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Two rescued after breaking through ice on Willow Reservoir

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WILLOW RESERVOIR – Two people were rescued after breaking through the ice on the Willow Reservoir last week.

According to a post on the Little Rice Fire Department’s Facebook page, on Thursday, March 7, two adults were ice fishing on the Willow Reservoir when they broke through the ice and were unable to get back to solid ice.

The water was 32°, according to the post.

Personnel from the Little Rice Fire Department, the Oneida County Sheriff’s Department, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Oneida County Dive Team, the Minocqua Fire Department, the Newbold Fire Department, Oneida County Medic 4, Lincoln County Medic E-25, Aspirus MedEvac Helicopter, GLIWC DNR, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Cassian Fire Department and the Oneida County Dispatch Center, as well as several private citizens, were involved retrieving the individuals from the ice.

A UPS driver discovered the individuals in the ice and called for help, the post said, noting that the individuals were transported to a local hospital for treatment and were in “pretty good condition.”

“We truly appreciate everyone’s help and cooperation during the rescue,” the post stated.

In a Friday, March 8 post, the department said the individuals wanted to express their “heartfelt gratitude and thanks for saving their lives.”

“They honestly did not think they were going to survive,” the post stated. “So to all involved yesterday, blessings.”



Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office announces passing of K9 Poncho

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office last week announced that K9 Poncho passed away.

A Thursday, March 7 post on the Sheriff’s Office’s Facebook page said Poncho died of natural causes peacefully in his sleep early in the morning on Tuesday, March 5, the day after completing what would be his final shift.

K9 Poncho had six shifts remaining before his retirement on Friday, March 15.

“K9 Poncho was a 10-year-old German Shepherd born in Hungary and trained at Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Ind.,” the Sheriff’s Office said. “He was certified in narcotics detection, officer protection, building searches, human tracking and criminal apprehension.”

K9 Poncho began serving Lincoln County in 2017, during which time, the Sheriff’s Office said he proved to be a valuable asset in the Patrol Division, as well as on the Special Response (SWAT) Team and as a community relations ambassador.

“He will be greatly missed and not easily replaced,” the Sheriff’s Office stated. “We ask that you please keep K9 Poncho, his handler Deputy Prahel and the Prahel family, with whom Poncho lived, in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Poncho, for your loyalty and dedicated service to us and to the Lincoln County community. May you rest in peace and continue to watch over and protect us.”

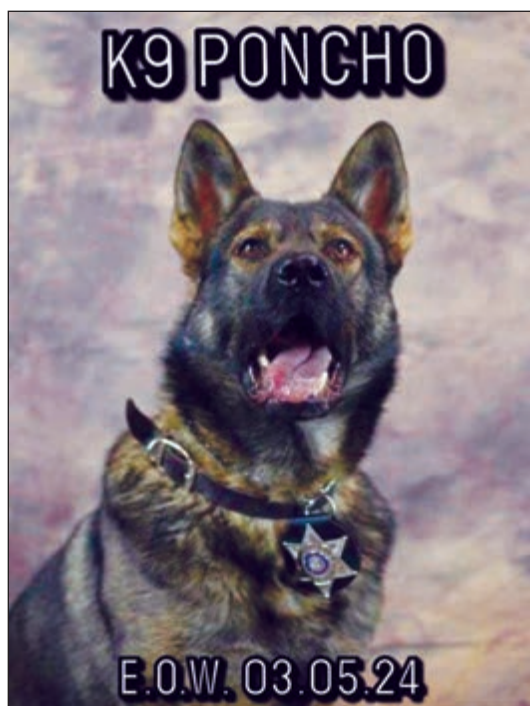


Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office



The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce held its annual Taste of Tomahawk at Inshalla Country Club on Saturday, March 2. “As with many other events, this year was a challenge, as the weather had a major impact on the event’s success,” the Chamber said. “Ticket sales may have been lower than normal, but the crowd and vendors had a great time.” The Chamber noted that many in attendance partook in the theme of “Stars and Stripes,” including two individuals who won the title of “Best Dressed.”



As in years past, vendors took part in friendly “Best Of” competitions. Best of Beer went to Rhinelander Brewing Company for the third year in a row, Three Lakes Winery earned Best of Wine and Castaways Bar and Grill won Best of Food.

Photos courtesy of the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce

THS students take part in Nicolet College High School Competition Day

John Groat awarded Foundation scholarship

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – More than 200 area students took part in the Nicolet College High School Competition Day earlier this month.

Students from 12 Northwoods high schools – Tomahawk, Goodman, Elcho, Lakeland Union, Laona, Mercer, Northland Pines, Rhineland, School of Options and Applied Research (SOAR), Three Lakes and Wabeno – were invited to the Rhineland college's campus for the day-long event on Friday, March 1.

A release from Nicolet said students went head-to-head in 15 different areas in their program of choice, ranging from culinary to ceramics to cosmetology, and everything in between.

“The event was an opportunity for students to visit the Nicolet College campus and enjoy a day of fun competition,” Nicolet stated. “Winners were awarded prizes and bragging rights. In addition, four students won scholarships from the Nicolet College Foundation.”

Tomahawk High School (THS)'s John Groat was among the four area students to be awarded a Foundation scholarship.

THS students that took first place were Rachael Reilly, Cosmetology: Beauty Behind the Madness; Caleb VanDeWeerd, Montgomery Famke and Lydia Ziert, Public Safety Challenge; Samuel Kurth and Samuel Nelson, Build a Website; Kael Oates, Liberal Arts – Flash Fiction; and Brett Borchardt, Individual Welding Competition.

Second-place finishers from THS were Kinsley Lange, Abigail Henriksen, Cedar Hoffman and Mathian Vojcik, Business Jeopardy; Dane Schoenenberger and Grant Albrecht, Crime Scene Investigation; John Groat and Damian Ramirez Gonzales, Build a Website; Adalai Gedde and Ella Hilgendorf, Liberal Arts – Physiology and Biology Challenge; and Brett Borchardt and Nathan Kurth, Team Welding Competition.

“Congratulations to all the students who represented Tomahawk in the various competitions,” said THS Technology Education Instructor Brian Schiltz.



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News Briefs

Reapportionment Informational Public Meetings

The School District of Tomahawk Apportionment Committee will hold Informational Public Meetings in an effort to provide information on the possible reapportionment of school board representation. The meetings will be held in the District Meeting Room (Room 298), directly across from the district office, today (Wednesday, March 13) at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to use the auditorium/pool/fieldhouse entrance (Door #6). Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about why reapportionment is being considered, as well as the options the committee is currently considering.

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Application deadlines for federal disaster loan program extended

Businesses impacted by mild winter encouraged to seek assistance

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – Governor Tony Evers and U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) last week announced that application deadlines for Wisconsin businesses to apply for a federal disaster loan program have been extended.

The loans are offered through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program and are available to eligible businesses that have suffered losses due to this year's unusually mild winter, which lacked Wisconsin's typical snowfall in many areas of the state.

