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Gleason wolfdog sanctuary gifted new ATV

Apex Angels and Warriors works to help veterans with PTSD



Pictured are Brian and Derek from Lakeland Motorsports and members of the Apex Angels and Warriors team with the newly-donated four-wheeler. "We can really use this for many different things in the sanctuary," Director Michelle Last said. **Photo courtesy of Michelle Last**

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

GLEASON – A local organization with a mission to help military veterans and wolfdogs connect and heal was recently gifted a new ATV.

Apex Angels and Warriors received the four-wheeler from Lakeland Powersports in Woodruff last month.

Apex Angels and Warriors, located at N4704 Town Hall Rd. in Gleason, is a nonprofit wolfdog sanctuary. The organiza-

tion assists veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with healing by helping them connect with wolfdogs, which are canines with both domestic dog and wolf in their genetic ancestries.

The sanctuary rescues wolfdogs from all around the country. Michelle Last, Director of Apex Angels and Warriors, said the wolfdogs they take in would otherwise be euthanized because of their DNA.

"They are a very misunderstood breed with a lot of falsehoods and statements made about them," Last ex-

plained. "Both the wolfdogs and veterans have stigmas that the public has placed on them, such as they are a danger, they are unpredictable, they are useless in society. When the veterans work with the wolfdogs to trust people again, as most come from abusive and neglectful backgrounds, and realize that these amazing animals are nothing what society says they are, then they reflect inwards and start to realize that neither are they, and that's when the healing starts. We call it 'dual healing.'"

Apex Angels and War-



Apex Angels and Warriors helps military veterans and wolfdogs connect and heal.



Photos courtesy of Apex Angels and Warriors

riors began in Aug. 2022, but due to flooding, a completely new structure had to be built. After working throughout the summer of 2023, the facility opened its doors and is currently offering tours.

There is no cost for the tours, but Last noted that donations towards the care of the animals is appreciated.

"We do take donations of meat anytime, any raw meat

except for pork or shellfish, as we feed 75 pounds of raw meat a day," Last stated. "If someone is cleaning out their freezer and it has a little bit of freezer burn on it, we will take it. We also take monetary donations for the cost of everyday care, vet bills and utilities."

Last added that the sanctuary also accepts contributions of straw and mulch for the wolfdogs' pens, as well as building materials

for the construction of its new care room.

"We are always looking for volunteers to help with daily care and projects, and of course any veteran is always welcome," Last said.

For more information about Apex Angels and Warriors and how to help with the sanctuary's mission, visit www.apexangel-sandwarriors.org.

To schedule a tour of the sanctuary, call 715-921-9785.



The Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD) held its annual Awards Banquet at Pine Tree Supper Club earlier this month. Pictured, from left, are the firefighters who were recognized for their dedication and years of service: Paul Winter, 30 years; Dave Galloy, 30 years; Kyle Powers, 25 years and Firefighter of the Year; Ryan Picl, 15 years; Mark Von Schrader, 20 years; and Adam Loka, 25 years. "It was an incredible evening of recognizing the commitment and bravery of our firefighters," TFD said in a Facebook post. "Their commitment to our community is truly commendable, and we are grateful for their tireless efforts on our department."



Riley Knudson was honored for his 15 years with the department. **Photos courtesy of TFD**

LCEDC's inaugural Lincoln County Summit slated for next month

Event will connect region's business leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, community stakeholders

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) last week announced that it will hold the first annual Lincoln County Summit next month.

The event will be held at the Bierman Building/Expo Center, 303 N. Sales St., Merrill, on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15.

A release from LCEDC said the inaugural Lincoln County Summit, themed



"Succession," aims to bring together business leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers and community stakeholders from across the region to discuss and strategize the future of economic growth and leadership transition within the county.

The summit will also seek to "address the critical importance of effective succession planning in all

areas of life, ensuring the longevity and prosperity of local businesses, organizations and rural communities," according to LCEDC.

"Through a series of presentations by area leaders, panel discussions and networking sessions, participants will explore innovative strategies for leadership transition, talent development and maintaining organizational resilience in times of change," LCEDC stated.

Mark O'Connell, President and CEO of the Wisconsin Counties Associa-

tion, will be the keynote speaker for the event.

