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Walter Piper, founder of The Wisconsin Loon Project, is pictured banding and weighing loons on a Northwoods lake.  
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## Northwoods loon population in decline

### New study suggests poor water clarity to blame

BY EILEEN PERSIKE  
MMC STAFF

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – A study published this month in the journal Ecology connects water clarity in northern Wisconsin to survival and reproduction of the common loon.

The clearer the water, the better for one of the Northwoods' most treasured birds.

A recent study suggested climate change could push the breeding range of the common loon hundreds of miles north in the next 30 years, possibly out of the U.S. entirely by 2080.

Studying loons in Oneida, Vilas and Lincoln counties since 1993, The Wisconsin Loon Project began with a focus on territorial and nesting behavior of loons. But findings such as these and others have led the project to look more closely at loon conservation.

"I started to notice it seemed the males were not as heavy the past five to 10 years as they were (10 to 25) years ago," said Walter Piper, a professor of biology at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., and founder of the Wisconsin Loon Project. "And that also seemed to be the case for chicks. A lot of chicks seemed emaciated. This spawned the (new) study."

The study, entitled "Climate change-associated declines in water clarity impair feeding by common loons," looked at water clarity and how it is affected by climate, and water clarity's impact on the body mass of loons.

To take a step back, a 2020 paper authored by four researchers, including Piper, found the adult loon population in the Northwoods declined by 22% over the previous

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## Two TMS students win State eCybermission competition

7th graders Tromp, Towle developed student-teacher communication app

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A total of ten Tomahawk Middle School (TMS) students recently took part in a statewide virtual competition, with one team winning at the State level for their grade.

The students competed in eCybermission.

Coach Laurie Tracie explained that eCybermission is a virtual science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) competition for students in grades 6 through 9.

"Students are challenged to explore how STEM works in their



world while working as a team to solve problems in their community," Tracie stated. "This year, we had a strong representation with four middle school teams that started their

mission in October."

Tracie said each team picked a problem they saw within their community and researched solutions that could help solve the problem. Some

teams put together a prototype, while others worked through experiments that allowed them to learn more.

At the 6th grade level, Team Hat Trick, made up of Vallyn Ott, Kaeden Bethel and Maxwell Childers, looked into ways to clean up highway pollution, while Landyn Schultz and Hunter Moore of Team Ooga Booga compared batteries to determine which were most effective for electric cars.

Marleigh Sineni, Sophie Roerts and Brock Fischer, representing the

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27 years. The numbers of chicks and chick body mass declined “significantly,” and the population of young loons who do not yet reproduce fell by 46%.

There was also a noticeable decline in the number of chicks hatched each year.

“It used to be half would have two chicks, and these days that’s the exception,” Piper explained. “Today, 70-80% of the pairs have only a single chick. That was another warning sign.”

But perhaps the single most worrisome thing the 2020 paper found, Piper said, is the rate at which two to four-year-old adults come back. In what he calls “the roaring 90s and ‘00s,” researchers would see half of the loons banded as chicks come back as young adults. Not so these days.

“That is to say we would expect to band maybe 60 juveniles, and we’d see close to 30 of them back as adults in the old days,” Piper said. “Now we band 60 of them and we see 10 come back. It’s really that level of decline. It’s a really striking and alarming decline and we don’t have any idea what could be causing it.”

2024 research  
Among countless potential environmental factors in the falling loon population and, more specifically, the declining mass of chicks, Piper considered that loons’ food sources had



Lauryn Linsell and Jessica Ciske, field researchers for The Wisconsin Loon Project, work on banding loons.

Photo by Walter Piper

grown scarce.

Though measuring the fish population over the course of decades would be difficult, finding a large historical database of water clarity was not.

Piper reached out to Kevin Rose, an associate professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York who studies water clarity using remote sensing satellite data.

“I could look at mass data of chicks and adults and say, ‘Okay, well I know how old this chick was, and I have his mass, and now I can look at what the water clarity was ... for that specific lake in that specific month where we were able to capture and weigh the chick.’”

They found short-term water clarity is strongly correlated with chick mass: The clearer the water, the heavier the chick.

“So there are, I suppose, a few possible explanations, but the most obvious one, since loons are visual predators, they are chasing fish underwater and feeding their chicks,” Piper said. “If the water isn’t clear, that makes it difficult for loons to find food for chicks, and the chicks suffer as a result.”

Most loon chicks hatch in June, making July water clarity central to their survival.

“Chicks are very young in July, and that’s a critical month of growth for them,” Piper said. “So if the water is cloudy during the time their need is dire, then that hits them pretty hard.”

Adult mass also falls, he added, but not as dramatically.

They found that water clarity in the 127 study lakes declined steeply from 1995-2021. They found that water clarity fluctuates seasonally and in the short term.

But why?

The researchers looked at rainfall and temperature, noting a “tight correlation” between rainfall and water clarity. The question is: What is rain washing into the lakes? It could be dissolved organic material, fertilizer, sediment or a phytoplankton bloom. This is one of the topics Piper said will be researched in the next study.