After previously having application deadlines in May, a Wednesday, July 31 deadline is now set for Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida, Marathon, Price, Taylor and Vilas counties. Other counties throughout the state have also had deadlines extended to this date.

"We're continuing to work with Senator Baldwin and our federal partners to ensure Wisconsin businesses have every opportunity available to apply for federal relief for the economic hardship caused by this year's warm winter and lack of snow," Evers stated. "We're encouraging eligible folks to apply as we continue to monitor this process and identify additional ways to make sure this support is available for folks across our state."

"Anyone who's spent time in Wisconsin knows that the cold and snow are essential to our economy – especially in our northern communities," Baldwin said. "This year's lack of snowfall has been a major blow to many of our Wisconsin businesses, and I'm working alongside Governor Evers to make sure that impacted businesses can get the federal support they need to keep their

doors after this challenging winter."

Businesses may submit applications and find additional disaster assistance information at <https://lending.sba.gov>.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech-related disability may dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Rd., Fort Worth, Tex., 76155.

Applicants may also contact the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) with their EIDL-related questions at EIDLInquiries@wedc.org.



Photo courtesy of Christina Schultz

Tomahawk Cub Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby, Cake Bake Off

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk's Cub Scout Pack 548 held its annual Pinewood Derby races and Blue and Gold Cake Bake Off last month.

A total of 28 cars participated on Saturday, Feb. 24, including scouts, siblings and family members, and 19 scouts and siblings worked with male role models to bake and decorate cakes for the Bake Off.

The three fastest cars this year were made by

Max Heier, Jonah Raith and Theo Heier, respectively.

Kid-voted car awards were presented to Ty Ahles (Best Paint Job), Theo Heier (Most Original), Nathan Schultz (Most Patriotic) and Knox Ahles (Best Scout Theme).

VFW Post 2687 representatives voted for Best in Show Car, which was awarded to Theo Heier.

Kid-voted cake awards were presented to Lukas Schultz (Best Scout Theme), Ty Ahles (Most Original), Luke Maule

(Tallest), Nathan Schultz (Most Patriotic) and Theo Heier (Most Colorful).

VFW representatives also voted for Best in Show Cake, which was awarded to Rowan Calkins.

"Thanks to Tomahawk Elementary School for letting us hold our event, VFW for being our charter organization and being our special judges for the day and to all the parents and grandparents that made this such a special day for our scout families," said Pack 548 Secretary Christina Schultz.

NEWS BRIEFS

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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.

Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, March 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. A Red Cross ID or photo ID is required.

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OBITUARIES



Joseph "Dilly" E. Pickett, age 73, of Tomahawk, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital.

Joe was born in Tomahawk on June 7, 1950, to the late Peter and Gianetta (Bebeau) Pickett. He was married to Joan Stevenson on April 18, 1979; she survives.

Joe was a 1968 graduate of Tomahawk High School. After high school, he entered the workforce where he began employment at the telephone company and worked in construction for some time.

A celebration of life gathering will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024, at Veterans Memorial Park. Time will be announced. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

Alta "Elaine" Lee, age 88, passed away peacefully at home of her daughter and son in law in Weston, Wis. Elaine was born on July 16, 1935 in Herrin, Ill., the daughter of William and Melissa Reese.

Elaine loved traveling and fishing. She is survived by her daughter Leslie (Doug) Fuit and by two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and was preceded in death by her husband Jack, her parents William and Melissa Reese and son Mark Lee.

Elaine's family would like to thank Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services for their compassionate care. Online condolences may be shared at www.nimsgernfuneral.com.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is serving the family.



Melvin A. Hartwig Jr., age 75, of Elyria, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. Melvin was born in Tomahawk on Dec. 8, 1948, to the late Melvin and Alice (Cloe) Hartwig.

He attended Tomahawk High School. After high school, Melvin joined the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam as a driver in the 534th transportation company receiving two Purple Hearts. He was married to RoseMary Graham on April 24, 1971; she passed away in 2022.

Melvin is survived by his sister, Burna Martin; and his brothers, Chris Hartwig and Rick Hartwig. He is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his brothers, Ronnie and David; and his sister, Donna Schoerner.

Funeral services, with Military Honors, were held in Ohio. Burial took place at Ridge Hill Memorial Park. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com.



Gerald "Sonny" T. Ruiter, age 83, of Tripoli, Wis., entered his heavenly home on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at home under the care of his loving family and Compassus Hospice.

Sonny was a 1958 graduate of Port Edwards High School. He later worked for Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools retiring after 34 years in 1998. After retirement, Sonny and Judy moved to the Northwoods where they enjoyed living by the lake.

Survivors include his wife of over 63 years, Judith Ruiter, of Tripoli; his son, Chris (Dawn) Ruiter, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; his daughter, Molly (Paul) Lehman, of Tripoli, Wis.; his grandchildren, Rachel (Spencer) Bean, Matthew Ruiter, and Samuel, Zachary, and Halle Lehman; his great-grandchildren, Blakely Bean and Kashton Ruiter; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia and Dave Kulhanek; and his sisters-in-law, Nancy Van Dreel and Judith Van Dreel.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Gladys; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jerome and Henrietta Van Dreel; his sisters, Mary Ann Baiert and Dorothy Roth; and his brothers-in-law, Ray Roth, Gene Baiert, David Van Dreel, and Donavon Van Dreel.

Memorial services for Gerald "Sonny" Ruiter will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2023, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Tripoli. Father Louis Maram Reddy will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

TMS Forensics team hosts Level 2 competition to end season

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - The Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) Forensics team finished its season at the Level 2 competition in Tomahawk on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Receiving Merit Award Red Ribbons were Vallyn O. and Jordy K., Playacting; and Jackie W., News Reporting.

Receiving Excellence Award Blue Ribbons were Uriyah M. and Rook M., Reader's Theater; Marley D., Avi K., Avery S. and Victoria T., Reader's Theater; Abbi D., Ruby F., Skye S. and Tilly V., Reader's Theater; Jaylynn W. and Alexa W., Reader's Theater; Molli F. and Mya L., Reader's Theater; Eadlyn D-A, Kindra K. and Nyla K., Playacting; Kortney B. and Iv H., Playacting; and Henry N. and Tripp T., Reader's Theater.

"The entire team did fabulous, and we are so proud of their performances and growth throughout the season," said coach Shirley Derleth. "Congratulations to all!"

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Over the last couple of weeks we have been looking at the idea that God wants us, not religious activities. Last week we looked at the idea that if God has us, we would follow Him. But then, if we are to follow Him, we also need to know Him.

Most people who attend church know John 3:16 and its message that God gave to us His Son, Jesus Christ, so we could have eternal life if we would believe in Him. But what is this eternal life that God gives to those who believe in His Son? Jesus said in John 17:3 that eternal life is to know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He had sent.

In 1 John 5:21, we are told the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Why don't people know God? The Bible says it is because we generally do not want to obey what we already know He says. Most unbelief is a refusal to yield to God as the one who has the right to tell us what is right and hold us accountable to what He has said (Romans 1:18-32).

To believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is to accept Him for what the Bible tells us about Him; that He is the Creator who had stepped into human history as one of us (John 1:1-3) for the purpose of bearing the punishment for our sins so God could be just when He forgives the sinner who believes (Romans 3:21-26). Then Jesus rose again from the dead, proving Himself to be the Son of God (Romans 1:4), and lives forever to guarantee that forgiveness (Romans 8:33,34, Hebrews 7:24,25). It is only through Jesus that we can have a personal relationship with God (John 3:16).

In the Old Testament, during a time that Israel had turned away from God and put its focus on material wealth and might, God confronted Israel concerning her misplaced priorities. In Jeremiah 9:23-24 God tells Israel, Thus says the LORD, Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches: but let him that boasts, boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says the LORD. This, God says, is what matters in life.

The Bible says the most important thing is to know God as He has defined Himself for us in the Bible. But then, as Romans 1:21-23 tells us, most people do not know God because they do not want to obey what they already know He says. We can only know God as we obey what He has said (John 14:21-23).

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KCHC's annual St. Urho's, St. Patrick's Day celebration slated for this weekend

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

BRANTWOOD – The Knox Creek Heritage Center (KCHC) will host its St. Urho and St. Patrick's Day celebration this weekend.

KCHC was founded in 1995 and is "dedicated to preserving the heritage of the pioneers that settled these great Northwoods," according to the organization.

The Heritage Center site, located at N4517 W. Knox Rd., Brantwood, features nine buildings and artifacts representing several ethnic groups in southeastern Price County. Antique logging, farming and blacksmith equipment, school and church memorabilia, photos, documents and more pieces of history dating back as far as the late 1800s are displayed at the Heritage Center.

The St. Urho and St. Patrick's Day celebration, one of KCHC's four annual fundraisers, will be held at the Brantwood Community Center, located at the inter-

section of U.S. Hwy. 8 and County Rd. D north, Brantwood, on Saturday, March 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

An international soup buffet, homemade Finnish bread, mint ice cream, chocolate chip cookies and beverages will be served, and bread will be available for purchase.

KCHC President Kevin Wollemann said the organization will also host its annual meeting during the celebration. The election of officers and a review of KCHC's financials and upcoming projects will take place.

Wollemann noted that the organization will also be soliciting volunteers and compiling a list of volunteers to help with some of the slated projects.

"We look forward to seeing you all to spend some time with good company," Wollemann stated.

For more information about KCHC, visit www.facebook.com/knox-creekheritagecenter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You to Lincoln County Board and Departments

First of all, I appreciate all the resources that are available through our county government.

When we mention losing some of our county services, many say: "I don't use all that stuff." Take a look at the platbook, page 4, titled Government Directory. Ever need an ambulance, check on a certified survey, death certificate or veteran benefits? Thank you for continuing to keep as many services as you can but remaining within county budget. Yes, county budget.

I look at my property tax bill and notice the middle section that details what each jurisdiction receives. On one of my tax bills, Lincoln County receives \$819.84 for 2023. I am a resident of Lincoln County, vote in Lincoln County, elect a representative to County Board, and receive the many services provided. Lincoln County property owners may not reside here full time but they pay county taxes just the same as me.

Presently, Wisconsin counties are trying to attract tourists and population growth. Lincoln County just approved dollars to the "Uniquely Wisconsin" campaign, a chatbox and "Welcome to Lincoln County" signage and media. These steps are promoting economic growth and small business in the county. Hopefully, it will bring more residents and increase our tax base; thereby, lowering our county tax so it is comparable to surrounding counties.

When I needed to find information for Lincoln county issues that concerned me, I was able to go online to view meeting minutes, watch videos of the meetings and yes, even attend virtually. Some say, "I don't have a computer or have access to the internet." The library in both Merrill and Tomahawk has the capability. Oh yes, the county also supports our libraries. Did you know that? Also, I am told that one can use their telephone to listen to these meetings or attend in person with close-caption screen available.

Further, I want to say you have my gratitude for allowing and listening to hours of public comment, studying and researching an issue and attending meetings. I would not seek these positions to make \$70.00 a county board meeting and \$35.00 a committee meeting. I think if one is on as many committees as possible, he earns about \$3,000.00 a year; it's not for me but I'm glad that some are serving.

Please continue your efforts to always looking out for Lincoln County and accepting the majority vote.

Leona Vander Sanden
Lincoln County resident for over 70 years
Gleason

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Crossing Continuums

Dear Reader,

A fact of life is that as soon as we are born, we begin the brief or lengthy process of dying. No time is a "just right" time for death because of the many complex variables of living starting with the humanity around us.

I once knew a number of people who ran life in the fast lane. They ran hard. They accomplished a lot. And then boom! It was over, just like that. A heart attack. Cancer. Here and then gone in a few minutes, or a few weeks or months. If it wasn't immediately, it would be one sort of problem that cascades into another and then another. No one expects it. Fate steps boldly and dispassionately in; Fate is deaf to any brand of supplication. Prayers generally ameliorate yet don't affect the outcome.

Each believed that they had so much more to do, so much more of life ahead of them. Not so. Sadness and disappointment barged in because there was so much more to do (or so they thought). And yet these untimely, hard stops were meant to be, for reasons no one has ever explained well. The hills ahead and the mountains behind falsely summoned – not knowing that the climbing can, as in so many cases, abruptly end. And then we are left with a legacy of what we have done with others remaining to witness and judge.

Perhaps it doesn't have to be what I've described above. We can make short-term plans for the foreseeable trails ahead. We can make the long plans, that may or may not happen, with low expectations. In a way, our past accomplishments are banked as a foundational legacy. The hopes and dreams which hopefully materialize beyond that can be icing on the cake if they are realized.

Being ready for the inevitable crossing over to the continuum of spiritual infinity makes us feel confident in what was done in our wake. The present and future are bonus deeds we garner as we try to live as beings with purpose – the noble purpose of doing good before departing, secure in the knowledge that what we left in the continuum of physical finitude has made it a better place.



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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE

In 'Training Day,' Denzel Washington is at the peak of his powers

BY JALEN MAKI

Many actors have a role that is synonymous with their name. No conversation about Marlon Brando is complete without mentioning his performance as Don Corleone in *The Godfather*; the first character that comes to mind when discussing Carrie Fisher is *Star Wars'* Princess Leia Organa; and just about anyone who can fog a mirror can tell you that in *The Silence of the Lambs*, Dr. Hannibal Lecter was played by the one and only Sir Anthony Hopkins.

The great Denzel Washington's got a few of these characters, and one of them, indisputably, is Alonzo Harris in *Training Day*, Antoine Fuqua's 2001 crime thriller. In the film, Washington delivers a singularly electric performance that earned him his second Academy Award, with his first being for the



1989 Civil War flick *Glory*.

We'll circle back Denzel in a minute, but first, the setup: *Training Day* focuses on Los Angeles narcotics officer Jake Hoyt (Ethan Hawke). Jake's got integrity, and he's looking to use a potential promotion do some good on the streets of his home city. Enter Alonzo (Washington), the narcotics detective Jake's

assigned to ride along with for a day of training – a training day, if you will. Alonzo's tasked with showing Jake the ropes and seeing if Jake's got what it takes to join his elite narco unit.