"With his extensive experience and insightful perspectives on economic development and county leadership, Mr. O'Connell is expected to provide valuable contributions to the theme of succession and sustainable economic progress," LCEDC said.

Elsa Duranceau, LCEDC Executive Director, said the summit "represents a significant opportunity for our community to come together and lay the groundwork

for a future that embraces change with confidence."

"We believe that focusing on succession planning is key to sustaining economic growth and building a strong foundation for the next generation of leaders in Lincoln County," Duranceau stated.

LCEDC said the event will also feature various exhibitors, giving attendees the opportunity to learn about the latest tools, resources and services available to support their operations.

The event is supported

by Active and Aware Citizens, the City of Merrill, the Merrill Area Development Corporation and the Tomahawk and Merrill Chambers of Commerce.

LCEDC said registration for the Lincoln County Summit will open soon.

"Attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars and prepare for two days of engaging discussions, valuable networking opportunities and actionable insights

Summit
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Former Tomahawk Bus Company driver reaches plea deal

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A former Tomahawk Bus Company driver accused of refusing to drop off students at their homes and instead driving to the company’s parking location reached a plea deal last week.

The agreement stems

from an incident that occurred on Jan. 18, 2023, in which Debra K. Decker, 63, of Tomahawk, reportedly frustrated with the behavior of students on the bus, drove the bus back to the Tomahawk Bus Company’s location on Kaphaem Rd. rather than bringing the students to their destinations. The route was completed by another driver.

The following day, the School District of Tomahawk said Decker was cooperating with a Tomahawk Police Department investigation and would no longer transport district students. Decker appeared in Lincoln County court on Wednesday, Feb. 7, facing 41 felony counts of false imprisonment and one misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct.

Judge Galen Bayne-Allison dismissed the false imprisonment charges as part of a plea deal, according to court records. Decker pleaded no contest to the count of disorderly conduct. Under a deferred agreement, the charge will be dismissed if Decker follows several court-imposed guidelines over the next 12 months.



Regional Spelling Bee

The School District of Tomahawk hosted a Regional Spelling Bee last week. The bee, held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, featured the top six spellers from Tomahawk Elementary (TES) and Middle schools, St. Mary’s School, Northland Pines, Phelps, Three Lakes and Arbor Vitae Woodruff (AVW). Champion speller Ava Meyer, an eighth grader at Pines, will compete in the State Spelling Bee at Madison College’s Mitby Theater in March. Fifth graders Jackson Jones (TES) and Micah Cerkas (St. Mary’s) took third and fourth places, respectively. Pictured, back row, from left: Noah Jenson, Jackson Jones, Jayda Devillers and Micah Cerkas; front: Ayden Finks, Matilda Vanasten, Elaine Huber and Antonio Daniels.

Photo courtesy of Angela McPherson



FBLA Regional Leadership Conference

Four Tomahawk High School (THS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students recently competed in this year’s FBLA Regional Leadership Conference (RLC). The students took part by taking remote objective tests on various business concepts. Pictured are Ryan Larson (left), who took first place in Organizational Leadership; Emerson Lange (second from left), who took fourth place in Sports and Entertainment Management with teammate Sadie Liebelt (far right); and Elizabeth Lee, (third from left), who took second place in Personal Finance. Larson and Lee qualified to compete in the State Leadership Conference (SLC) at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay in April.

Photo courtesy of Connor Ahrens

News Briefs

CESA 9 offering Substitute Teacher Training

CESA 9 in Tomahawk will offer Substitute Teacher Training on Thursday, Feb. 22. Individuals with an Associate’s or Bachelor’s Degree and who successfully complete the training are eligible to apply for a Substitute Teacher permit.

For additional information, go to www.cesa9.org or call 715-453-2141.

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, Feb. 24, from 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/2w2cccd7s) 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.

Open Arms Community Meal closed until March

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DOJ identifies law enforcement personnel, individual involved in Town of Crescent shooting incident

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF CRESCENT – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), on Wednesday, Feb. 7, identified the law enforcement personnel and the individual involved in a shooting incident in the Town of Crescent in Oneida County last month.

