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## Write-in candidate Lonny Calhoun elected to Tomahawk school board

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A new face will be joining the School District of Tomahawk Board of Education.

No candidates filed paperwork to run for one of four seats representing the City of Tomahawk on the board. According to the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Calhoun, a registered write-in candidate, received 91 write-in votes, while 74 total votes went to all other write-in candidates.

Calhoun garnered 20 votes as a registered write-in candidate in Oneida County, according to preliminary results. One other write-in vote was tallied.

School District of Tomahawk Administrator Wendell Quesinberry, during the board's meeting on Tuesday, April 9, confirmed that Calhoun was the top vote-getter and that he'll be sworn in later this month.

Calhoun will participate in the board's May meeting. Quesinberry congratulated Calhoun on winning the seat and welcomed him to the board.



Nicolet College President Kate Ferrell addresses staff and students on Monday, April 1, during the school's Community College Month kickoff event. **MMC photo**

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH Nicolet celebrates students, staff, its role in Northwoods

BY EILEEN PERSIKE  
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College is shining a spotlight this month on the role that it and other community colleges play in rural areas like the Northwoods.

April is Community College Month, an education campaign started by the Association of Community College Trustees.

During a kickoff event on Monday, April 1, Nicolet College President Kate Ferrel said that spotlight gives Nicolet a chance to make sure people are aware of the work they do and the lives that are transformed.

"Community colleges serve a special population of individuals," Ferrel said. "We serve students specifically through a wide variety of support structures, through emergency funding with our Foundation, to our coaching model – which is more like a case management model – and all kinds of technology that helps us to support students and keep track of them and help them stay on the right path."

**Nicolet**  
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## Lee, Larson take part in state FBLA conference

A pair of Tomahawk High School (THS) students took part in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference in Green Bay last week. Elizabeth Lee competed in Personal Finance, while Ryan Larson participated in Organizational Leadership. Advisor Connor Ahrens explained that as part of the two-day conference, held on Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9, state qualifiers had the opportunity to learn about business by taking part in hands-on workshops, hearing from professional speakers, attending business tours (including going to Lambeau field), voting on future state FBLA representatives and participating in a job and career fair. Ahrens noted that Lee and Larson "represented Tomahawk well" in their respective events.

Photo courtesy of Connor Ahrens

# Callahan announces bid for third Assembly term

FOR THE TOMAHAWK  
LEADER

WISCONSIN – State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) last week announced that he will seek a third term in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Callahan represents the state's 35th Assembly District, which includes all of Lincoln and Langlade counties, as well as parts of Marathon, Oneida, Oconto and Shawano counties.

"Calvin came to you three years ago with a vision that there should be no reason why your kids, grandkids and great-grandchildren can't raise their families here at home in northern Wisconsin," a Tuesday, April 9 release from Callahan's office said. "During this last session, Calvin has made tremendous strides toward that vision."

Several bills Callahan authored and supported



Callahan

during his time in the Assembly were highlighted in the release, including legislation focused on "supporting historic tax cuts," "advocating for business growth," and "fighting for sporting heritage"

The release pointed to Callahan-authored legislation aimed at "banning gender-mutilating surgeries for minors and protecting the integrity of women's sports by banning men from competing in them."

Bills focused on "invest-

ing in childcare" and "(increasing) funding for local governments" were also noted in the release.

According to the release, Callahan has been endorsed in his bid for a third term by Congressman Tom Tiffany, State Senator Mary Felzkowski, Representative John Spiros, Marathon County Sheriff Chad Billeb, Lincoln County Sheriff Ken Schneider, Oneida County Sheriff Grady Hartman, Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban, Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner and City of Merrill Mayor Steve Hass.

Callahan was first elected to the Assembly in 2020. Callahan previously served on the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors from 2018 to 2023 and on the Town of Wilson board from 2019 to 2021.

Currently, Callahan serves as the Chair of the Committee on Consumer

Protection and is the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Insurance and the Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation. He is also a member of the Committees on Corrections, Labor and Integrated Employment, Sporting Heritage, State Affairs and Ways and Means. He is also a member of the Speaker's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.

"Calvin will continue to demand fiscal responsibility and fight for our vision," the release stated. "Cut taxes, stand up for our sporting heritage, fight for our fair share of funding and fight for our Northwoods values. Calvin asks for your vote in August and November because 'together, and only together, can we continue to make the 35th Assembly District a great place to live, work and raise your families, as well as build a better Wisconsin.'"

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# DOC: Monitor report highlights progress at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

IRMA – The 19th report from the federal court-appointed monitor for Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School (LHS/CLS) in Irma, filed earlier this month, noted “continued improvements” at the juvenile facility, according to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC).

In a release, DOC said it is now in substantial compliance with 43 of the 50 provisions (86%) identified in the consent decree, seven more than the previous reporting period.

The consent decree stems from a 2017 lawsuit over conditions at the facility under the previous administration. Under Governor Tony Evers, the DOC has been in either partial or substantial compliance with all provisions of the consent decree, the release said.



In the latest report, the department gained substantial compliance in provisions relating to administrative confinement, staffing and morale, according to DOC.

The court-appointed monitor visited LHS/CLS in March and conducted 52 interviews with staff and youth.

“Staff morale was exceptionally good overall at the time of the site visit,” the monitor wrote. “Staff were extremely friendly from the moment you walked through the front door. The

new staff who were on-the-job training expressed their excitement to begin their positions, stated the training was good and genuinely were happy with their decision to join the team. Staff also said to the Monitoring team that they felt safe at the facility and loved their jobs.”

The monitor noted that overall interactions between leadership, staff and youth were positive and the general atmosphere during the visit was calm.

DOC said a “major improvement” noted in the

report was the Division of Juvenile Corrections full implementation of the Mandt System.

“The Mandt System uses trauma-informed positive behavior support to help build relationships and create a safe environment for all,” DOC stated. “The program replaced an older system known as Principles of Subject Control, which is commonly used in correctional settings but isn’t as well suited to the therapeutic work of juvenile corrections.”

As of January, the Mandt System is the sole model for the prevention and de-escalation of negative behaviors in juvenile corrections, according to DOC. Academy recruits are trained in this method and juvenile corrections staff receive quarterly refreshers.

DOC pointed to several measures of the system’s success.