“This is scary stuff for me and a lot of us up there,” Piper said. “We want to make something positive of it. We want to figure out what’s really going on. The rainfall and the temperature – we can’t do anything much about in the short term. Climate change is happening and it will continue to happen, but if it’s just fertilizer washing in from people’s lawns, then that’s something we could potentially fix and I think, if people understood the loons are being hurt by stuff that’s on their lawn, they would maybe say, ‘You know what? I can do better.’”

Piper said his hope is that whatever is causing a lack of clarity in lakes is fixable, so they can offer recommendations in the future and save the loon population in the Northwoods.



Laabs

Contributed photo

**Laabs biking to raise funds for Tomahawk Community Theater Children’s Summer Workshop**

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk-area resident is using her passion to help out a local organization.

Joan Laabs, an active community member and avid biker, has set a goal to raise \$2,500.00 for the Tomahawk Community Theater Children’s Summer Workshop.

Laabs, 77, aims to raise the funds by biking and collecting donations over the course of 25 weeks.

As of Friday, May 10, Laabs had completed 573 miles, leaving 1,927 miles to go to hit her mark.

Last year, Laabs raised \$2,300.00 for a renovation project at American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk.

In shifting her focus to this summer’s workshop, Laabs said she was impressed with the Children’s Theater performance held last year.

“The quality of the performance and the optimism and confidence shown by the students were inspirational,” Laabs stated. “In addition, I was impressed

with the apparent educational and leadership skills of the Theater President Terry Bucaro and Summer Workshop Committee members Jim Wise, Pam Wise, Pat McLain and Kathy Rechsteiner.”

Since that performance, Laabs has attended several theater meetings and an open house for community members, which convinced her that the group has “definite potential for continued success and growth.”

Although her educational and career backgrounds are in adult education, Laabs noted that she “fully realize(s) that youth education shares similar learning expectations.”

Bucaro said she “(expects) the young students to diligently work to learn their parts, help each other when needed and gain feelings of belonging to a group.”

“Students are reminded that in theater, ‘being in the limelight’ is fine, as long as it is focused on self-

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Pictured, back row, from left: Vallyn Ott, Kaeden Bethel, Maxwell Childers (Team Hat Trick); Marleigh Sineni, Sophie Roerts, Brock Fischer (Team Debatable). Front, from left: Landyn Schultz, Hunter Moore (Team Ooga Booga); Autumn Tromp, Victoria Towle (Team Best and Brightest).

Photos courtesy of Laurie Tracie

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8th grade as Team Debatable, researched PFAFS contamination levels within the community's water system.

Team Best and Brightest, made up of Autumn Tromp and Victoria Towle, won at the State level for 7th grade with their student-teacher communication system app.

"To put it into perspective what an accomplishment it is to win State, there were over 1,735 mission folders submitted this year, with over 5,400 students participating," Tracie said.

An app is a more modern form of communication that only requires a few clicks, Tracie noted.

"Autumn and Victoria understand how difficult it can be for students to reach out to teachers for help or guidance," she stated. "Many people struggle with

person-to-person communication and mental health issues. This app allows students to reach out to teachers for help without the initial face-to-face. When teachers have this information, they can set up a quiet one-to-one meeting without other students around, or teachers can give ideas of

what the next steps could be for students."

Tracie added that the app "provides a safe place to start the dialogue."

In winning the competition, Tromp and Towle each received a \$500.00 savings bond.

"Way to go Hatchets!" Tracie said.

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**Douglas J. Marheine**, age 78, of Tripoli, Wis., passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Country Terrace Assisted Living in Tomahawk, under the care of Compassus Northern Wisconsin Hospice. Doug was born in Tomahawk on March 2, 1946, to the late Anton and Adeline (Winters) Marheine. He was married to Debra Lass on June 1, 1974; Debra passed away on Aug. 15, 2021.

Doug was a 1964 graduate of the Tripoli High School. After high school, he entered the National Guard. Doug had a long tenure at the Tomahawk Mill, beginning employment in 1970 and retiring in 2010. He loved spending time outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Doug was active in his community where he served on the Tripoli Fire Department and was chairman for the Town of Somo. He enjoyed being grandpa to his granddaughters, Viana and Taya.

Survivors include his son, Jamie Marheine, of Phillips, Wis.; his daughter, Tracie (Terry) Johnson, of Ogenia, Wis.; his brothers, Anton Marheine, of Texas, and Phillip (Jackie) Marheine, of Merrill, Wis.; his sisters, Beverly Hartmann, of Prentice, Wis., Cathy Kivela, of Fond du Lac, Wis., Dawn Kropla, of Edmond, Okla., and Joan Potts, of Tomahawk. He is further survived by his grandchildren, Viana (fiancée Hunter) Johnson and Taya Johnson.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Adeline; his wife, Debra; and his sister, Sharon Spinney.

Memorial services for Douglas Marheine will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Mark Gass will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m.

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



#### Byron Kenneth Bluse

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend passed away on the morning of Nov. 28, 2023 in St. Paul, Minn. Following a Thanksgiving celebration and beautiful holiday weekend surrounded by loved ones, he was ready to pass the baton and join our Lord in heaven.