According to DOJ, at approximately 8:39 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office received two hang-up 911 calls requiring a welfare check at a residence located in the 1600 block of River St.

Three Oneida County Sheriff's deputies – Sgt. Thomas Williams, Deputy Michael Bedish and Deputy Cole Lehman; and two Rhinelander police officers – Sgt. Christie Kondzela and Officer Graeme Biskobing, responded to the residence.

Upon arrival at the residence, law enforcement determined there were two

subjects inside. DOJ said law enforcement entered the residence, where they were met with gunfire by Steven Kincaid, 33. One of the deputies returned fire. All law enforcement retreated outside the residence, backed away and created a perimeter. Kincaid continued to shoot at the officers from the second level of the house, and gunfire was exchanged, according to DOJ.

Tactical team members from the Vilas, Oneida, Marathon, Langlade and Lincoln County Sheriff's Offices responded to the residence. DOJ said verbal commands were attempted without response, and non-lethal tactics were deployed.

Eventually, the second subject came out of the residence and was evaluated by emergency medical services on scene.

The tactical team entered the house and located Kincaid, who was deceased.

No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident.

DOJ said the involved officers from Rhinelander Police Department were each wearing a body camera during the incident. Both the Rhinelander Police Department and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office have squad cameras.

DCI is leading the investigation and is assisted by DCI Crime Response Specialists and members of DCI's Digital Evidence Unit. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation, according to DOJ.

DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Oneida County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

DCI noted that Williams has over nine years of law enforcement experience; Bedish, over three-and-a-half years; Lehman, over one year; Kondzela, over 10 years; and Biskobing, over one year.



Photo courtesy of Pat Johnson

Tomahawk American Legion, VFW posts hold 'Four Chaplains Day' ceremony

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk's American Legion Post 93 and VFW Post 2687, earlier this month, held its annual remembrance ceremony honoring four chaplains who lost their lives in World War II.

The Four Chaplains Day event, held at Generations Funeral Home on Sunday, Feb. 4, recognized the "Four Chaplains" – Methodist minister the Reverend George L.

Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Catholic priest Father John P. Washington and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling.

The four men were aboard the USAT Dorchester traveling from New York to Greenland when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Labrador Sea on Feb. 3, 1943. After the troop

ship was struck, Fox, Goode, Washington and Poling gave away their life jackets when the supply ran out and died when the craft sank.

Only 230 of the 904 people on board survived.

Members of the local posts said they "hope that by annually celebrating the heroism that the chaplains displayed that day, the four men who never came home from WWII won't be forgotten."



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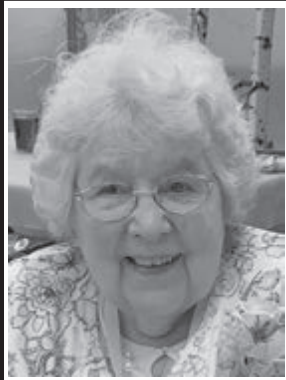


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OBITUARIES

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Ila Mae Paulson, a 96-year-old lifelong resident of Tomahawk, passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024 at Milestone Assisted Living in Tomahawk surrounded by her family. Ila Mae was born Dec. 14, 1927 in Antigo to Edward and Cora Doucette. She married Roger Paulson on April 10, 1948 in Tomahawk. He passed away in 2012. Ila Mae graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1945. She had worked as a telephone operator, a seamstress at Nick & Sons Casket Factory, and was a bookkeeper at Bradley Bank for many years. In her quiet time she enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, and basket weaving. She also enjoyed playing cards and spending time with family. Survivors include four children, Nancy (Joe Cordova) Teal, Diane (Jim) Timm, Bonnie (Joe) Trapp, all of Tomahawk, and Edward (Holly) Paulson of Florida. She is further survived by nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a brother-in-law, Don Paulson. Ila Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Roger; son, Bill Paulson; and three siblings, Neiland "Nocky" Doucette, Joe Doucette, and Virginia Uzzell.

The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in the spring. The family received friends at the Church Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of mass at 11 a.m.

The family wants to thank the staff at Milestone for the wonderful loving care they gave to Ila Mae.

Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.nimsgermfuneral.com.