In a two-year comparison of 2022 and 2023, there has been a 44% decrease in the use of mechanical restraints, a 32% decrease in use of force incidents and a 50% decrease in AC placements. There has also been a reduction in workplace injuries.

DOC said it has seen a “dramatic improvement” in the percentage of staff members who reported fearing for their safety. In 2019, that statistic reached an all-time high of 80% of LHS staff. In Oct. 2023, after Mandt implementation, that number fell to just 16%.

DOC added that it is also continuing to work on updating state administrative code related to juvenile corrections to reflect current best practices and the latest research on child development, noting that changes to chapter DOC 376 of the state’s administrative code, which governs

security in Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities, have been referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety and Assembly Committee on Corrections.

“The department is grateful to the monitoring team for their recognition of the important work going on at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake schools and for their assistance as we continue to make improvements,” said DOC Deputy Secretary Jared Hoy. “DOC is especially proud of our employees there who have been energized by the progress. That enthusiasm and passion is positively impacting our care of the youth there.”

A listing of all monitor reports can be found on the department’s website at [www.tinyurl.com/bdf558j8](http://www.tinyurl.com/bdf558j8).

# Local Girl Scouts highlight successful cookie sale season, Volunteer Appreciation Day

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Girl Scouts last week thanked the community for supporting its annual cookie sale and highlighted the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Day.

The local scouts sold more than 5,200 boxes of cookies this season.

A release from the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSNWGL) Council explained that 100%

of net proceeds from cookie sales stay local.

“Girl Scouts and troops use (cookie sale proceeds) to fund their fun,” the release stated. “And because Girl Scouts is completely girl-led, the Girl Scouts themselves get to decide exactly what they do. Our local Council uses Cookie Program proceeds to create incredible experiences and camps, support and train volunteers, offer financial assistance, maintain properties and so much more. Every dol-

lar that comes to the Council from the Girl Scout Cookie Program is used to make the Girl Scout experience incredible and support the Girl Scouts within our area.”

As part of Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Day, slated for Monday, April 22, the Tomahawk scouts also gave a shoutout to the local Girl Scout leaders, assistants and service team members.

Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Service Team members for 2023-2024 include Heidi

O’Hare, Elizabeth Voermans and Danielle Lucas, Brownie/Junior Troop 7219; Robin Schulz and Emily Maule, Daisy/Brownie Troop 7220; Kay Kissinger Wolf and Kelly Gleisner, Junior Troop 7212 and Senior Troop 7227; Mary Duba and Judy Koshak, Cadettes 7221; and Ann Jelinek and Linda Neumeyer, Service Team.

Duba and Kissinger Wolf received pins for their 55 years of service, both as Scouts and Leaders.

Lucas was honored for her five-plus years of volunteer hours.

Judy Koshak was nominated for and received the Thanks Badge, which “recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service in support of our Council’s mission delivery to girl and adult members,” the release said.

To be nominated for the Thanks award, a candidate must be “an active, registered adult member who has successfully completed all volunteer requirements and actively recognizes, understands and practices inclusive behavior.”

“The service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted the entire Council or the entire Girl Scout organization and are so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate,” the release said.

Koshak’s nomination form



Pictured, from left, are the top sellers from their respective troops: Mya Loka, Cadette, Troop 7221; Adalynn Picl, Brownie, Troop 7220; Shyann Boos, Senior, Troop 7227; and Skylar Safreanek Aniol, Junior, Troop 7212.

Photos courtesy of Kay Kissinger Wolf



Judy Koshak was nominated for and received the Thanks Badge.

noted her involvement with the Girl Scouts, both in running a troop and volunteering at Camp Birch Trails, as well as her “upbeat attitude and infectious smile.”

The Tomahawk Girl Scouts are part of the GSN-

WGL council, which covers 58 counties across northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, 400 miles east to west and 300 miles north to south.

To learn more about GSN-WGL, visit [www.gsnwgl.org/](http://www.gsnwgl.org/).

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# More than \$106 million in quarterly aid payments disbursed for local roads, communities

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) last week announced that municipalities across the state received more than \$106 million in the second quarterly payments for 2024 for General Transportation, Connecting Highway and Expressway Policing Aids.

According to a release from Evers' office, 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 signed by Evers.

"The investments in the 2023-25 state budget resulted in the largest amount of funding for the program in the state's history, and total funding for all local programs makes up almost one-third of the state transportation budget," the release said.

The second quarter payments, made on Monday, April 1, totaled



\$106,258,969.19 and included:

- General Transportation Aids - \$101,744,169.70 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.

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.

## LOCAL AID DATA

Municipality	GTA	CHA
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	
Town of Cassian	\$61,836.24	
Town of Corning	\$53,893.97	
Town of Harding	\$23,122.80	
Town of Harrison	\$39,848.05	
Town of Hazelhurst	\$34,386.88	
Town of Hill	\$21,557.59	
Town of King	\$23,642.26	
Town of Knox	\$25,517.48	
Town of Little Rice	\$31,502.51	
Town of Lynne	\$55,199.46	
Town of Merrill	\$45,616.79	
Town of Nokomis	\$36,287.01	
Town of Ogema	\$40,032.59	
Town of Pine River	\$44,304.47	
Town of Rock Falls	\$25,617.58	
Town of Russell	\$28,085.01	
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.

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.

The release said Evers has "made fixing Wisconsin's roads a top priority, and the Evers Administration has improved 7,424 miles of road and 1,780 bridges since 2019, including over 900 miles of road and over 200 bridges last year alone."

"Wisconsinites need and deserve safer, more reliable roads statewide, and my administration has been working hard to fix the darn roads and improve infrastructure in every corner of our state," Evers stated. "Through these investments, we

are ensuring that local governments can pay for much-needed road construction, maintenance and traffic operations and that Wisconsin's students, families, workers and products can get from point A to point B safely and efficiently."

"Efficient and resilient transportation infrastructure starts in our counties, cities, villages and towns," said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "Thank you to all the municipal leaders in Wisconsin for their cooperative work to improve our roads and bridges."

A complete list of the first quarter aid payments is available at [www.ti-nyurl.com/mv8htf2z](http://www.ti-nyurl.com/mv8htf2z).

