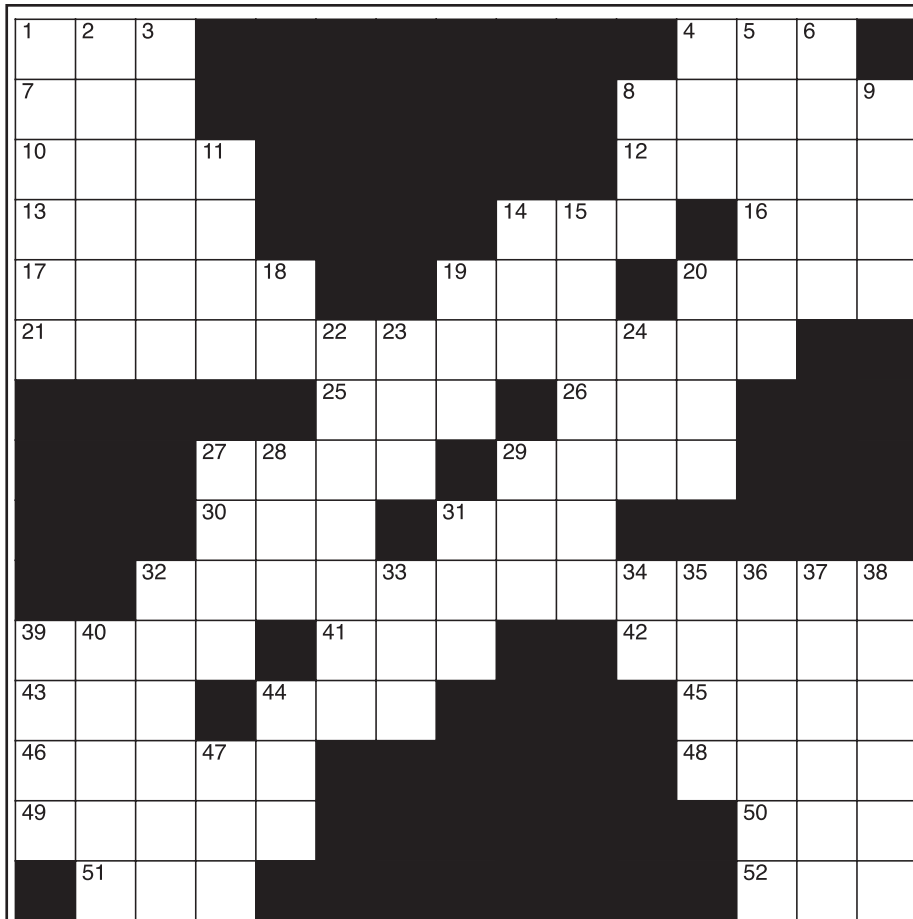
Aptly named “the lava-colonizing lichen,” this pioneering organism is among the first to grow on basalt rocks after they cool from volcanic eruptions. **Photos by Emily Stone**

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is available to purchase at www.cablemuseum.org/books and at your local independent

bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Our exhibit: “The Northwoods ROCKS!” is open

through mid-March. Our Winter/Spring Calendar of Events is ready for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.



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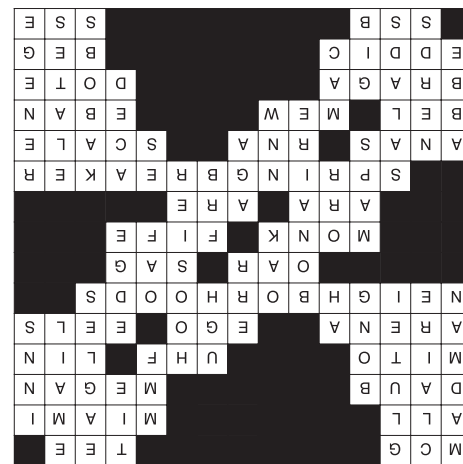
- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious community
- 29. Small shrill flute
- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They ___
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 41. Part of the human body
- 42. A progressive grading
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Noise some birds make
- 45. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 46. Portuguese city
- 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
- 49. Resembling old Norse poems

- 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An insane person
- 2. __ Boothe Luce, American author
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. “Hotel California” rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- 9. Hostleries
- 11. A way to resound
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake

- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture
- 24. Clod
- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby __, NHL champ
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- 33. Midway between north and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through
- 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Wood or metal bolt



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Aspirus highlights heart risks associated with shoveling snow

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health is reminding the public of the potential heart risks associated with shoveling snow.