SUMMIT FROM PAGE 1

into the future of economic development in Lincoln County, Wis.," LCEDC stated.

For more information about the Lincoln County Summit, including registration details, a schedule of events and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.lincolncountyledc.org or call 715-390-0747.

About LCEDC The Lincoln County

Economic Development Corporation said it is "committed to fostering economic growth and development in Lincoln County, Wis."

"Through collaboration with local businesses, government entities and community organizations, LCEDC works to create a thriving economic environment that supports innovation, enhances quality of life and ensures the prosperity of our community for generations to come," LCEDC stated.



Catherine A. Petrouske, 95, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 at Riverview Health Services in Tomahawk. Catherine was born March 31, 1928 in Sheboygan, Wis., to Edward and Cora DeBack. She was united in marriage to Wallace Petrouske on May 17, 1947. He passed away in 1993. Catherine had worked for Sentry Foods in Milwaukee before moving to the Northwoods. She had been employed at Vans Bakery and The Bakers Wife in the Minocqua area.

She volunteered at St. Mathias Church and the Woodruff Senior Center for many years. She loved traveling and crafting. Catherine Petrouske is survived by her loving daughter-in-law, Rosanne Petrouske, Tomahawk; a son, Gary (Stacie) Petrouske, Merrill; five grandsons, Randy II, Russ, Ryan, Jim, and Wally Petrouske; and seven great-grandchildren. Catherine is preceded in death by her husband, Wallace, son, Randall, and siblings Donald Fitch and Vivian Geb.

A Graveside service will be held at Lutheran Cemetery in Watertown, Wis., on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024 at 12 p.m.

The Petrouske family would like to thank the staff at Riverview Health Services for their care and compassion in caring for Catherine. Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.nimsgermfuneral.com.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Over the week our Lincoln County 911 Center received five 911 nuisance calls/hang ups. The Lincoln County Deputies conducted 91 traffic stops with four resulting in OWI arrest. Within the county this week, there were four car vs. animal collisions.

On 02/01/2024 at approximately 07:00 Lincoln County 911 Center received a call of a two-vehicle crash in the area of CTH K and CTH Q in the Township of Scott. Upon arrival, the deputies found that a passenger car was traveling S/B on CTH Q being operated by a Merrill woman, 43. The second vehicle, a Baumgart garbage truck being operated by a Merrill man, 55, was E/B on CTH Q approaching the intersection of CTH K. The breaks on the garbage truck failed and the driver was not able to stop for a stop sign. The garbage truck then continued into the intersection and struck the S/B vehicle. One of the drivers was transported to the hospital for minor injuries while the other refused transport. Both vehicles were removed from the scene and DNR Hotline was contacted due to diesel fuel that had been spilled on the road. Nothing further at this time. The sheriff's office was assisted by Merrill Fire and EMS.

On 02/01/2024 at approximately 08:10, Lincoln County 911 Center received a call of a vehicle with its back tire on fire. This was in the area of County Rd. K and Olivetti Lake Rd. in the Township of Merrill. Lincoln County Deputies, Merrill Fire Department and Merrill EMS responded to the scene. Tomahawk EMS was asked to stage in the area for mutual aid. Deputies made contact with the driver, a Merrill woman, 37. The driver did not sustain any injuries and the vehicle fire was extinguished. The vehicle was removed and the scene was cleared. Nothing further at this time.

On 02/03/2024 at approximately 00:40, in the area of County Rd. M and Elm Grove Rd. in the Township of Corning, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop for going 81 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The Lincoln County Deputy made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 39. The driver showed signs of impairment and the deputy conducted field sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was cited for OWI 1st and speed. The driver was released to a responsible party. Nothing further at this time.

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Ask the PASTOR

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

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the idea that the Christian life is an *ordinary* life – with its ups and downs, and joys and sorrows like everyone else. If the Christian life is extraordinary, it is extraordinary in this: it is directed by a love for God and a humble obedience to what God has said. It is not a *religious* life, but a *humble, obedient life* that is confident in the One who defines what is true. Today, we shall continue looking at this, focused on the Spirit filled life.

In Ephesians 5:18 Christians are commanded to be filled with God's Holy Spirit. What does this look like? What does this mean?