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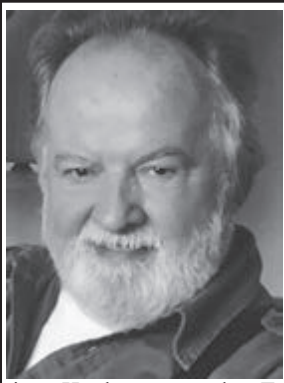
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# OBITUARIES

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**Roger W. Goldbeck**, age 79, of Wausau, Wis., passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Roger was born in Corning, Wis., on March 3, 1945, to the late Henry and Bernice (Jensen) Goldbeck.

Roger was a 1963 graduate of the Tomahawk High School and later served in the U.S. Air Force. Following his honorable discharge from the military, he worked in Kansas for Cessna Aircraft Company for some time. He then returned to Tomahawk where he was self-employed working as an over-the-road trucker. Roger later worked as a deep-sea fisherman in Alaska on the Bering Sea. He moved back to Tomahawk and began employment at the PCA Mill, retiring in 2016. Roger traveled extensively throughout the United States and truly enjoyed keeping himself busy working his various jobs.

Survivors include his brother, Kenith (Toolie) Goldbeck, and Gary (Darlene) Goldbeck; his sisters, Gloria Beckman, Beverly Berres, Sharon (James) Adamski, and Lois Goldbeck. Roger is the cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Bernice; his wife, Angie Goldbeck; and his brother, Glenn Goldbeck. In accordance with Roger's wishes, no formal services will be held.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Roger's obituary and leave online condolences at [www.generationsfuneral.com](http://www.generationsfuneral.com).



**Dixie Lee Zastrow**, age 90, Tomahawk, was welcomed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the evening of April 11, 2024. Born Dec. 31, 1933 to William and Alice (Scheller) Garlow in Rib Lake, Wis., she grew up on a farm in Spirit, attended Spirit Falls Grade School, and graduated from Rib Lake High School in 1952. God brought Leander (Andy) Zastrow and Dixie together at

a roller skating rink and they were united in marriage May 31, 1952 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tomahawk, two weeks after she graduated high school. They resided in Tomahawk and were blessed with four sons. She was so proud to be their mom. Through the years, Dixie was employed at the Ben Franklin, the Dr. W.I. Macfarlane dental office, Tomahawk Power & Pulp Company, Bake-Rite Baking Company and Wisconsin & Michigan Timber Producers, and she also served as an advertising representative for the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce. Immersed in her community, she, along with Andy and close friends, were the founding organizers of YesterFest and Music on the River. She was a member of the Tomahawk Ambassadors, Tomahawk Main Street Design committee, and Tomahawk Area Historical Society, where she served as president for many years. She wrote and published three books, two with Andy and a third with another society member. She established a local chapter of The Compassionate Friends support group following the death of their son Craig in 1977. She found great joy in hosting large family gatherings as well as entertaining friends in her home, decorating, and organizing events for the Historical Society and others. She and Andy visited most of the states, especially enjoying Hawaii and Alaska, as well as their trip to Japan. Dixie was a member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, where she served on the Evangelism and Social Fellowship Committees and the Ladies Guild. She cherished her church family.

Survivors include Andy, her beloved husband of nearly 72 years, and their three sons Kevin, Tomahawk, Kyle (Francy), Rhinelander, and Kirk (Becky), Tarpon Springs, Fla. and Tomahawk. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren Adam (Ben), Natalie, Ryley (Lori), Maddie (Bobby), Kate, Elise and Logan as well as three great-grandchildren. She has been reunited in heaven with her son Craig, parents, sister Sandra Gustafson, and many other family and friends, and awaits her loved ones.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomahawk with Pastor Mark Gass officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024 at Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home, Tomahawk and on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to time of service at 11 a.m. at church. Burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Tomahawk Area Historical Society. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com). Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family.



**Barbara A. Cepaitis**, 85, of Waukegan, was called home to the Lord on March 18, 2024, while in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born on April 25, 1938, she was a daughter to the late Bruno and Betty Cepaitis and a sister to the late Carol Mivshek.

Barbara dedicated her life to the noble profession of teaching, serving with distinction in the School District of Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Her commitment to her students was unwavering, and she imparted knowledge and wisdom with a grace that will be cherished in memory by all who were touched by her teaching.

Barbara found solace in the serenity of nature, often partaking in fishing trips that reflected her love for the outdoors. She was also fond of traveling to new places and enjoyed the excitement of a well-played game of chance. These pastimes provided her with much-deserved respite and pleasure.

She leaves behind her beloved nephews, Tom and Jim Mivshek, who will continue to honor her legacy by living out the values she taught them.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to those who shared in Barbara's journey and enriched her life with friendship and care. Her gentle soul and unwavering dedication to education have left an indelible mark on this world.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May Barbara's soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**Sheryl "Shery" L. Rudd**, age 74, of Gleason, Wis., passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 after a courageous fight with pancreatic cancer. Shery was born on May 23, 1949 in Eau Claire, Wis., to the late Valentine and Arlene Manthei.

Shery grew up in Eau Claire where she loved playing on the back hill, the field across the street, and spent many hours swimming, fishing, ice skating, and tobogganing at Half Moon Beach. She also enjoyed camping at Totogatic Campground

in Minong, Wis. Shery graduated from Memorial High School where she played the flute and piccolo. After graduation, she attended UW-Eau Claire majoring in Art Education. Shery met the love of her life, Herbert K. Rudd, and were married on Aug. 14, 1971. They were blessed with two beautiful children, April, married to Keith McHugh, of Madison, Wis., and Christopher Rudd, married to Rachel, of Delafield, Wis. She is further survived by her husband of over 52 years, Herb; her brother, Robert Manthei; and her sister, Cindy Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Val and Arlene. In 1976, the family moved to Oconomowoc, Wis., where Shery dedicated her time to her children as a Girl Scout leader, soccer coach, and made precious memories spending time in their backyard pool. She loved gardening, nature, sewing, arts and crafts, and a good garage sale. She was a talented cook, loved decorating her home, and enjoyed antiques. She cherished holidays with her family. Shery held various jobs while living in Oconomowoc which included working with children at the Head Start Program, in the public library, then being a teacher assistant for Park Lawn Elementary School, Summit Elementary School, and Oconomowoc Middle School. She later worked at the high school in the counseling office. In 2007, Shery and Herb moved to Gleason and purchased their dream home on Pickerel Lake. They enjoyed ATving, snowmobiling, kayaking, and taking rides on their pontoon boat. Shery joined other ladies on the lake for their Canasta Club, and every Tuesday they had great times together. She also loved their Harley and rode it often, enjoying the outdoors and all its beauty. Shery enjoyed time around the campfire with a good glass of wine and great friends.