Jake and Alonzo don't exactly start out their day together on the right foot. When the two first meet up at a diner, Jake immediately annoys Alonzo by repeatedly trying to make conversation while Alonzo's reading the morning paper. In the context of the events that follow, it's funny to imagine that this is the specific moment Alonzo decides to make this the worst day of Jake's existence. "Here I am, minding my own business, just trying to see how the Dodgers did yesterday, and this dude won't shut up. You know what? Screw it. I am going to completely destroy this man's life today."

The two leave the diner,

jump in Alonzo's absolutely sick Monte Carlo, and proceed to cruise around L.A. in search of drug-related crime. What follows is Alonzo putting Jake through series of events that range from making him mildly uncomfortable to completely shaking him to his core. On top of this, Jake learns that Alonzo is corrupt, as are the other cops in Alonzo's unit, and Jake's put in what could be described as a tough spot: either join Alonzo's unit and take part in its Not Above-Board At All tactics, or die. Talk about a rock and a hard place, eh? But, as previously mentioned, Jake's an honest, upstanding cop, and he's not about to just passively accept this ultimatum. Later that night, after narrowly escaping a dangerous situation in which Alonzo purposely left him hanging out to dry, Jake decides he's had enough, and

it all comes to a head in the form of a showdown between Jake and Alonzo (and some neighborhood bystanders). In the scene, Denzel throws nothing but straight gas, just 101-mile-per-hour heaters for several sustained minutes. It is a marvel to watch, and it culminates with Denzel, the legend that he is, ad-libbing a line so incredibly awesome that it should be etched into his tombstone someday.

A quick side note: Sometimes, when I'm having a rough go of it, I say to myself, "Hey – at least I'm not Ethan Hawke in *Training Day*." For my money, no one in the history of film has gone through the ringer, at least in a professional capacity, quite like Hawke's character does. I won't spoil any specific details about the numerous harrowing ordeals this dude endures, but folks, I can tell you that they're bad, and

also not good! The movie really puts into perspective how some work problems – a pen out of ink, a jammed printer, how Dennis in Accounting always microwaves leftover fish in the break room, etc. – might not be so horrible in the grand scheme of things.

Now, back to Denzel. As Alonzo, he is pure swagger, and from start to finish, he exudes confidence at a level maybe never matched in the history of film. Alonzo is unsettlingly intense at times, yet somehow also charming. He's also unbelievably charismatic and the kind of person you'd desperately want to think you're cool. Yet beneath it all, there's a deeper sense of danger and unpredictability that makes you want to run in the opposite direction as fast as you can. Denzel's skill in fusing his magnetic, larger-than-life presence with mysterious internal darkness and disquieting menace is second-to-none, and he's never done it better than in *Training Day*.

I gotta say, we're pretty lucky to have a guy like Denzel Washington. He's knocked out a movie every few years since the late '80s, and most of the time, they've been good, if not great. He's never phoned in a performance, and more than once he's turned in the best work in a given year, even if he doesn't have an Oscar on his mantle to prove it (it is objectively insane that he was snubbed for 1992's *Malcolm X*). Denzel's tackled a variety of characters over the years – a cop, a high school football coach, a journalist, a lawyer, a pilot, a Navy officer, and a boxer, to name a few – and he's brought his trademark cool steadiness to each role. But it's in *Training Day* that we see Denzel at the peak of his powers, identifying the myriad qualities that make him one of the best actors of the last 35 years and cranking them to 11. He's proved time and time again that he's one of the greats, and not only can he go toe-to-toe with any actor, he can blow them off the screen anytime he wants to. He's an absolute titan of cinema. Simply put, no one – not even King Kong – has got anything on Denzel Washington.

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GIRL SCOUT WEEK 2024

Cookie season underway; local troops highlight activities

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – With 2024’s Girl Scout Week underway, local troops are sharing information about the week and the 2024 cookie season, as well as highlighting the variety of activities Tomahawk-area Scouts take part in each year.

Girl Scout Week

This year’s Girl Scout Week started on Sunday, March 10 and will run through Saturday, March 16. Throughout the week, Scouts will take part in a variety of activities, including giving special gifts and community service.

Scouts around the country also celebrated the organization’s 112th birthday this week.

“Girl Scouts’ birthday, March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization’s first 18 members in Savannah, Ga.,” the Girl Scouts website says. “Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts’ birthday, March 12.”

Cookie season

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSNWGL)’s cookie season is currently underway.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program, the annual event in which Girl Scouts unbox their futures through the world’s largest entrepreneurial program for girls, is slated to run through Sunday, March 31.

A release from GSNWGL said Girl Scouts will earn funds to fuel outdoor experiences, STEM and beyond.

“During this highly-anticipated time of year, Girl Scouts flex their entrepreneurial muscles and acquire essential life skills like goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics,” GSNWGL stated. “All net proceeds from cookie sales stay local to power incredible Girl Scout experiences year-round.”

GSNWGL said this year’s theme, “Unbox the Future,” aims to remove social barriers that often keep girls boxed in.

“When bold, goal-getting Girl Scouts sell a package of cookies, they do much more than what’s seen at face value,” GSNWGL said. “Girl Scouts are entrepreneurial powerhouses, creating a more equitable future for themselves and the world. Supporting the Girl Scout Cookie Program provides invaluable experiences for members, such as service projects, troop travel, and summer camp.”

Individuals can now support their local Girl Scout entrepreneurs by ordering from an assortment of Girl Scout Cookies, including fan favorites such as Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Sandwich and more.

“Through the power of these iconic cookies, we empower our Girl Scouts to



Tomahawk-area Girl Scouts participate in a variety of activities each year. In Sept. 2023, Senior Scouts, along with Juniors and Brownies, took part in archery and paddle boarding SARA Park.



Photos courtesy of Kay Kissing Wolf



Each year, local Scouts take part in Applefest at Camp Birch Trails in Irma. As part of the annual community service project, Scouts make apple pies and deliver them to local senior living facilities and residents.

dream big and build confidence while learning invaluable life skills,” said Patti Shafto-Carlson, CEO of GSNWGL. “This program not only delivers favorite treats, but also fosters a sense of community and instills the importance of goal setting, money management and so much more. Together, we are shaping the future leaders of tomorrow, one cookie at a time.”

To purchase cookies, contact a registered Girl Scout or visit www.tinyurl.com/2wcj36nb.

For information about becoming a Girl Scout or a volunteer, visit www.girlscouts.org/join.



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The Town of Cassian is accepting sealed bids for the paving of approximately 1.35 miles of road, from approximately 100ft east of intersection by Cranberry Rd to 10047 Rocky Run Rd/Harshaw Gun Club.

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Aspirus, Raise Your Voice, RISEUP collaborating on art-focused youth mental health initiative

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WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health, Raise Your Voice and RISEUP Central Wisconsin are collaborating on an art-focused youth mental health initiative.

In a release, Aspirus said youth mental health is a “critical issue that often goes unaddressed or stigmatized, despite its prevalence and impact on individuals and communities.”