Byron was born to Charles and Georgianna (Rostallon) Bluse on April 10, 1933 in Saxon, Wis. He lived his 90 years well, loved his family deeply,

continued to expand his knowledge and share his wisdom, was always willing to take on a task or lend a hand, enjoyed landscaping and sports, was a woodworker and outdoorsman, served his community and the Catholic Church, and became a role model as he adapted to the challenges brought on by blindness and decline his final years.

Byron was a humble, hardworking, family man. His diverse career included: sailing the Great Lakes, iron ore miner (Michigan), U.S. Army serviceman, manufacturer for Boeing (Wisconsin), regional manager for Crown Oil (Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan), and maintenance supervisor at Dayco Manufacturing (Arizona), where he retired. Byron continued working in landscaping until he returned to the Midwest in his Golden Years to enjoy his family.

Byron is survived by his wife of 65 years, Georgianna (Thoen) Bluse, Roseville, Minn.; children Tracie (Jeffrey) Ward, Charles (Rebecca) Bluse, and Kenneth Scott (Sali) Bluse; grandchildren Zachary (fiancée Katherine) Ward, Brett (Camilla) Ward, Kyli (Isaac) Addie, and Jordan Bluse; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He is preceded in death by his eldest son Edward Alan Bluse; his parents; Damgard siblings Mary Huestis, Walter, and Arthur; and Bluse siblings Russell, Leonard, Clayton, Edward, Noel, Anna Mae Alonen, and Catherine Savera.

Byron will be greatly missed, but our family is blessed to hold so many wonderful memories in our hearts, where he will live forever.

A Celebration of Life and Mass at St. Ann's in Saxon, Wis., at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 25, 2024 followed by a luncheon at the community center.



#### Judith Bostwick

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved mother, Judy Bostwick, who peacefully left this world May 8 2024, at the end of age 83.

Judy was a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished friend to many. She was born Aug. 8, 1940, in Pearson to Raymond and Ruby Peterson and spent her early years surrounded by a loving family.

She was married to Ralph Bostwick on Nov. 23, 1960,

who preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 2021. She was the proud mother of Debbie Leverance, Stevens Point, Wis., Brian Bostwick (Mary) Flagstaff, Ariz., and Wayne Bostwick, Tomahawk.

She is survived by her grandchildren Heather (Jacob) Gaedtke, Andrew Leverance, Jamie (Dusty) Buchholz, Courtney (Colin) Schrek, Tara Bostwick, Brittani (Bob) Flynn and Tyler Bostwick. Great-grandchildren Andrew Brown, Summer Gaedtke, Clayton Gaedtke, Evan Buchholz, Leah Buchholz, Saylor Schrek, Haisley Schrek and Charlie Flynn. Siblings Lila Delano, Carl Peterson (Carol). Judy is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Ruby Peterson, brother Robert (Mary) Peterson and niece Lori Delano Olson.

With her husband Ralph they owned and operated the A&W Root Beer Stand in Tomahawk. After many years in the Root Beer Stand, they then changed to a family style restaurant, The Chef's Corner. Up until Judy's passing, she still had requests for her famous BBQ and coleslaw recipes. They truly enjoyed the fond memories of the many employees they had throughout the years, especially the high school students.

Judy will be deeply missed by her children, grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends.

Judy had a heart of gold and a kind and gentle spirit that touched everyone she met. She was known for her generosity, infectious laughter, and unwavering faith. She was a pillar of strength and support.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to Amy Brunner, a special friend of the family especially Judith, the staff and doctors at St. Vincent Hospital Green Bay, Wis., Woodside Lutheran Communities Ashwaubenon, Wis.

Judy will forever be remembered for her kindness, grace, and unwavering love. She touched the lives of all who knew her, and her memory will live on in our hearts forever. Rest in peace, dear mother. You will always be our guiding light.



**Jan Zuiker**, 95, a longtime Tomahawk, resident passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital surrounded by family. Jan was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Clintonville, Wis., to Albert and Valinda (Fergot) Palmer. Jan married Darwin Sweeney on June 18, 1949, in Fond du Lac, Wis. Dar passed away in 1980, then on March 5, 1982, Jan married John Zuiker who also preceded her in death.

Jan was a lifelong learner. She was proud of her college education at Ripon College before she married Dar. Later, she finished her RN Degree through Northcentral Technical School. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Golden Age Nursing Home for many years. She took many cooking and computer classes through community education.

Jan was an active and selfless worker for both her family and the community. She was instrumental in beginning the St. Mary's Catholic Thrift Cellar. She was a Girl Scout Leader for 15 years. She was also instrumental in securing the funding for the purchase of the land for Birch Trails Girl Scout Camp. She was a long-time member of the Northwood's Garden Club.