Some of her best times were spent with her three granddaughters, Kierstin McHugh, Tobi McHugh, and Kayla Rudd. She loved taking them on hikes through the woods, gem hunts down the dirt roads, catching bugs, frogs, toads, salamanders, and turtles to watch and release. They fished off the dock, swam off the pontoon, had picnic lunches, and sat around many campfires with s'mores.

While in Gleason, Shery and Herb had an antique booth in Minocqua where she enjoyed decorating it with all her wonderful finds. She loved traveling in their fifth-wheel trailer and wintered in Florida and Texas pre-pandemic.

Shery was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother (Oma), aunt, sister, and friend who always had a smile and a positive attitude on life. She will be missed dearly but will never be forgotten.

The family wishes to thank all the staff at Aspirus Hospital, Aspirus Cancer Center, Aspirus Hospice, and the Pine Crest Nursing Home. Her life was touched by their wonderful, compassionate care.

A celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 2 p.m., at the Rudd Residence, located at W1666 Bear Trail Rd. in Gleason (Harrison Hills).

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Sheryl's obituary and leave online condolences at [www.generationsfuneral.com](http://www.generationsfuneral.com).

## Ask the PASTOR

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

Last week I asked a lot of questions and promised to try to answer them, focusing on the message of Hosea 4:1-9. I mentioned that the Israel of Hosea's day was not all that different from our country today in the issues that the prophet Hosea brings out in his prophecy. The number one concern in these verses is that Israel *once* had a clear understanding of who God is, but *no longer knew Him*. My impression is that we find ourselves in the same boat in our own country.

In verse 1, Hosea states that God had a problem with Israel; they no longer loved truth nor mercy, and they no longer knew God. Hosea is not saying that every citizen was like this, but that the culture, the general climate of the country, was behaving this way. Israel was a religious country, but even in its religious character, truth, mercy and the truth about God no longer directed its behavior.

I am reminded of the words of 2 Timothy 3:1-5 where we are warned that the time would come when people would become focused on loving themselves, and then it gives a list of behaviors that would characterize such a culture. In verses 4 and 5 we are given a description of the behavior of religious people in such a time; they would be *lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of godliness*. The idea is that they would measure religious beliefs by how comfortable it made them, and it would leave them religious but unchanged by the truth of what God actually says – religious but not knowing God.

In Romans 1:21-23 we are told that when people who know God do not honor God as God, they become unthankful and self-focused in their thinking. Instead of going by what God tells us about Himself, they believe themselves capable of determining the truth about God through their own thinking. The result is that the truth about the uncorruptible God is replaced with the idea of a God who can be manipulated like people and animals. In this way, they lose the truth about God.

Verse 25 goes on to say they replace what God has said with a lie that pleases them, because they are really worshiping and serving creation rather than the Creator. They replace the truth of what God has said with their own ideas of what they *want* God to have said.

Although verse 28 goes on to say they end up ignoring any talk about God altogether, we must remember that this process begins with those who know God but no longer honor God as God – they become a culture that *once* knew God but *no longer does*.

Romans 1 says that culture will descend into protecting and promoting what God calls sin. And both 2 Timothy 3:1-5 and Hosea 4:1-3 say that sinful culture will become filled with violence. If the culture does not know God, we should not be surprised at the sin it protects and promotes.

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# Aspirus noticing increase in cancer prevalence among younger patients

## Cases on rise nationally, study finds

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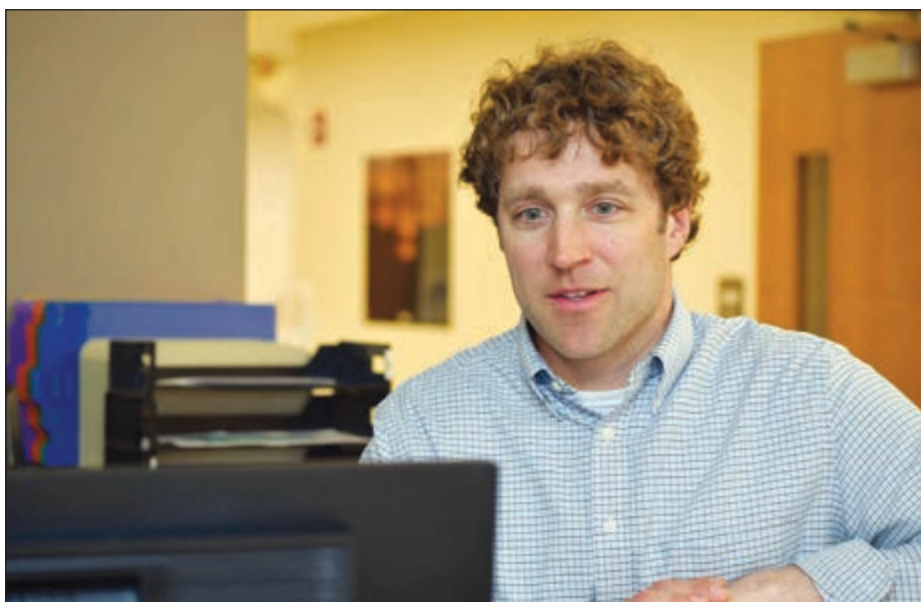
WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health last week said it is noting an increase in cancer prevalence among younger patients.

“In recent years, a concerning trend has emerged in the United States,” Aspirus said in a release. “A 2023 study ([www.tinyurl.com/2vb2knaw](http://www.tinyurl.com/2vb2knaw)) reveals that certain types of cancer are being diagnosed more frequently among younger adults.”

The release said Aspirus Health’s data over the past three years aligns with this national trend, showing a steady increase in patient visits related to cancer treatments among 30 to 39-year-olds.

“These trends have researchers looking into connections between cancer rates and biological aging,” Aspirus stated.

“We generally think of chronological aging in numbers,” said Christopher Platta, MD, Aspirus Radiation Oncologist. “Biologic aging not only takes into account age, but also lifestyle factors, such as physical activity, smoking



Platta

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and blood pressure.”