Some Christians believe that being Spirit filled means the Holy Spirit takes over and causes you to do some rather strange things; speak in a foreign language, see visions, or something that is super natural. But that is not the case. The command in Ephesians 5:18, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, is then followed in verses 19 through 20 with three evidences of being Spirit filled. It is a listing, each verse starting with a participle.

In verse 19 we read, *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.* The Holy Spirit of God gives to us a song that has God for its subject and God as its intended audience. A good example would be Psalm 145, or any of the Psalms that praise God for who He is and what He does. And the music? It would be a melody that compliments the words and stays in the background, for the message of praise to God is the most important part of the song.

In verse 20 we read, *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* The Holy Spirit of God would cause us to recognize God's hand in all that happens in our life, and we would be thankful for what He is doing in us – even the troubles in life have a purpose because He loves us (Romans 5:1-6). And I would know that through the events in life, He is accomplishing the reason for which He saved me, that I would be like Christ in my character (Romans 8:28,29, Philippians 3:12-14) – which is always best.

And then, in verse 21 we read, *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.* This verse is then followed by verses 22 through 33 and a description of how a husband and wife should submit themselves to each other in the way that God says they should. In summary, the wife submitting to the authority of her husband, and the husband submitting himself to meeting the needs of his wife. Mutual submission defined by God.

As I stated in the beginning, the Christian life is an *ordinary* life, the only extraordinary thing would be that it is lived in humble obedience to God. Even being filled by the Holy Spirit would make us better, *ordinary* people who behave in obedience to how God defines life should be lived.

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N8412 Adams Ln: Northwoods at its finest! This parcel will consist of 3.365 acres after the survey is recorded. Located on the Western shores of the Wisconsin River with sand/rock frontage. This property has spectacular views and offers a very peaceful private location. There is a 24x32 garage on the property that has been converted to living quarters. There is also a 20x30 Quonset hut offering plenty of storage. The property is equipped with a three-bedroom mound system and a drilled well. This could be a great spot to build, camp, or use the existing living quarters. **\$188,000**

REDUCED: 2470 Kelch Dr: Welcome to the country! This lot is 3.28 acres and offers a great location to build a home or getaway. The lot has a gravel driveway, a building site, and power run into the property. Located conveniently by the Killarney Lake boat launch, and in the heart of all recreational possibilities the Northwoods has to offer. **\$57,900**

Quarterly transportation aids to Wisconsin municipalities exceed \$138 million

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), on Tuesday, Feb. 6, announced that municipalities across the state received more than \$138 million in the first quarterly payments for 2024 for General Transportation, Connecting Highway and Expressway Policing Aids.

A release from Evers' office said that for calendar year 2024, local governments will receive more than \$536 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-related projects, a 2% increase over calendar year 2023 allocations provided by the 2023-25 biennial budget.

Total funding for all local programs makes up almost one-third of the state transportation budget.

General Transportation Aids (GTA) help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction.

Connecting Highway Aids (CHA) reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities.

Expressway Policing Aids help the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department with the costs of patrolling expressways within the county.

Municipality	GTA	CHA
Lincoln County	\$312,333.67	
Oneida County	\$278,597.57	
Price County	\$193,871.77	
Vilas County	\$288,564.72	
City of Tomahawk	\$75,663.76	\$10,372.59
City of Merrill	\$220,056.48	\$37,524.02
City of Rhinelander	\$195,157.79	
Town of Birch	\$18,618.94	
Town of Bradley	\$53,893.97	
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Town of Merrill	\$45,616.79	
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Town of Schley	\$36,751.79	
Town of Scott	\$25,874.56	
Town of Skanawan	\$16,246.79	
Town of Somo	\$14,264.64	
Town of Spirit	\$20,805.74	
Town of Tomahawk	\$24,216.40	
Town of Wilson	\$17,115.81	

Data courtesy of WisDOT.

The first quarter payments, made in January, totaled \$138,679,668.93 and included:

- General Transportation Aids – \$134,164,869.44 to local units of government.
- Connecting Highway Aids – \$4,258,824.49 to 116 eligible municipalities.

• Expressway Policing Aids – \$255,975.00 to Milwaukee County.