“As winter snow blankets the Midwest, many people eagerly prepare for the joys of snow-filled days,” Aspirus said in a release. “Yet, amid the winter wonderland lies a less glamorous chore that can be deceptively dangerous: snow shoveling. While it may seem like a simple task, shoveling snow can place a significant strain on the heart, and it’s crucial to be aware of the potential risks, particularly for those with certain health conditions.”

Vrunda Patel, DO, Aspirus Non-Invasive Cardiologist, warned that shoveling snow can be an incredibly exertional activity, putting the body under extreme stress.

“The people who should be aware of putting themselves in such an exertional position are those who have risk factors for heart disease,” Patel explained. “These risk factors include conditions like hypertension, high cholesterol, diabetes, a family history of heart disease or those who are already diagnosed with heart issues.”

Aspirus said common signs of overexertion during snow shoveling include shortness of breath, chest pain, arm pain (either on the right or left side), exces-



Patel

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

sive sweating, palpitations and an overwhelming sense of fatigue after a short time.

“If you’re starting to experience these symptoms, I would recommend that you stop the exertional activity immediately,” Patel stated. “Forego snow shoveling for the day and seek medical attention.”

“If you’re already under the care of a cardiologist, it’s best to contact them, but if not, get in touch with your primary care provider or head to the emergency department if the symptoms don’t go away within a few minutes of rest,” Aspirus said.

Aspirus added that in addition to understanding physical limitations, it’s crucial to take precautions to protect your heart and body during winter activities.

“Dressing appropriately for the weather is paramount, as cold temperatures themselves place stress on the heart,” Patel said. “Extreme temperature fluctuations, such as transitioning from a warm

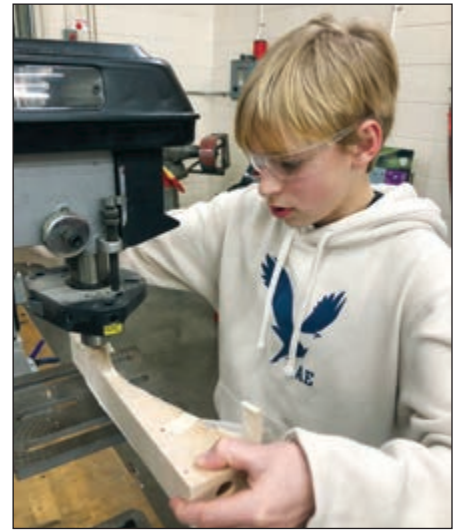
indoor environment to a frigid outdoor setting, can also increase the risk of hypothermia.”

“It’s essential to layer appropriately,” Aspirus said. “According to the National Library of Medicine, the sweat the body produces while shoveling is a means of maintaining stability, helping to cool you down, also known as thermoregulation. However, if you’re sweating excessively, it’s essential to remove layers while ensuring adequate protection from the cold.”

Patel recommended that as winter approaches, individuals should evaluate their functional capacity, which is a strong indicator of heart health.

“Those who have been active during the summer and fall will likely have a better sense of their ability to handle the physical demands of snow shoveling,” she stated. “However, for those with a more sedentary lifestyle, extra caution is needed. If you’re unsure about your capability, consult with your healthcare provider to receive appropriate guidance.”

“Snow shoveling is an inevitable part of winter for many, and while it can be a great workout, it should not come at the cost of your health,” Aspirus said. “By staying aware of your physical limitations, dressing for the weather and taking necessary precautions, you can make this winter chore safer for your heart and body.”



After planning and designing their CO2 dragsters on paper, Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) Concepts of Design students took their wooden blank to the drill press, bandsaw and sanders to make their concepts a reality.

Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz



THS Metals students recently had the opportunity to listen to Steve Daigle, owner of Daigle Brothers Inc., speak about metal fabrication. Daigle also shared his life story and how opportunities, persistence and relationships can lead to a successful life.

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