Aspirus said its data indicates that younger cancer patients are receiving treatment more frequently, but providers say they’ve also noticed an increase in the number of younger cancer patients.

“What we’re seeing here in the Aspirus system is consistent with what other centers are seeing around the nation,” Platta stated.

To counteract this trend, Aspirus said, medical professionals such as Dr. Platta recommend simple but effective lifestyle changes, such as maintaining a healthy weight, engaging in regular physical activity, eating a diet rich in fruits

and vegetables and reducing processed food intake.

Aspirus noted that these measures, aimed at combating the rise in early-onset cancer, emphasize prevention and healthy living as key strategies.

“The best way to prevent and detect the spread of certain types of cancer is through screening,” Aspirus stated. “People at higher risk of developing cancer may want to start getting annual screenings earlier than the average recommended age. Talk to your primary care doctor; they’ll provide recommendations and help you schedule a screening, if needed.”

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**NICOLET**  
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Two Nicolet College students, whose stories share the mission of community colleges across the country – of dedication and achievement, were recognized at the kickoff event.

Becky Visser Breezer,

a student in the culinary program, is the 2024-25 Nicolet College Ambassador. “I’m very grateful and appreciative of this honor,” Visser Breezer said. “I never thought in a million years I’d be standing here as the ambassador of anything; if people know me, I’m a jokester. Three

years ago I had a neurological event that rendered me unable to walk. I was really sick and they still don’t know what happened. Three years later, I’m here, taking the culinary program to bring my barbecue business back to our community for all of us.”

James Kieweg is the Nicolet College Foundation Ambassador.

“My story is kind of interesting, in the same way that all of ours are unique,” Kieweg, a student in the welding tech program said.

On Sept. 11, 2022, Kieweg was driving too fast late at night and went off the road going 60 MPH, and wrapped his truck around a tree. Two weeks later, he woke up in a hospital bed to discover he had lost a leg and the sight in one eye, and had some broken ribs and a

fractured skull.

Some months later, with no place to live, he slept in the bushes by Trig’s in Rhinelander until he could get a bed at Frederick Place temporary housing. It was there that staff helped him connect him to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Nicolet College. That was also when he received his prosthetic leg.

“It used to be that colleges expected students to wrap their lives around college,” Ferrel said. “Now the student is in the driver’s seat. Community college students are really busy people, often single parents, taking care of mom, grandma, their kids; so we have had to become much more flexible through the years. The name of the game has really been about agility and flexibility on our part. We’re much more of

been an amazing experience. I’ve been really blessed with all the help I’ve gotten.”

The stories Visser Breezer and Kieweg told are evidence the role of colleges like Nicolet has evolved through the years. Ferrel said another example of change is how students balance their personal lives and college classes.

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a consumer-driven entity now that delivers a product of higher education.”

It also delivers community and continuing education – a strategic priority Ferrel described as the 60-year curriculum.

“(It’s) all about designing the depth and breadth of a curriculum that could serve a 16-year old taking Start College Now classes or transcribed credit classes all the way to our folks that are in our Learning in Retirement group,” Ferrel said. “What we figure is across the course of about 60 years, we need to position ourselves to serve the entire realm of generations with different curriculum and different programs.”

The community is invited to share what makes Nicolet College their community’s college with #CCMonth on social media.

# News Briefs

## Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Week

The City of Tomahawk's Spring Yard Waste Clean-Up Week will run through Friday, April 19. Only brush and yard waste are allowed. Brush should not be bundled, but neatly piled with the cut ends of limbs facing the curb. Plastic bags are the only acceptable containers for leaves. The bags must only contain leaves. Items should be set out for pickup no later than 7 a.m. each day.

## LCVSO closed through Friday

The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office (LCVSO) will be closed through Friday, April 19 to allow staff to attend the Spring County Veterans Service Officers Conference. LCVSO said the training is "important for our professional development and is necessary to receive continuing education credits towards maintaining accreditation with the Office of General Counsel." For more information, contact Veterans Service Officer John B. Olson Jr. at 715-539-1085.

## First Lutheran Church Spring rummage and bake sale

A Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at First Lutheran Church, W4950 Hwy. 86, Ogema, on Friday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to noon.

## Community Ecumenical Choir concert

The Community Ecumenical Choir will perform its spring concert, entitled "A Closer Walk with Thee," at the Ogema Baptist Church, Ogema, on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. The choir is composed of approximately 25 men and women from several churches in Price, Lincoln and Taylor counties. Sheryl Barnet is this spring's director, and the choir is accompanied by pianist Joan Points. A free will offering will be used to cover minimal expenses and to make donations to His House of Hope and Northwoods Living Hope in Phillips. Fellowship and refreshments will follow each concert.

## 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, May 14 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). A photo ID or Red Cross ID is required.

## Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

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# Marshfield Clinic now including military status in patient health records

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WISCONSIN—Marshfield Clinic Health System earlier this month announced that it is now including military status in patient health records to better diagnose and treat current military and veterans.

"Military experiences and exposures are well-known factors that affect individuals' health and well-being, both in the short and long term," Marshfield Clinic said in a release. "This is especially true when active military personnel and veterans mobilize and deploy to hazardous environments, whether that means combat or natural disaster responses."

Marshfield Clinic noted that in the intricate tapestry of veterans' experiences, both domestic and international exposures play a significant role.

"From traversing the globe to confronting natural disasters at home, their journey encompasses austere environments, biological and chemical exposures and the enduring legacy of traumatic events," Marshfield Clinic stated. "As caregivers, it's imperative to recognize these multifaceted challenges to deliver holistic care. Understanding and facilitating access to the array of resources available is essential in honoring their service and ensuring their well-being."

Corey Cronrath, M.D.,

Medical Director of Marshfield Clinic Health System's Occupational Health service line, said he believes understanding a patient's military status and experience is crucial for enhancing their health care.

"As a physician and a veteran, I have been privileged to witness the dedication and sacrifice of our service members firsthand," Cronrath stated. "They face a myriad of dangers – from the toxins of burn pits to enemy fire – both at home and abroad. Some of these exposures lead to immediate health issues, while others manifest over time, posing unique challenges to their health. It's crucial for us, as the health care team, to understand these challenges. They affect not only our service members but also their families and communities. By understanding and being aware of the risks and hazards they have faced, we can better support them through the services available within and outside of the Marshfield Clinic Health System."