Jan loved athletics. She lettered at Ripon on the Rifle Team and enjoyed golfing at Edgewater Country Club on Tuesday mornings. Because there were limited girls' sports opportunities at the time, she began Open Gym for middle school girls at the Washington School gym so they could learn the joy of sports. At retirement she took up cross country skiing. She loved watching sports and enjoyed many conversations with others about college basketball, especially the Badgers.

Jan worked tirelessly for her family raising her children. Jan loved her family and found great joy in them. She also enjoyed working in her flower gardens and enjoying the gift of nature. Jan was a lifelong Christian many years attending St. Mary's Catholic Church and in recent years became a member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church and she cherished her church family.

Survivors include 11 children: Kathleen Sweeney (Joerg Kessler), Pepin, Wis.; Maria Sweeney Connemara, Milwaukee; Ann Sweeney, Plymouth, Minn.; Jane (Rev. Mark) Gass, Tomahawk; John (Scarlet) Sweeney, Rhinelander; and James (Muna) Sweeney of Chanhassen, Minn.; Jean Zuiker of Evansville, Ill.; Jeff (Barb) Zuiker of Port Edwards, Wis.; Pete (Tami) Zuiker of San Jose, Calif.; Bill (Sandy) Zuiker of Marshfield, Wis.; and Mark (Susan) Zuiker of Boulder Junction, Wis. She further survived by 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Jan was preceded in death by her husbands, Dar and John, a son, Dennis Sweeney and a daughter, Joan Sweeney, son-in-law, Brian Nelson, daughter-in-law, Judy Sweeney, her sister, Mary Sievers, her brothers, Albert, George, David and Harold.

The Funeral Service for Jan Zuiker will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, 12 noon at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Mark Gass will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 12 noon.

Jan has requested memorials for the Redeemer Church Learning Center.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home is caring for the family. You may view the obituary and share online condolences [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com).

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#### In God is All Happiness

It is everyone's desire to be happy. To be happy, we need to start by being kind to ourselves, embracing all that we are, past and present. Our whole life is a journey home to life eternal. Committing ourselves to family, Church, community, and all that is connected with God is the ultimate commitment and ultimate finding.

We are our own enemy and we don't know it. We don't learn to sit quietly. We don't learn to give time to God. And we are impatient and expect to attain heaven all at once. We cannot get it just by reading books or by listening to sermons or by doing charitable works, but by giving ourselves time with God in deep prayer and meditation which leads to Faith, Hope and Love. When we resign ourselves completely to God, when we are never tempted to pray for selfish ends, and when we are sure that God is our Spirit, that He is our Soul, and everything else — then we are free.

**The Glory of God is revealed only in the quietness of the Soul.** The more we concentrate on the outside, the less we will know of the inner glory of the everlasting joy of the Spirit. The more we concentrate within, the less we will have of difficulties without. We should never allow the outer life that we see and experience to submerge in our inner life. We are not able to understand this because of the influence of worldly company and environment and bad habits. **Jesus taught us to seek God in solitude** (Mathew 6:6).

**The best way to be happy is to be conscious of God.** Our desire should be God-realization; the determination to be with Him. New technology and developments constantly try to give us the pleasures of the world, but such transitory satisfactions only end in sorrow, bitterness and frustration. The world can only give false peace and contentment. It is best to go to God first and ask Him what is best for us — **Seek first the Kingdom of God.** When we know that He awaits us, why should we waste our time on lesser things? The Lord is speaking to all human beings. What more can He do to attract our attention?

**Make the efforts to please God.** That should be your first aim. With our body, mind and heart we should thank and praise God and seek Him alone. **God communion is the only answer to all of our problems.** Happiness comes by feeling that we are one with God — that we are the children of God, who is the author and king of the universe. We need to make every day a kind of summary of our whole life, the life in miniature, including all our duties and all aspects of interior works and spiritual life.

The sure way to happiness is to make use of our talents in service of ultimate good. When we stop chasing after worldly pleasures, we open up to joy and happiness. Hence, the solution lies in coming out of our comfort zone and retiring every day within and finding our own vocation to please God in all we do.



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

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## Ask the PASTOR

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

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at Hosea 4 and God's complaint that the nation of Israel no longer knew God and the priests had quit teaching the truth of God. The result was that their culture was now riddled with crime. We also looked at two parallel passages (1 Timothy 3:1-5, Romans 1:21-32) where the same principle is explained. Last week, I mentioned that the answer to the problems of crime and violence in the culture was not more laws, but more of the knowledge of God in the culture. Let us look at this today.

Just because there are churches does not mean that God is known. Nor does the increase in religion mean that the knowledge of God has increased.

God is a person, and the truth about God cannot be changed by our wishful thinking any more that the truth about you can be changed by my wishful thinking. To know someone, we must accept that person based on what they really do and say, which is what defines a person. And so it is with knowing God.

Romans 1:21-23 gives to us a warning, saying, *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the uncorruptible God for an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.* Our ability to know God depends upon our willingness to accept Him for who He has revealed Himself to be. If we do not accept His definition of Himself, then we will not know God because we will have replace the truth about God with our own ideas about God.