“We can see that anxiety and depression have spiked since the advent of cell phones and social media,” said Richard Satter-



Satterwaite Photo courtesy of Aspirus

waite, LPC, Aspirus Clinical Therapist. “Now you throw in a couple years of COVID, and it’s pro-

duced a group of people that don’t do well in social situations.”

Recognizing the ur-

gency of this issue, Raise Your Voice and RISEUP Central Wisconsin are collaborating to empower youth and provide them with avenues for expression and support. Aspirus said it has a relationship with both organizations and aims to capitalize on a collaborative approach to help address a growing issue.

“We’re leveraging the power of art to facilitate healing and dialogue around mental health by creating a mural about mental health,” said Tara Draeger, Aspirus System Community Health and Health Equity Director.

As part of this initiative, workshops are being organized to give students from local high schools

a platform to share their experiences and emotions through art. Aspirus said these workshops “serve as safe spaces where participants can explore their feelings, struggles and hopes, while professional artists help them translate those experiences into visual representations.”

“The resulting murals will not only serve as tangible symbols of resilience and solidarity, but also spark conversations and raise awareness about youth mental health within the community,” Aspirus stated. “By amplifying the voices of young people and promoting understanding, the initiative aims to break down barriers, reduce stigma and foster a culture of support

and acceptance.” “I believe the answer to the problems in our world lies within our youth,” said Allie Libby, Merrill High School Associate Principal. “Hopefully, the experiences from this program will have a positive effect in the communities of these students.”

“The collaboration between Raise Your Voice, RISEUP Central Wisconsin, and Aspirus represents a step towards addressing youth mental health,” Aspirus said. “By harnessing the power of art and providing safe spaces for expression, these initiatives are sparking essential conversations and fostering resilience within our communities.”

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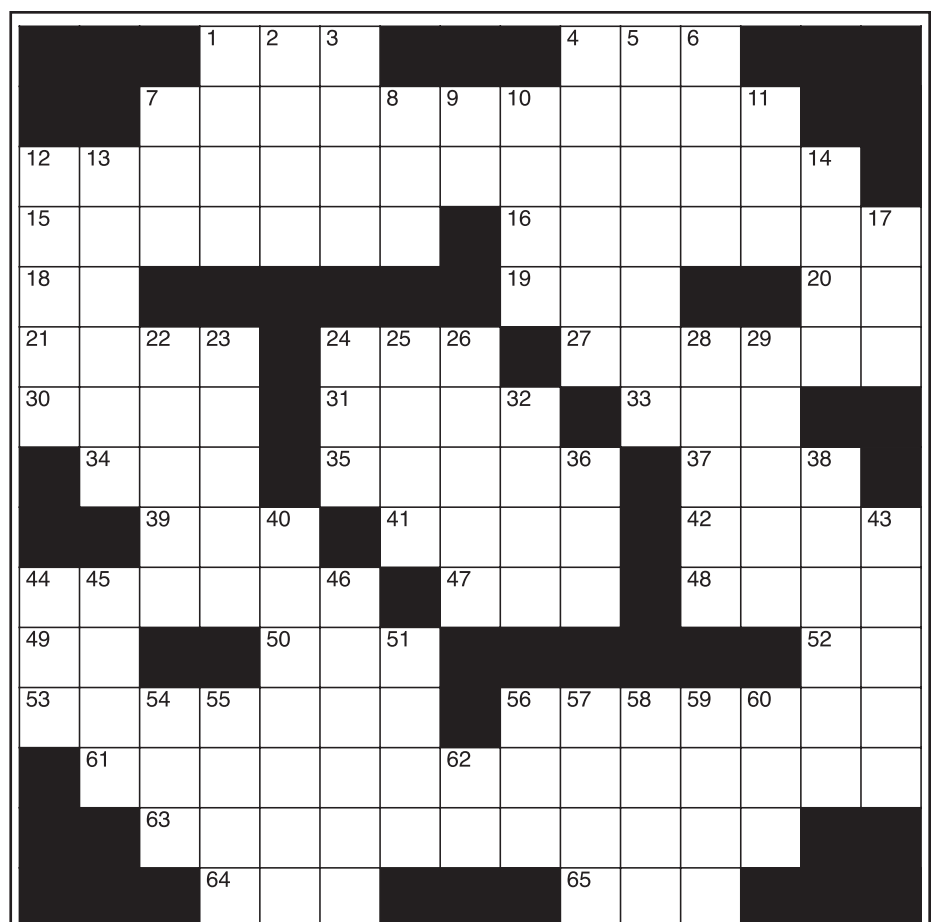
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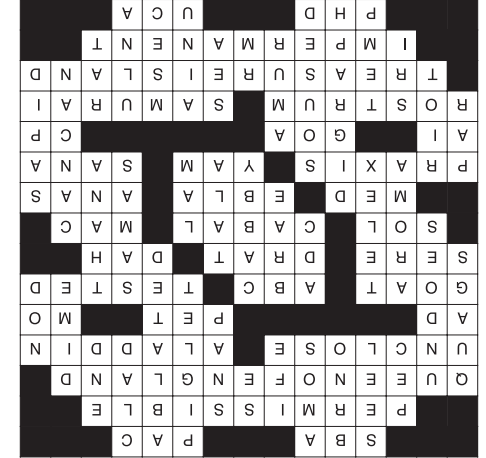
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- TV network
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- Scent
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- Taxi driver

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- Two letters, one sound
- Having a strong, pleasant taste
- Golf score
- Mayhem
- Drenched
- River in northeastern Asia
- Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- Part-time employee
- A very large body of water
- Aboriginal people of Japan
- Teletypewriter
- Forearm bone
- Subway dweller
- Royal Mail



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Leader Sports & Nature

2023-24 winter sports, activities summary: Part one

BY BOB SKUBAL
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HISTORIAN, AUTHOR
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TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK – Before I summarize the 2023-24 winter sports, I would like to recognize some special achievements at THS.

First, it was reported that Scout Stromberg will be playing college hockey at Concordia. Best wishes to her as she goes on to compete at the next level.

Next, Trey Morrison, Alex Clifford, Arawen Alberg, Xan Sutton, Murphy Koth, Bella Marino, Robin Schmidt and Maddy Baumann were selected to sing in the 74th Annual Dorian Vocal Festival in Iowa.

Ella Uelman will be taking part in the 2024 Senate Scholar Program in Madison.

FBLA

Four Tomahawk High School (THS) students participated in the 2024 Future Business Leaders of America Regional Leadership Conference. They worked on remote objective tasks on various business concepts. Placing first was Ryan Larson, who worked on organizational leadership. Elizabeth Lee was second in personal finance, while Sadie Liebelt and Emerson Lange were fourth in sports and entertainment management. Both Ryan Larson and Elizabeth Lee qualified to compete in the FBLA Leadership Conference on Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9 in Green Bay. Congratulations to the aforementioned students on their present and future success.

Tomahawk Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), coached by Connor Ahrens, had their varsity team qualify and compete at Edgewood College in Madison at the State LifeSmarts Competition.