The questions will be a regular occurrence for those patients aged 17 and older, repeating every three years or until the history is completely captured, according to the release.

Many people likely already share with their care providers if they have military experience or are a veteran during a normal annual visit, Marshfield Clinic

noted. That information is often recorded in typed notes called social histories.

"Given the advancement in information technologies, the Health System has designed a set of discrete questions to capture these facts more consistently, creating much more reliable and organized data," Marshfield Clinic said. "If patients respond 'yes' to whether they have served in the military or are currently serving, additional questions will open, including branch(es) of service; if they were deployed or mobilized; and years of service or if they are currently serving."

Marshfield Clinic added that improvement to the patients' medical records will "better inform health care providers about what may be affecting patients' health," noting that it can provide more depth for diagnostics and can better inform treatment plans.

"This is critical for a state like Wisconsin, where a number of the riskiest occupations are well-represented, including construction, transportation and agriculture (both farming and forestry)," Marshfield Clinic said. "Wisconsin is home to an estimated 350,000 veterans. Information about patients' military history, occupation and industry will not affect their health insurance costs or coverage."

These data regarding patients' work also places health researchers at a new

cutting edge of possibilities, according to Marshfield Clinic.

"This innovation places our research team at a tremendous advantage and could change the game," said Bryan Weichelt, Ph.D., associate research scientist with the National Farm Medicine Center at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute. "We will be one of the few health systems in the country equipped to examine health data in light of someone's work and military history. And this new development is quite timely, given recent federal legislative actions such as the PACT Act and its impact on veterans' eligibility and access to health care, including VA-funded Community Care, which veterans can receive at the Marshfield Clinic Health System, once enrolled."

"This change will help us provide better care for our patients who are serving or who previously served in the military, and it will further our system-wide efforts to capture population health data and provide better care coordination for veterans," Marshfield Clinic stated. "Adding this question into the registration process also allows us to better connect our patients to additional services of which they are eligible and helps our care teams identify possible exposures or risks that may have led to current ailments."

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Hatchet golfers open season at Inshalla Varsity takes first place, JV second

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet golf team kicked off its season at Inshalla Country Club in Tomahawk on Tuesday, April 9.

The varsity Hatchets took first place in the meet with a score of 171, followed by Prentice (178) and Three Lakes (179).

The top varsity shooters were Tomahawk's Austin Lamer and Prentice's Matti Heikkinen, who each ended the day with scores

of 38. Lamer had two birdies on the day.

Tomahawk's Sawyer Hanna shot a 41, good for third place. Other Hatchet finishers were Owen Dickrell (45, 6th place), Carson Childers (47, 10th) and Caiden Reichelt (52, 15th).

On the JV side, Three Lakes took the top spot with a score of 218, followed by Tomahawk (227) and Prentice (Inc.).

Kali Heikkinen from Prentice was the top JV golfer with a score of 47.

JV Hatchet finishers

included Brayden Lamer (53), Noah Pearson (55) and Lydia Ziert (59).

Coach Garth Gerstenberger noted that the team played well for its first time on the course this year.

"It was a great start to our season," Gerstenberger said after the meet.

### This week's action

The Tomahawk golfers were scheduled to travel to Rolling Oaks Golf Course in Barron today (Wednesday, April 17) for an invitational.

## THE FREE PLAY

### Where the Packers' defensive backfield stands ahead of the NFL Draft

BY JALEN MAKI

As a guy whose sports intake is largely made up of football and baseball, and who has recently endured the very dark period of time between the Super Bowl and the start of the MLB season, I enthusiastically say the following: The NFL Draft is upon us once again.

In this year's Draft, the Green Bay Packers have five top-100 picks and 11 total selections (tied with the Arizona Cardinals and the Los Angeles Rams for the most in the league), and two positions that have a pretty good chance of being addressed are cornerback and safety.

With the Draft happening in Detroit from Thursday, April 25 through Saturday, April 27, let's take a look at where the Packers' defensive backfield stands currently.

### Cornerbacks

The clear Number One Dude in the Packers' cornerback room headed into the 2024 season is Jaire Alexander. Green Bay's 2018 first round pick out of Louisville will be looking to bounce back after logging only seven starts last season. While nine of the games Alexander missed were chalked up to back and shoulder injuries, he was also suspended by the team for the Packers' Week 17 game against the Chicago Bears after declaring himself a captain and nearly botching the coin toss before the team's Week 16 matchup against the Carolina Panthers. Alexander finished the 2023

season with 27 total tackles and one interception, which came in Dallas in the playoffs. He'll surely be champing at the bit to remind us all why he's one of the NFL's premier corners.

Another bounce back candidate for 2024 is Eric Stokes. Drafted by the Packers out of Georgia at 29th overall in 2021, Stokes had a stellar rookie campaign. That year, Alexander missed some time, and Stokes stepped up in a big way, recording 55 total tackles and a pick while allowing a 49.5 completion percentage on passes thrown his direction. Unfortunately, since his breakout year, it's been tough sledding for the former Bulldog: a foot injury limited him to nine games in his second season in Green Bay, and a hamstring issue last year landed him on injured reserve. Stokes ultimately played in only three games in 2023. Although Stokes hasn't seen the field much over the last two seasons, there's hope that he can still be the dominant player he was in his rookie year.

Next up is Keisean Nixon. Nixon signed a one-year contract with the Packers in 2022 after spending his first three seasons with the Las Vegas Raiders. Since his arrival in Green Bay, Nixon has showed out on special teams: he earned back-to-back All-Pro kick returner honors from the Associated Press in 2022 and 2023 – only the fourth player in league history to do so. Nixon stepped into a larger defensive role in 2023, logging 800-plus snaps as the Packers' slot cornerback. He took advantage of the opportunity, recording 80 total tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, one-half sack, six pass break-ups and one interception. Last month, Nixon and the Packers reached a three-year, \$18 million deal, ensuring he'll continue to be a key defensive and special teams contributor.

Also set to return in 2024 is Carrington Valentine. A seventh-round pick out of Kentucky in 2023, Valentine started several games in the back half of his rookie campaign while Alexander and Stokes were out with injuries, playing 694 snaps. He recorded 43 total tackles, broke up five passes, and allowed a completion percentage of 57.4% last season. He'll look to build on his solid rookie year.