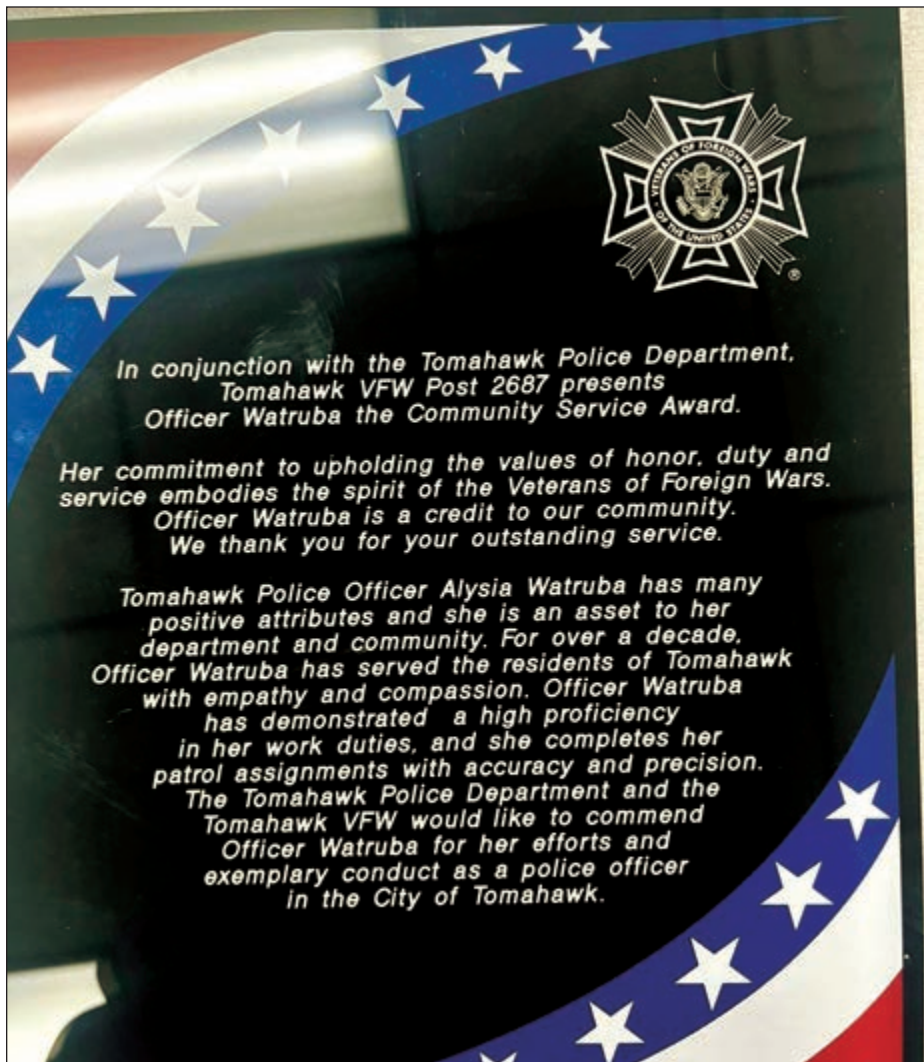
In Isaiah 40:12-31 God confronted Israel for having done the very thing that Romans 1:21-23 warns us about. In Isaiah 40, God calls the nation to reconsider who they think Him to be; calling them to accept Him as He has revealed Himself to be, reminding them that He had told them who He is from the very beginning. In verses 28-31, God explains that He is a help to those who accept Him as He is.

God concludes this chapter with the promise of verse 31: *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* The key condition in this promise is *they that wait upon the LORD.* The word translated *wait* means to bind, to join together; it describes the welding together of two metal pieces or a grapevine wrapping itself around a tree so it can reach up to the sun.

God's promise of help is to those who bind themselves to God. If we come to God based on *our* opinions of God, we are binding a false god to us. But if we believe and obey God as He has defined Himself in the Bible, then we are binding ourselves to Him; to such a person God gives the promise of verse 31.

Pastor Charles Scheele  
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A plaque presented to Officer Alysia Watruba said her "commitment to upholding the values of honor, duty and service embodies the spirit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."



**VFW honors TPD officer**

VFW Post 2687 in Tomahawk recently recognized a Tomahawk Police Department officer with its Community Service Award.



Photos courtesy of TPD

**LAABS**  
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expression and both personal and team success," Bucaro stated. "I firmly believe that participation in theater positively impacts overall student learning."

Laabs said it is "apparent that the adults will also be working diligently

this summer," noting that they will be "analyzing each student's abilities, determining individual motivation to prepare and practice and assessing attitudes that fit group goals."

"The workshop is, after all, a forerunner to theater production," she noted. "The Children's Theater performance, to

be held later this summer, will showcase students who involve both their hearts and minds to successfully entertain a welcomed audience."

To contribute to Laabs' efforts, donations can be mailed, with a note mentioning Laabs' biking, to Tomahawk Community Theater, P.O. Box 124, Tomahawk, Wis., 54487.