“Since day one, our administration has been working to make sure Wisconsin’s infrastructure is ready to meet the needs of a 21st-century workforce and a 21st-century economy,” Evers

stated. “Last year alone, we improved over 900 miles of road and over 200 bridges, and we’re getting right back to work in 2024. We will continue building on this positive momentum to help ensure students, families, workers and products can get from point A to point B safely and efficiently.”

“Since Governor Evers took office, WisDOT has improved 7,424 miles of road and 1,780 bridges, and our Local Program invests in every part of the state,” said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. “A good transportation network depends on the first and last mile, and we appreciate working with the many municipal leaders across the state to deliver infrastructure improvements.”

Quarterly payments for cities, villages, and towns are sent on the first Monday in January, April, July and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25% of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January; 50% on the first Monday in July; and 25% on the first Monday in October.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Valentine's Day: A Timeless Celebration

Dear Reader,

As we approach St. Valentine's Day, let's reflect on the profound significance of expressing love to someone special. While this day has become a symbol of affection, it serves as a gentle reminder to celebrate love not just on February 14th, but throughout the entire year.

Love is a force that knows no bounds even in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. Its celebration should be a continuous journey rather than a fleeting moment in time. Every day offers an opportunity to cherish and nurture the bonds that bring joy and companionship into our lives.

So, as we exchange heartfelt gestures on this St. Valentine's Day, let it be a catalyst for a year filled with love, understanding, and gratitude. May each day be an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary connections that make life richer and more meaningful. After all, the true beauty of love lies in its ability to brighten not just one day, but every day of the year..



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Rhineland workshop to cover basics of Alzheimer's, dementia

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter is offering an educational workshop covering the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia.

The Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia program will be held at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County, 100 Keenan St., Rhineland, on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Alzheimer's Association



said the free workshop will provide a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be informed.

The program will explore the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, examine what happens in a brain affected by

Alzheimer's, detail the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease, identify FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms, look ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research and offer helpful Alzheimer's Association and local community resources.

"In the United States alone, more than six million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers," the Alzheimer's Association stat-

ed. "The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. However, no one has to face this disease alone or without information."

To learn more about this program or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or jstpierre@alz.org. Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or by visiting www.bit.ly/UADFEB20.

Nicolet College enrolling students for Private Pilot Ground School

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College will offer its Private Pilot Ground School in the spring 2024 term.

In a release, Nicolet said students in the course will have the opportunity to "learn about the joys of flight, what it takes to become a pilot and the many career options in the aviation field."

"Over 200 Wisconsin companies have ties to the state's aerospace sector, and more than 26,000 people are employed in Wisconsin by companies that support aviation businesses and aerospace manu-

facturing," Nicolet stated.

Through the course, students will be taught the fundamentals of flight required for the Federal Aviation Administration Private or Light Sport Pilot license. Nicolet said course content will include pertinent FAA regulations, principles of aerodynamics, airplane systems and performance, instruments, aeromedical and human factors, aviation weather, airspace, airport operations, charts and navigation, cross-country flying and various aviation career opportunities.

"Upon successful completion of this course and com-

pletion of an online exam-prep study course, students will have what they need to complete the FAA written knowledge test," Nicolet stated. "This 30-hour course will be taught by local flight instructors with years of aviation experience in a variety of aircraft. Classes will be held in a combination of in-person and online, with guest speakers and tours available to expand your aviation knowledge. This course is perfect for anyone interested in pursuing flight training, exploring careers in aviation, or learning more about aviation."

The ten-week course is scheduled from Tuesday, March 12 through Tuesday, May 14. Classes are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings at Nicolet, with some off-campus tours.

Ground School will be limited to 20 students.

Nicolet College is an FAA Authorized Testing Center. FAA Airman Knowledge Testing written exams are currently available on campus.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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On 02/03/2024 at approximately 17:50, in the area of Sheldon Rd. and U.S. Hwy. 8 in the Township of Bradley, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop of a UTV for operating on a road closed to ATVs and UTVs. The Lincoln County Deputy made contact with the driver, a Rib Lake man, 31, and his passenger, a Cornell woman, 23. The driver

showed signs of impairment and admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages. The deputy conducted field sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for OWI UTV related and cited for OWI, PAC, and no seatbelt on passenger. Warnings were also given for operating on a closed road, as well as no ATV safety certificate. UTV was left on scene and tagged for 24 hours. Nothing further at this time.