Team members of Emerson Lange, Sadie Liebelt, Elizabeth Lee, Scarlet McKenzie and Galen Schmidt placed fifth as a team.

THS Forensics

All 23 members of the THS Forensics team advanced to district competition to be held in Tomahawk on Saturday, March 16. The team, coached by Michele Balda, Nancy Herbison and Shirley Derleth, is competing in the following categories: Alexandra Schertz, Farrago; Arawen Alberg, Izzy Lee, Trey Morrison, Murphy Koth and Xan Sutton, Group Interpretive Reading; Aubrey Graeber, Mariah Sparbel and Kambyl Mattke, Group Interpretive Reading; Sadie Ruder, Payton Loka and Jayden Dellinger, Group Interpretive Reading; Sarah Kallerud, Delilah Sutton, Landon Plantenberg and Tamara Stenberg, Group Interpretive Reading; Cedar Hoffman, Poetry Reading, Phoebe Hrdina, Poetry Reading; Alena Cerkas, Prose Reading; Galen Schmidt, Prose Reading; Madeline Long, Prose Reading; Magdalene Lashua, Prose Reading; and Julia McGovern, Radio News Reporting.

Musical

The THS Drama Department performed the Broadway musical "Little Women" on Friday, March 8 through Sunday, 10. Makayla Zipp and Corey Colburn were Co-Directors, and Michele Balda was Assistant Director. Cast members were Murphy Koth, Arawen Alberg, Cedar Hoffman, Greta Kurth, Ella Hilgendorf, Bella Marino, Sadie Ruder, Xan Sutton, Landon Plantenberg, Galen Schmidt, Dorian Stefan, Ella Hilgendorf, Shyann Boos, Trey Morrison, Madeline Long, Julia McGovern and Scarlet McKenzie. Crew members were Cedar

Hoffman, Caroline Kle-smith, Autumn Baker, Shy-ann Boos, Finn Collburn, Ella Hilgendorf, Novalyne Jashinsky, Katelyn Kret-zachmar, Madeline Long, Julia McGovern, Scarlet McKenzie, Landon Plantenberg, AJ Schertz, Exxie Walbeck, Sudrey Sneed and Makayla Zipp.

Hockey

The first athletic activity I would like to summarize is hockey.

Hockey has been a sport at THS since the 1972-73 season, under the direction of Jim Sheridan. All home games back then were played outdoors at Pride Park and were dependent on the weather, unlike the present facilities at SARA Park. In the sports' 52-year history, the 2023-24 season, under the direction of head coach Dewey Reilly, assisted by Kole Woodall and Andrew Flynn, was the first co-conference title earned in boys' hockey for Tomahawk.

Team members were Trevor Seliskar, Caleb Dickens, Brody Hilgendorf, Austin Lames, Rex Reilly, Jonah Dickens, Brayden Lamer, Carson Childers, Caiden Reichelt, Scout Stromberg, Logan Seymour, Landyn Seymour, Sawyer Hanna, Patrick Samundsen, Mason Jaecks, Beau Stromberg, Alex Clifford, Rex Peritz, Michael Samundsen, Lorenzo Silenzi and Andrew Samundsen.

While Tomahawk earned 21 round robin conference points to 18 for Lakeland, Lakeland turned the tables on Tomahawk in conference tournament points, with 21 points to 18 for Tomahawk. This resulted in Tomahawk and Lakeland being co-conference champions with 39 points each.

This team had potential, and coach Reilly set up some solid nonconference competition to prepare the team for success at the end

of the season, knowing that early or mid-season losses would only make them stronger down the stretch. Going into the playoffs, Tomahawk was 15-8 overall, 7-0 in conference points competition and 2-1 in the conference points tournament. Wins in the conference were 11-4 over Rhinelander, 10-0 over Medford, 9-4 over Mosinee, 4-3 over Lakeland, 5-2 over Antigo, 7-1 over Eagle River and 4-2 over Waupaca. Lakeland was the lone conference loss 2-0. Nonconference wins were 9-0 over St. Paul Johnson, 14-2 over Merrill/Wausau East, 9-2 over Barron Co-Op, 11-2 over Medford, 5-2 over Mosinee, 10-0 over St. Point Pacelli, 6-1 over Oshkosh North and 4-1 over Ashland. Non-conference losses were 5-2 to Amery, 5-4 to Somerset, 5-4 to Mosinee in overtime, 5-1 to Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha/Shiocton, 5-3 to Superior, 3-0 to University School of Milwaukee, 4-3 to Marshfield in overtime and 2-0 to Lakeland.

All-Conference honors went to Jonah Dickens and Austin Lamer, 1st Team. Caleb Dickens, Logan Seymour, Sawyer Hanna, Brayden Lamer and Rex Reilly were honorable mention. Lamer was voted GNC Player of the Year.

Tournament action started with a 5-2 win over Rhinelander, a 3-0 win over Waupaca and an 8-2 victory over Mosinee on their way to the state tournament for the first time since 1991. At state, they would skate hard, but lose to defending state champions New Richmond, 8-4. This would end Tomahawk's record at 18-9 and tie with last season (18-6 under the direction of Chris Bembinster) for the most wins in a single season.

Athletes earning hat tricks or more during the season were Jonah Dickens

with four goals, and Austin Lamer had hat tricks vs. St. Paul Johnson, Merrill/Wausau East and Mosinee in the playoffs. Caleb Dickens had six goals against Rhinelander, and Jonah Dickens had four goals against Mosinee. Jonah Dickens and Caleb Dickens had hat tricks against Stevens Point Pacelli, and Caleb Dickens and Sawyer Hanna had hat tricks against Medford.

Boys' swimming

The second activity being reviewed is boys' swimming, under the direction of veteran coach Theresa L'Esperance.

Team members were Dane DeKiep, Zach Germano, Jack Amelse, Bruce Petz, Sam Zastrow, Trea Mattson and Toby Scott.

The program had a 7-4 dual meet record with wins over Antigo 74-62 and 84-54; Shawano/Seymour 84-39 and 80-64; and Medford 81-46, 83-46 and 68-63. Dual meet losses were to Rhinelander 92-42, 112-30 and 107-39; and Antigo 72-69. Tomahawk was fifth of five teams at the Wisconsin Rapids Invite and 10th of 12 teams at the Ashwaubenon Invite. Final conference dual meet standings were Rhinelander 4-0, Tomahawk 3-1, Antigo 2-2, Shawano/Seymour 1-3 and Medford 0-4. Rhinelander would once again win the conference tournament held at Antigo

with 372 points, followed by Tomahawk with 212, Antigo 204, Shawano/Seymour 181 and Medford 126. Final conference points were Rhinelander 20, Tomahawk 16, Antigo 12, Shawano/Seymour 8 and Medford 4.