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**Harshaw Wanderers donate to Nokomis FD**  
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 Photo courtesy of the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department



Pictured, back row, from left: O'Connor, Sutton, Koth, Marino, Alberg, Schertz, Nelson, Lewison, Ruder, Fuszard; front: Sawada, McKenzie, McGovern, Roberts, Kurth, Hilgendorf, Dellinger, Stefan.  
 Photo by Corey Colburn

## THS musicians take part in State Solo and Ensemble Festival

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

STEVENS POINT – Numerous Tomahawk High School (THS) students competed at the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Solo and Ensemble Festival, held on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on Monday, May 6.

THS had a total of 12 state-qualifying events that were performed.

Second Division ratings were earned by the Junior-Senior Soprano-Alto ensemble consisting of Ella Hilgendorf, Ryu Fuszard, AJ Schertz, Murphy Koth, Arawen Alberg, Bella Marino, Akira Sawada, Scarlet McKenzie, and Julia McGovern; and by the Freshman-Sophomore Soprano-Alto ensemble comprised of Dorian Stefan, Jayden Dellinger, Kaylee Roberts, Greta Kurth, Sa-

die Ruder, Ayla Lewison, and Naomi Nelson.

In addition, Division II ratings were earned by Murphy Koth, vocal solo; Scarlet McKenzie, alto saxophone solo; and Greta Kurth, vocal solo.

First Division ratings were earned by Bella Marino, vocal solo; Ayla Lewison, vocal solo; Elliot O'Connor, alto saxophone solo; Xan Sutton, vocal solo and musical theater solo; Murphy Koth and Arawen Alberg, vocal duet; and Arawen Alberg, musical theater solo.

"The THS music faculty is extremely proud of the very fine musicianship that our students put on display at the festival," a release from the THS Music Department said. "We would like to congratulate them on their hard work and practice time that brought them to this point."

The release said THS offers many curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students in music, including Concert Band and Chamber Choir, music festivals and an annual musical theater production.

Approximately 70 students elect to participate in the school's two curricular music ensembles.

Each school year in Wisconsin, approximately 11,000 performances qualify for state from their district music festivals, involving more students in a state-level event than almost any other co-curricular program. State Solo and Ensemble Festivals are held on 11 University campuses across Wisconsin in late April and early May.

More information on all WSMA programs can be found at [www.wsmamusic.org](http://www.wsmamusic.org).

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## News Briefs

### THS Drama Department children's play

The Tomahawk High School (THS) Drama Department will present its annual children's play in the district auditorium on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m., followed by drama and forensics awards at approximately 8:15 p.m. Elementary, middle school and St. Mary's students will be treated to the show throughout the school day. In "A Bagful of Fables," Aesop shares five famous fables with the audience as a group of actors create not only the stories, but also some sound effects and other staging. Admission is a free will offering at the door.

### Speaker at Northwoods Vineyard

God is Calling Ministry will host speaker Lori Slaughter at Northwoods Vineyard, 418 Kaphaem Rd., Tomahawk, on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Topic will be "Unity of the Body." All are welcome. For more information, contact Alaina at 715-570-5296 or Geri at 715-453-4716.

### Historical Society brat frys

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society will hold fundraising brat frys in the

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# Nicolet College, UW-Parkside announce transfer agreements for online business administration program

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside have forged two new articulation agreements designed to “facilitate a smooth transition for Nicolet College graduates into UW-Parkside’s renowned online Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) Program,” a release from Nicolet College said.

According to the release, the agreements, tailored to support learners in the Rhinelander and rural northern Wisconsin areas, are “designed to offer students the flexibility to continue their education remotely while building upon the academic foundation achieved at Nicolet.”

“The agreements focus on two concentrations of the BSBA program: the General Business Administration Concentration and the Business Analytics Concentration,” the release stated. “In both cases, students completing Nicolet College’s Associate of Applied Science in Business Management and meeting UW-Parkside’s admission criteria will be eligible for admission to the



Dr. Lynn Akey, Chancellor of UW-Parkside, (left) and Kate Ferrel, President of Nicolet College, signed new articulation agreements, providing opportunities for Nicolet College graduates to earn bachelor’s degrees while continuing to live in the Northwoods. Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

BSBA program, with up to 60 transfer credits.”

The BSBA program provides the opportunity for students to learn and demonstrate fundamental business management skills applicable to nearly every career field, according to the release.

“The program is offered as a UW Flexible Option – an online, self-directed, competency-based education format designed for busy adults who want the freedom and flexibility to complete a degree or certificate on their own terms,” the release stated. “Every student is paired with an Academic Success

Coach for personalized mentoring and advising. The coach helps create a learning plan and timeline tailored to fit each student’s knowledge, needs, and schedule.”

The release said the agreements between Nicolet College and UW-Parkside signify a “collaborative effort between faculty, student services and administration from both institutions to ensure a seamless transfer process for students.”

Dr. Lynn Akey, Chancellor of UW-Parkside, and Kate Ferrel, President of

Nicolet College, both expressed enthusiasm about extending educational access via these new agreements.