Corey Ballentine signed with Green Bay in 2022 after playing his first two seasons with the New York Giants and his third with the New York Jets. Ballentine was brought up from the Packers' practice squad in the middle of 2022, and over the course of 14 games last year, he played 488 snaps and logged 39 total tackles, four pass break-ups and a pick. Ballentine signed a one-year contract in March, providing the Packers with some depth, both at corner and on special teams.

Speaking of depth, the Packers also brought back Robert Rochell this offseason. Rochell didn't see the field on defense last season, but he did play 117 snaps on special teams, and he'll have the opportunity to compete for a roster spot in training camp this summer.

### Safeties

The Packers, relative to past seasons, were pretty big players in free agency this offseason. The team made two splashes: One was bringing in former Raiders running back Josh Jacobs to replace Aaron Jones, who joined the Minnesota Vikings; and the other was the signing of star safety Xavier McKinney.

The arrival of McKinney is a big step in bolstering the safety position. Two guys who saw snaps in the

### Draft

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## Strikers takes top spot in Wednesday bowling league

The Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League last week announced that Strikers was the first-place team this season. Pictured, from left, are Julie Rogers, Jenny Hoppe, team sponsor Andy Leverance, Kim Walter and Roselie Wiedow.

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## DRAFT

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position last year are gone: Darnell Savage signed a three-year contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars last month, and Jonathan Owens is now in Chicago. With Rudy Ford currently a free agent, second-year man Anthony Johnson Jr. is the only safety currently slated to return this season.

Back to McKinney: The man was a rockstar at Alabama. In his final season with the Crimson Tide, he led the team in tackles (95) and forced fumbles (four) while tallying 5.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, and three interceptions. McKinney was drafted by the New York Giants early in the second round in 2020, and his versatility allowed him to excel in defending against both the pass and the run. He's coming off the best season of his career, during which he had 116 total tackles, one-half sack, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, and three picks. McKinney signed a four-year, \$68 million deal in March, making him a key component of Green Bay's defense for the foreseeable future as Jeff Hafley gears up for his first season as the Packers' defensive coordinator.

### Potential draft targets

So, we've established which defensive backs the Packers have in the building right now. But who might they bring in?

There are a few cornerbacks who Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst would likely be very psyched to select with the team's first pick at 25th overall. Assuming Green Bay stands pat at their currently-allotted first round pick, guys like Iowa's Cooper DeJean, Nate Wiggins out of Clemson, and Alabama's Kool-Aid McKinstry could be in play. But, these players could join cornerbacks like Terrion Arnold (Alabama) and Quinyon Mitchell (Toledo) in being selected before Green Bay's on the clock, and if the Packers go with, say, an offensive lineman at 25, Gutekunst could have his eye on guys like Mike Sainristil (Michigan), Ennis Rakestraw Jr. (Missouri) and Kamari Lassiter (Georgia) later on.

Even with McKinney now in the Green and Gold, safety remains a need. The Packers may go with Minnesota standout Tyler Nubin with an earlier post-first round pick (or even at 25th overall). Or, they could opt to take someone like Georgia's Javon Bullard, Kamren Kinchens out of Miami, Washington State's Jaden Hicks, or Calen Bullock out of USC a little further down the line.

**DISCLAIMER:** I cannot stress enough that the NFL Draft is very weird, so if the Packers trade out of round one and use their first two picks on a punter and a long snapper, please do not send me any angry emails.

Jalen's columns, "The Free Play" and "Movies You Gotta See," can be found online at [www.medium.com/@jalenmaki](http://www.medium.com/@jalenmaki).

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 178

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](mailto: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 177 question: Who was the 1977 Lumberjack Conference**

**Southern Division Medalist in golf: Pete Brown, Jack Hervert or Jamie Gerber?**

**Week 177 answer: Pete Brown was the 1977 Lumberjack Conference Southern Division Medalist in golf.**

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

**Week 178 question: Who was the MVP of the State champion 1977 boys' cross country team: Ken Reich, Bill Amelse or Dave Israel?**

## DNR highlights spring wildfire season, reminds public to obtain burn permits

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WISCONSIN – While spring is always much-welcomed after Wisconsin winters, the seasonal warm and dry conditions can increase wildfire activity.

The Tomahawk, Merrill, Wausau, Medford, Rhinelander and Antigo Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offices are gearing up for spring wildfire season and remind you to get your burning permit now.

"Weather is the single most important factor influencing how fires start and spread," said Zach Hylinski, DNR forest ranger at the Merrill Ranger Station. "Temperature, wind, humidity and precipitation are the key weather components that determine the daily fire danger."

Lack of snow cover and accumulated rain statewide are causing an early start to Wisconsin's wildfire season.

Debris burning is the number one cause of Wisconsin's wildfires, and Hylinski says fires caused by careless burning become more frequent this time of year.

"Many people are eager to get outside to clean up their properties by raking leaf litter, brush and pine needles so it looks good and is ready for new growth, and then they choose to burn their debris pile," Hylinski stated.

### Fire is still possible with rain

Rain events this time of year can cause the public to become more complacent

and think conditions are safe. However, Hylinski says light fuels, such as leaves, grasses and pine needles in sandy soils, can dry out quickly and turn into hazardous conditions in a matter of a day.

Fire control officials stress the importance of knowing local fire danger. Throughout the spring, the DNR monitors weather and fuel conditions daily. Reported conditions influence fire danger, most often communicated on Smokey Bear fire danger signs. Fire danger signs levels range from low to extreme.

"The signs describe the potential for a fire to start and spread and the intensity at which a fire will burn in the wildland," Hylinski said. "Our hope is that the public will take note of these signs, check our website or hotline, adapt their behavior and act responsibly."

Hylinski added that penalties exist for anyone found responsible for causing a wildland fire.

"You could be liable for the costs to suppress that fire and potentially any damages," he noted. "Getting your permit and checking those daily fire restrictions is much cheaper and safer."

Hylinski also suggests composting or hauling your yard waste to a transfer site. Burning debris should always be the last alternative.

As soon as snow cover is gone, burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and pine needles, and the permits

are designed to ensure burn safety with minimal wildfire risk.

### Check conditions before burning

Getting a burn permit is fast, easy and free.