All-Conference honors for Tomahawk were the 400 freestyle relay team of Sam Zastrow, Bruce Peetz, Trey Morrison and Dane DeKiep, 2nd team; the 200 medley relay team of Trey Morrison, Zach Germano, Dane DeKiep and Jack Amelse, 2nd team; Sam Zastrow, 2nd team 200 freestyle; Bruce Peetz, 2nd team, 500 freestyle; Zach Germano, 2nd team, 100 breaststroke; Trey Morrison, honorable mention, 100 backstroke; Sam Zastrow, honorable mention, 100 freestyle; and Dane DeKiep, honorable mention, 200 IM.

Sectionals at Ashwaubenon saw Tomahawk take 8th of 10 teams with 127 points, while Rhinelander was once again sectional champions with 389 points.

Zach Germano and Dane DeKiep qualified for state. Germano placed 15th in the 100-yd. breaststroke, while DeKiep placed 16th in the 100 yd.-backstroke.

Overall, the team did quite well under Coach L'Esperance's leadership.

Next week

Next week, we'll review the boys' and girls' wrestling and basketball seasons.

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.

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Ladies One-on-One Pool League

The Tomahawk Ladies One-on-One Pool League recently wrapped up its season. Maday's Fish Trap One took first place with 2,285 points, followed by Cockatiels (2,208), Holly's (1,827) and Maday's Fish Trap Two (1,711). Pictured, from left, are members of Maday's Fish Trap One: Penni Maday, Amy Steinbach, Chris Foster, Glady Salo and Tess Vehrs. Not pictured: Shawn Augustine.



The season's top five shooters were Shawn Augustine, Marie Rell, Chris Foster, Amy Steinbach and Pam Hatina. Pictured, from left, are Pam Hatina, Amy Steinbach, Chris Foster and Marie Rell. Not pictured: Shawn Augustine. **Photos courtesy of Misty Bergsrud**



Academic State Champions

The Tomahawk Hatchet hockey team was recently announced as the Academic State Champions for the 2023-24 season by the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association. The team's cumulative GPA was 3.87, which was noted as the second-highest GPA since the award has been presented. Coach Dewey Reilly said he is "very proud" of what the team has accomplished on the ice and in the classroom. "It has been a privilege to be a part of this team," Reilly stated. "A great group of student-athletes."



Team member Austin Lamer was selected as the Joe Piskula D2 Defenseman of the Year by Wisconsin Prep Hockey. **Photos courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk**

DNR encouraging property owners to make spongy moth treatment plans

BY BILL MCNEE
DNR FOREST HEALTH
SPECIALIST

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages property owners to examine their trees for spongy moth egg masses and determine whether control measures are needed this spring.

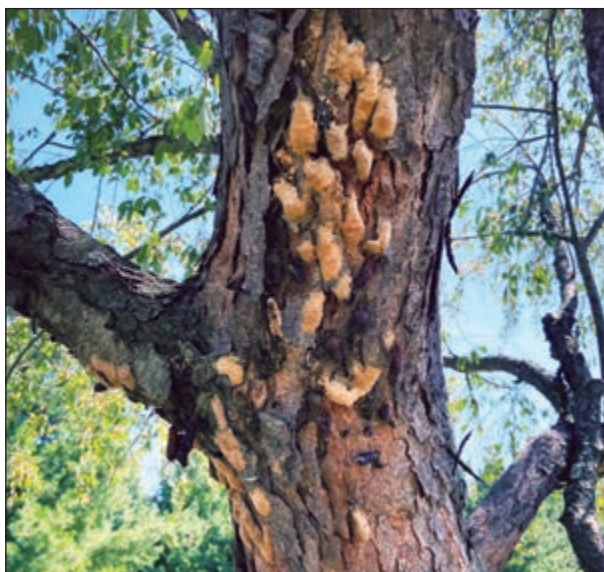
Spongy moths thrive in warm and dry weather. Even if weather conditions are more typical this spring and summer, the current spongy moth outbreak – which led to the defoliation of a state-record total of 375,000 acres of woodland last year – will likely continue and spread.

The pest is considered generally established across

most of Wisconsin, except the western third of the state. High spongy moth populations are most likely to be seen within parts of the quarantined area, but may be present in non-quarantined counties. Looking at egg mass numbers on a specific property is the best way to determine if there is a potential problem.

Property owners with oak, birch, crabapple, aspen, willow and linden (basswood) trees should be particularly watchful because the caterpillars of this invasive insect prefer these species. However, they will feed on many other kinds of trees and shrubs.

Spongy Moths
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Several egg masses cover a tree trunk at Peninsula State Park. Each egg mass can contain 300 or more eggs. Those caterpillars will emerge in early spring. **Photo by Bill McNee, Wisconsin DNR**

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 173

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

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

Week 172 question: Where did Bonnie Draeger run track after high school: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Superior or UW-La Crosse?

Week 172 answer: Bonnie Draeger ran track at UW-La Crosse.

Congrats to Bonita Kahn for being the first to answer last week's question!

Week 173 question: Where did Ed Schmit play hockey after high school: UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point or UW-La Crosse?

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SPONGY MOTHS
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To know whether spongy moths are on your property, look for their egg masses. They are tan-colored lumps about the size of a nickel or quarter. Egg masses are found on trees, buildings and other outdoor objects and may also be found inside protected places, such as firewood piles and birdhouses. Egg masses produced in 2023 will feel firm and appear darker in color than older egg masses, which appear faded, feel spongy and do not contain viable eggs.

Egg mass hatch usually begins in mid-to-late April in southern Wisconsin.

Horticultural oil (available from many lawn and garden centers) can be applied when temperatures are above freezing to prevent the masses from hatching. You can also use a knife, chisel or similar utensil to scrape unhatched egg masses into a can of soapy water; leave the egg masses in the wa-

ter for at least two days before disposing in the trash.

Insecticide treatments, including foliage sprays and soil and trunk injections, may be a suitable control option after the caterpillars have hatched. A professional treatment is likely needed when there are high numbers of egg masses on large trees. Insecticide treatments are most effective when the caterpillars are small (mid-to-late May in southern counties and late May to early June in northern counties).

When low or moderate numbers of egg masses are present, physical controls can often reduce pest impacts and make insecticide unnecessary.

Host trees that were heavily defoliated or drought-stressed in 2023 are at a higher risk of dying, especially if they are not protected with insecticide and lose a high percentage of their leaves again this year. Low-vigor oak trees are likely in-

festated by the native beetle, twolined chestnut borer, contributing to tree decline and death. Consult an arborist or DNR forester for additional management recommendations.

Watering yard trees weekly during dry summer can help to relieve tree stress and reduce the chance that these trees decline or die.

Planning for insecticide treatments early can ensure trees will be able to receive treatment ahead of a last-minute rush when pesticide application businesses may already be very busy. Resources for finding a qualified pesticide applicator include the Wisconsin Arborist Association, the International Society of Arboriculture and a local phone book.

To find additional information on the spongy moth online, including egg mass oiling and removal, physical controls and insecticide application, visit <https://spongymoth.wi.gov/>.

Oak wilt infestation spreads

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Only six years ago, oak wilt was detected in Bayfield County. It was the first time the pervasive disease had been found in the county, and it was an eye-opening and time-consuming discovery for town crews and foresters.