“These agreements underscore our commitment to providing accessible pathways to higher education for students across the state of Wisconsin,” Akey said. “By partnering with Nicolet College, we are extending the impact of UW-Parkside and empowering learners to achieve their academic and professional aspirations.”

“This marks a significant milestone for Nicolet College and is a major opportunity for our community,” Ferrel stated. “It puts bachelor’s degrees within reach, while allowing our students to continue living and working right here in the Northwoods.”

For more information, visit Nicolet College’s transfer guide page ([www.tinyurl.com/4u4cxjek](http://www.tinyurl.com/4u4cxjek)), UW-Parkside’s transfer guide page ([www.tinyurl.com/3uv5r4vh](http://www.tinyurl.com/3uv5r4vh)) or UW-Parkside’s BSBA program page ([www.tinyurl.com/2h474r94](http://www.tinyurl.com/2h474r94)).

# Free program to focus on common warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Next week, the Alzheimer’s Association will host a program focused on recognizing the common signs of Alzheimer’s disease.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s program will be held at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County, 100 Keenan St., Rhinelander, on Tuesday, May 21 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The 90-minute program will explore typical age-related changes, describe common signs of Alzheimer’s and dementia, offer tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns, explain the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis, detail possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process and identify helpful community resources for diagnosis



and those affected.

“The earliest signs of Alzheimer’s can look similar to typical age-related changes that we all may experience as we grow older,” a release from the Alzheimer’s Association said. “It is important to be aware of the common warning signs of Alzheimer’s in family and friends. Alzheimer’s and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.”

To learn more about the program or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or [jstpierre@alz.org](mailto:jstpierre@alz.org).

Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or by visiting [www.bit.ly/signsmay21](http://www.bit.ly/signsmay21).

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We hope everyone will join us in supporting the club and our community.

LEGALS

Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Tommy G. Miller

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024 IN 18

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

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The City of Tomahawk assessment roll is available for review during normal business hours until the Board of Review meets. The assessment roll is a public record. Assessments are also available via the internet at www.ascnt.co.lincoln.wi.us.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE CITY OF TOMAHAWK, Lincoln County

The City of Tomahawk Board of Review will convene on Thursday, May 30th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St. to hear assessment objections.

All property owners who wish to appear before the Board of Review must file a notice of intent to file an objection at least 48 hours before the Board of Review meeting.

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view such property.

All objections to assessments must be filed at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please do not come to the meeting and attempt to file an objection.

If you have any questions about the assessment process, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at City Hall 715-453-4040 or by email at abartz@tomahawkwi.gov.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Trig's Hut, 662 N. 4th St., Tomahawk, on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Funds will go towards society needs and maintenance of the current Old Kindergarten and Log Cabin museums. For more information, call 715-966-4801.

Lincoln County road construction

Lincoln County Interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that road construction will take place on the following roads through Monday, July 15: County Rd. K from Larson Lake to U.S. Hwy. 51; Tug Lake Rd. in the Town of Rock Falls from Woodenware Rd. to Resort Ln.; and County Rd. A from the City of Tomahawk to U.S. Hwy. 8. Roads will be closed to through traffic. Local traffic only. Expect lengthy delays.

Lincoln County chip sealing

Lincoln County interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that the following roads will be closed for chip sealing operations from Monday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 3, weather permitting: County Rd. B, from State Hwy. 17 to County Rd. D; County Rd. H, from County Rd. D to County Rd. A; County Rd. A, from U.S. Hwy. 51 to the Wisconsin River; County Rd. A, from Mail Route Rd. to the Lincoln County Line; County Rd. Q, from County Rd. K to Joe Snow Rd.; and County Rd. Z, from County Rd. Q to Fairview Rd.

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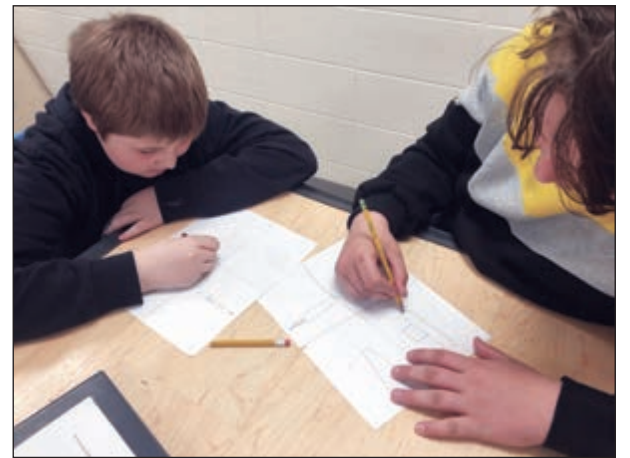