"For the average customer, it takes less than two minutes to apply online," Hylinski said. "It's good for the calendar year, and we can even email or mail it right away. With a little planning and dedication to getting your burn permit and following the rules, we can all work together to prevent wildfires."

You can get your annual DNR burning permit online ([www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits)) or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) to have it mailed or instantly emailed. You also can visit a local DNR office or designated emergency fire warden.

Residents with permits must call or visit the Wisconsin webpage ([www.apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/](http://www.apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/)) after 9 a.m. on the day of the planned burn to check daily fire restrictions, including legal burning hours, size limitations and burn suspensions.

The DNR does not regulate some areas of the state, so it's important to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions.

For more information on burning permits, fire danger and preparing for wildfires around your home and property, visit the DNR's Fire Management webpage at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ForestFire](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ForestFire).

## Sports and Nature Briefs

### Presentation on Northwoods plants, wildflowers

The public is invited to attend the annual meeting of the Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance to be held at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. During the meeting, Don Evans and Ruby Jaecks will give a presentation on rare Northwoods plants and spring wildflowers. The presentation will follow the brief chapter annual business meeting. For more information, contact Jaecks at 715-551-1118 or [brjaecks@outlook.com](mailto:brjaecks@outlook.com).

### Inshalla Senior Golf League

The Inshalla Senior Golf League is gearing up for the 2024 season. The league has a two-man team format and plays on Thursday mornings, with tee times beginning at 9 a.m. Minimum age to play is 50 years old. Those interested can sign up as teams or individually. The league will help players find partners, if needed. For more information, contact Dale at 715-367-0088, email [dws2621@gmail.com](mailto:dws2621@gmail.com) or call Inshalla at 715-453-3130.

### 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.

## WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, April 7	54	38
Monday, April 8	51	39
Tuesday, April 9	54	32
Wednesday, April 10	67	38
Thursday, April 11	60	38
Friday, April 12	53	24
Saturday, April 13	69	35

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meeting, contact Jeff Pritzl at [Jeffrey.Pritzl@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pritzl@wisconsin.gov) or 920-366-3450.

To search for and view County Deer Advisory Council meeting information, visit the DNR's Meet-

ings and Hearings calendar at [www.tinyurl.com/y32jefsm](http://www.tinyurl.com/y32jefsm).

Following the County Deer Advisory Council process, DNR said it will bring recommendations for the 2024 season to the Natural Resources Board for consideration in June.



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### Brett Favre MVP trophy

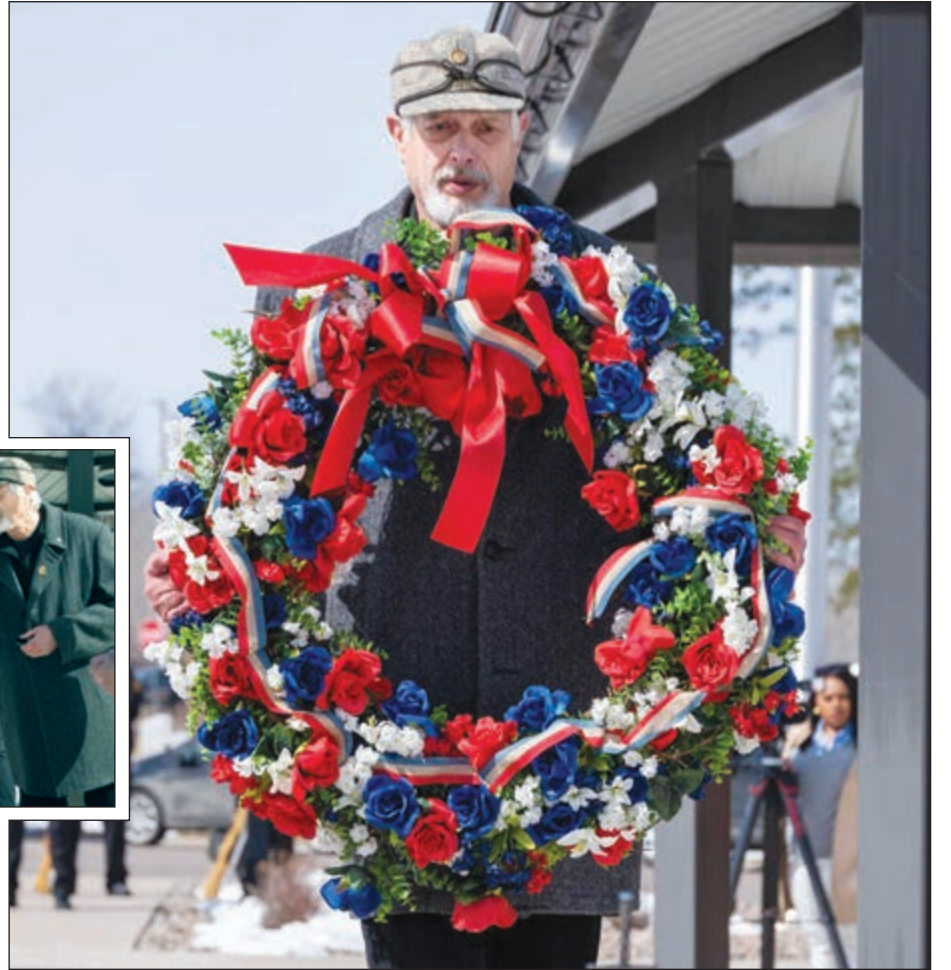
The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with The Press Times, published by Multi Media Channels (MMC). Pictured is Brett Favre's 1996 Jim Thorpe MVP Trophy. In the 1950s, the NFL named its MVP award after Jim Thorpe, who in 1950 was voted the "greatest football player of the half-century" by the Associated Press. The Jim Thorpe Trophy was awarded by the Newspaper Enterprise Association. Before that, the MVP award was known as the Joe F. Carr Trophy and the United Press International NFL Most Valuable Player Award. Favre won three consecutive NFL MVP awards in 1995, 1996 and 1997. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit [www.packershofandtours.com](http://www.packershofandtours.com). MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

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### 50th Vietnam War Veterans Day

A ceremony was held at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw on Friday, March 29 to commemorate the 50th Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Lake Tomahawk American Legion Riders and the Northwoods Honor Guard participated in the event, and family and friends gathered to remember their loved ones who were Vietnam War veterans. **Photos by Dave Melancon**



50th Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony took place Friday, March 29 at the Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw.



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