As the disease continues its slow but methodical spread throughout Wisconsin, the message for workers and forest caretakers everywhere is a simple but crucial one: Do not prune, harvest or otherwise damage oak trees from April through the middle of July.

Even one cut, intentional or not, could be all it takes to cause big headaches a couple of months down the road.

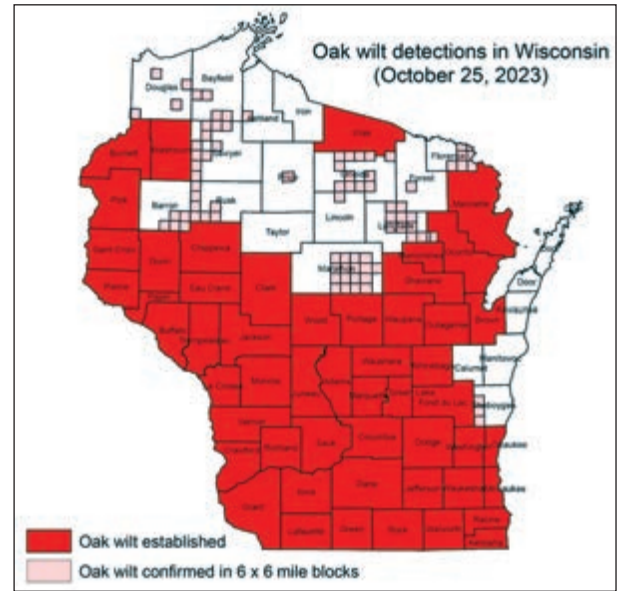
"It's incredible how that stuff finds a weakness," said Bayfield County forester Jeremiah Neitzel. "It doesn't take much."

Of course, similar lessons have been learned – sometimes the hard way – by crews, workers and individuals in many Wisconsin counties south of Bayfield County. As of Oct. 2023, oak wilt had been detected in 66 of Wisconsin's 72 counties and is fully established in 51.

The fungal disease kills every red oak tree it infests (such as northern red, northern pin and black oak) in as little as three to four weeks. If left untreated, it can kill neighboring red oaks by traveling through the connected root systems. White oaks (such as bur and swamp oak) show moderate tolerance against the disease, with a slower progression of symptoms.

Between April and July, the scent of freshly cut oak instantly attracts beetles that feed on sap and sweet-tasting cambium (the thin layer between the tree's bark and its wood). If those beetles previously fed on an oak infested with oak wilt, they will transport fungal spores to the new tree wounds. That's the most common method of overland spread of oak wilt.

By September, trees infested with oak wilt will lose their



This map shows that 66 of Wisconsin's 72 counties have experienced confirmed oak wilt infections, and the disease is established in 51 of those counties.

Photos courtesy of Wisconsin DNR



A close-up of leaves from a tree infected with oak wilt. If infected in the spring, oak trees (particularly red oaks) are likely to die by autumn.

leaves and die. The process creates hazardous trees, reduces private land value, reduces timberland value and has a negative aesthetic impact. The disease also can be costly, as infested trees must be treated and dead trees removed to prevent the spread of the disease.

In 2018, the disease appeared in Bayfield County, hitting the towns of Barnes, Cable and Drummond.

"In the Town of Barnes, some pruning happened (during the no-pruning period) on the corner of County Highways N and A," recalled Neitzel, who oversees almost 175,000 acres of Bayfield County forest land. "They trimmed some small oak along the side of the road, and they ended up infected. That was the first incidence of oak wilt in the area. It has spread to the west of there, but ...

the DNR has done some treatments, and we've gotten the word out and are holding it off."

Also in 2018, there was an infestation to the east of Barnes, in the Town of Drummond (treated by the U.S. Forest Service because the town is located inside Chequamegon National Forest), and another to the south in Cable.

"In Cable, we think one of the original infestations came from some trail building by mountain bikers before we had given them any guidance about avoiding oak wilt," Neitzel said. "There was some root damage."

Neitzel joins a chorus of forestry experts who point out that it's much easier to prevent the spread of oak wilt before it happens than to try and curtail it after it strikes.

"Treatment of uninfested trees is easy," Neitzel said. "Doing something with an infested tree is the trouble. Logistically, it's an absolute nightmare after a tree is infested. Whatever you do, you have to do it quickly."

"You can cut it, tarp it, burn it, (but) nothing you decide to do is going to be quick or easy," he added. "Where we're at now is, we'll try to cut it up into firewood lengths and remove the bark. Some sawmills in the area have kilns that we can use (to kill the fungus). Otherwise, we have to let it sit for a year."

Linda Williams, the DNR's Forest Health Specialist for the Northeast Zone, said a common source of new oak wilt infestations happens when tractor-mounted mowers (also known as boom, flail, rotary bar, batwing or chop mowers) work on culverts, roadsides, trails or tree stands during the danger period of April through mid-July.

"Mowing of roadsides sometimes combines mowing of herbaceous plants on the ground, and sometimes using those same mowers to remove tree branches," Williams said. "This can be an issue when the mowers create large wounds or leave jagged, shattered wood, especially on oaks, from April through July."

"The more we can do to keep it from happening, the better off we are," Neitzel said.

During the danger period, workers are urged to bring a can of latex wound paint while performing mowing or other maintenance duties. If an oak tree is inadvertently injured, a quick, immediate coating with the paint will prevent infection.

Neitzel said Bayfield County – like so many other counties and townships in Wisconsin – must remain vigilant in the fight against the spread of the disease.

"We fly (over forest land) every year, and we treat everything we find that we suspect might be oak wilt," he said.

Squirrel damage to maple trees showing up earlier this winter

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Typically in the spring, squirrels can cause damage to maple trees by removing bark from branches and the main stem after the trees have been frozen all winter and the weather starts to warm up.

This fall, before the January cold spell, temperatures had warmed up by mid-November and remained warm throughout December. As a result, fresh squirrel damage was being noted on some scattered maples in northcentral Wisconsin starting in late November.

Damage progressed throughout December, and some trees had more than half of the bark re-

moved from branches and the main stem. The sight of scattered bits of bark around the base of these trees is another sign of squirrel activity.

Grey squirrels are the primary culprit. The squirrels are going after the cambium layer, just under the bark, that tastes slightly sweet from the sugary sap. Smooth bark is easier for squirrels to chew, so young trees or branches with thinner bark are more likely to be stripped than those with older, furrowed bark.

With the arrival of cold weather, the squirrels may stop stripping the trees of their bark, but may resume when temperatures warm in the spring and sap starts to flow again.

Damaged branches

may try to leaf out in the spring with what little sugar reserves were stored in the buds, but the leaves will quickly die because the tree can't move water and sugars out to the branches beyond completely girdled spots.

Branches that are partially girdled may leaf out in the spring and grow leaves as normal until a hot day occurs. Then, because of the partial girdling, the tree can't move enough water to support the leaves, and the branch dies quickly in the middle of the growing season.

Many of these branches and trees will not survive this severe debarking. Reducing the squirrel population or preventing them from climbing your trees are options for controlling this damage, although both are difficult.

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