On 02/03/2024 at approximately 19:00, in the area of Cain Creek Rd. and State Rd. 64 in the Township



of Pine River, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop of a UTV for going 76 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. As the deputy was attempting contact, the driver exited the UTV to lie on the ground, stating that he was intoxicated. The deputy conducted field sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for OWI 1st. The driver was released to a responsible party and was taken to a nearby friend's house. Nothing further at this time.

On 02/03/2024 at

approximately 22:00, in the area of County Rd. A and County Rd. U in the Township of Bradley, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a routine traffic stop of a UTV for going 54 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. Deputies made contact with the driver, a Tomahawk woman, 24, and smelled an extremely strong odor of intoxicating beverages. The deputy conducted field sobriety tests, and as a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for UTV OWI 1st. The driver was released to a responsible party. Nothing further at this time.

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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, by emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us or by calling 715-339-5131.

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Defendant: Melanie Horner, 214 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk WI 54487-1472

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AT THE SCHEDULED DATE AND TIME

Phillips WI 54555

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Electronically signed by Lisa Walciskak

Clerk of Circuit Court

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REQUEST FOR BID

Town of Merrill is requesting a bid for "Reconstruction of Airport Road" to include gravel, Pulverizing, Hot Mix Asphalt Paving HMA) and shouldering. The project is approximately 1.23 miles long. Bidding documents and special provisions are available from Town of Merrill.

This is a WisDOT LRP TRID project
Project will be completed by October 1, 2024
Completed bids should be submitted to:

Town of Merrill
W4594 Progress Ave.
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

Any questions should be directed to Mike Hass, Chairman at 715-218-7821 or email: Clerk-treasurer@townofmerrillwi.gov

Bids will be open at Town of Merrill Town Board Meeting: March 11, 2024. Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public of the proposed construction of application number **A1252072** at Latitude ° 45- 27- 18.7 Longitude 089-52-55.4 on N9339 Mitchell Road in Tomahawk, WI. The structure will be a lattice tower with the overall AGL height of 285 FT, with anticipation of medium dual lighting required. A statement that interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications (-> fcc.gov) and entering the Form 854 File Number. A statement that interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. A statement that the Federal Communications Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online, and that instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest; and

The mailing address for interested parties that would prefer to file a Request for Environmental Review by paper copy: **FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.**

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Leader Sports & Nature

Hatchet wrestlers take second place at GNC tournament ahead of Regionals

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ANTIGO – The Tomahawk High School wrestling team traveled to Antigo on Saturday, Feb. 3 to wrap up their regular season at the Great Northern Conference (GNC) tournament.

The Hatchets took second place at the tournament, capping off a solid GNC season.

Medford claimed the top spot with 474 total team points, followed closely by the Hatchets with 355 points, while Lakeland secured a solid third place with 301 points. Mosinee, Antigo and Rhinelander trailed behind in succession.

The Hatchet grapplers came away with ten All-Conference titles out of the 14 weight classes, a testament to the combined efforts of seasoned veterans and promising underclassmen.

Sophomore Brayden Ristau at 106 secured a 3rd-place finish, earning him honorable mention All-Conference.

Senior Presley Gutbrod dominated the competition with a 1st-place finish and 1st team All-Conference honors, showcasing his skills with three pins on the day.

Sophomore Walter Horabic claimed 3rd place at 120, earning honorable mention.

Junior Jack Derleth secured a 2nd-place finish at the 126 lb. weight class.

Freshman Fletcher Baumann exhibited promising talent by securing 2nd place at 132.

Senior Ryan Larson with a 2nd-place finish at 138.

Freshman Zander Zehner impressed with a 3rd-place finish at 144.

Freshman Connor Jones secured 3rd place at 150.

Sophomore Kaiden Kappeliessh battled to a 3rd-place finish at 165.

Junior Blake Younker claimed 3rd place at 190.

“As the Hatchet wrestling team reflects on this impressive achievement, they eagerly anticipate building upon the foundation laid by their talented underclassmen,” a release from the team said, noting that the focus shifted to the Regional tournament, hosted by Medford on Saturday, Feb. 10. “With post-season wrestling officially underway, every match becomes a crucial stepping stone as these dedicated athletes strive through Regionals and Sectionals, aiming for the ultimate goal – the State tournament in Madison. The Tomahawk community eagerly supports its wrestling team as they embark on this exciting journey towards success.”

Gainers of the Month



The Hatchet Weightlifting Club last week announced that Bella Marino (left) and Drew Tollefson (right) had been named its January Gainers of the Month. Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig

Fishing Report: Freezing nights have saved ice

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – This season just continues to surprise us. Earlier this month, we saw temps in the mid 40s and sunshine. It felt like April out there! It was truly amazing to be out in the beginning of February, lathering on the sunblock and wearing no jacket. It continued to get below freezing at night as we headed into last week, which prevented us from losing much in the way of ice depth ahead of last week’s warmer temps.

We’re seeing from six to 12 inches of ice on most lakes, but again, the unusual season has led to some

iffy ice in areas. Caution is the name of the game this year. We don’t expect this next week to end the season by any means, but it’ll make it sloppy and slippery.

The walleye fishing has been okay but not great, with varying reports from throughout the area. Walleye are also hitting during the daytime, especially if you fish deeper. On some lakes, people are getting walleye by jigging in deeper water with some jigs like Swedish Pimples tipped with crappie minnow heads only.

The northern fishing has been great, with these fish

hitting in the usual weeds. The key to finding them is to look for good, healthy green weeds where the panfish are. Larger shiners work best for the northerners, set right on the tops of the weeds. One hint if the fishing is slow is to put two shiners on your trebles pointed in opposite directions – this makes them struggle against each other and creates more attraction as they struggle.

Panfish action has been very good, with crappies heading the action. These fish have been hitting very well in deeper water, with lakes producing in the

holes and sometimes on the mud flats in deeper water. All you need is a jigging rod with small vertical jigs and a waxie, although some anglers are also getting fish with tip-downs tipped with crappie minnows. Bluegills are hitting in the weeds. Spikes or waxies are the best baits for these fish. Perch have been hitting sporadically in the deeper weeds also.

We’ve only got about a month left of the game fishing season. Get out there and enjoy this unusual year – let’s hope it’s a one-and-done for all of our lifetimes! Good luck and good fishin’!

Ten-plus TMS grapplers earn wins at Wisconsin Rapids scramble

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) wrestling team traveled to Wisconsin Rapids on Tuesday, Feb. 6 to take part in a six-team scramble.

Joining Tomahawk were Wisconsin Rapids, D.C. Everest, John Muir White, John Muir Blue and Auburndale. No team scores were kept.

Hatchets winning at least one match were Hudson Evans, Dawson Jones, Colton McMeekin, Aiden Cruz, Noah Williamson, Tyler Waller, Lillian Taves, Charlee Lund, Brantley Budzynski, RJ Guzman and Brayden Nowak

This week’s action

The middle school grapplers were scheduled to host the Tomahawk Scramble on Monday, Feb. 12.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Feb. 4	55	22
Monday, Feb. 5	48	23
Tuesday, Feb. 6	50	31
Wednesday, Feb. 7	45	35
Thursday, Feb. 8	53	32
Friday, Feb. 9	33	19
Saturday, Feb. 10	27	17

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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 169

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 168 question: Mike Olson repeated as Lumberjack Conference scoring champion in the 1975-76 basketball season with 267 points in the conference. Overall, he scored 967 points, breaking the record of 718 held by whom: Mac Winker, Bevo Pearce or Tom Higgins?

Week 168 answer: Mike Olson broke the conference scoring record held by Mac Winker.

Congrats to Don Stelter for being the first to answer last week’s question!

Week 169 question: Who did THS defeat by one point at the 1976 boys’ cross country sectionals: Unity, Nekoosa or Neillsville?

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.



Mink stole

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). Vince Lombardi surprised Packers players’ wives with mink stoles after the team won the 1961 NFL Championship. If the player was not married, the stole was presented to the athlete’s mother. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader. Photo by Kris Leonhardt