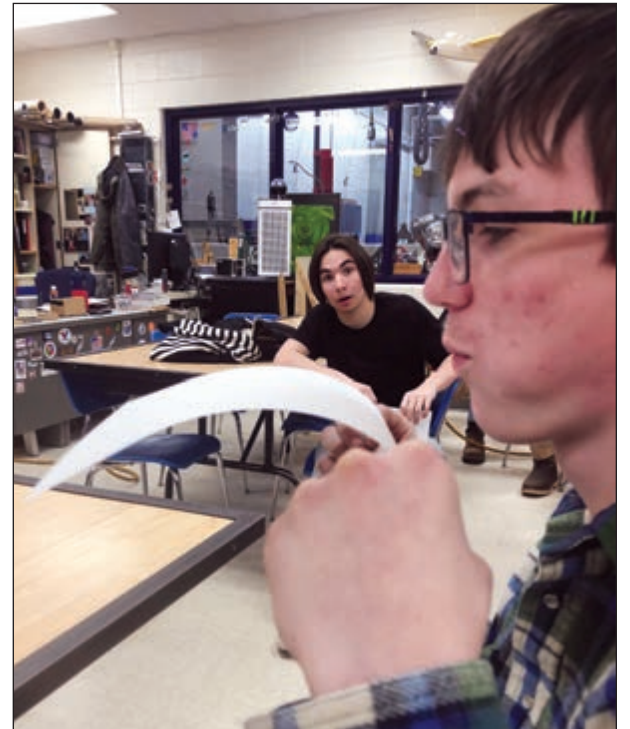
Tomahawk High School (THS) student Makayla presents the metal art roses she made in Technical Metals class.



Small Engines students recently learned about the Venturi effect of Bernoulli's principle, which allows carburetors to atomize gasoline in the combustion chamber on two- and four-cycle engines.



Students in Concepts of Design participated in a communication activity where they drew an object their classmate verbally described to them.



Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz

## NATIONAL LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

# Aspirus offers tips on avoiding tick bites

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – As part of National Lyme Disease Awareness Month, Aspirus Health is providing information on how to avoid being bitten by ticks and how to prevent Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

"Ticks are tiny, blood-sucking parasites that can pose a significant threat to human and animal health, and the early spring means the arachnids are ready to catch a ride on their next human or animal," Aspirus stated.

Ashley Johnson, a Nurse Practitioner at the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center in Woodruff, said there are several types of ticks in the area.

"The first one is the wood tick," Johnson explained. "Those are the larger ticks. The second one is the deer tick, which is the one that is most known for transmitting Lyme disease. And then we do have a third tick that is pretty rare, but that one is called the lone star tick. And it is starting to migrate north, but it is mainly found in the southern states."



Johnson  
Photo courtesy of Aspirus

"In order to prevent tick bites, you want to prevent them from getting onto your skin," Aspirus said, offering the following tips:

- Tuck your pants into your socks.
- Wear tall boots if you're going out into the woods.
- Use bug sprays with at least a 30% deet concentration.
- Perform daily tick checks anytime you're done spending time outside.
- Throw your clothes in the dryer for 20 minutes on high heat. This will kill any ticks that are potentially on your clothes.

• Treat your pets, as they're a high risk for bringing ticks into the home.

"So, where you want to check for ticks is going to be any place that is dark, warm and cozy, so your armpits, your belt line, the groin, the hairline, behind the ears, and you want to do it immediately after you come in from any activity that is considered high risk," Johnson stated. "So anytime you're in the tall grass, the woods, the fields, if you're gardening, those are all considered high risk activities for contracting a tick bite."

"Removing a tick can

be challenging, and there are several options to extract them," Aspirus said. "Tweezers are effective, and it's important that you don't squeeze the body of the tick. Place the tweezers at the head of the tick perpendicular to its body and pull straight up until it releases from the skin."

Aspirus noted that tick removal tools, like the tick twister and the tick key, can also help to remove a tick without squeezing the body or irritating the tick.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, joint pain, headaches, muscle pain and brain fog, as well as the EM (erythema multiforme) rash, or a bullseye rash.

"The thing to keep in mind is that you can still have Lyme disease and not develop the bullseye rash," Johnson said. "So that is a common misconception, is that you have to have the bullseye rash in order to have Lyme disease."

Those looking for more information on tick-borne illness care or services to treat tick-borne illnesses can visit [www.tinyurl.com/2s4bbc5f](http://www.tinyurl.com/2s4bbc5f).

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Muskellunge Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District**

Saturday, May 25, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

Town of Bradley Town Hall, Tomahawk

**NEWS BRIEFS**  
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**Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays**

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

**EARLY DEADLINE**

Due to the **Memorial Day Holiday**, the May 29th issue of the Tomahawk Leader **Deadline will be Thursday, May 23rd, 10am**

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May 16	2:01AM	6:47AM	12:44PM	7:07PM
May 17	2:17AM	7:27AM	1:48PM	7:47PM
May 18	2:33AM	8:06AM	2:52PM	8:25PM
May 19	2:48AM	8:45AM	3:55PM	9:05PM
May 20	3:04AM	9:26AM	5:02PM	9:47PM
May 21	3:21AM	10:09AM	6:10PM	10:31PM

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# Five Tomahawk veterans listed on upcoming Never Forgotten Honor Flight roster

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Numerous area veterans, including five from Tomahawk, are slated to take next week's Never Forgotten Honor Flight (NFHF) to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials that honor their service.

The flight, which will take place on Monday, May 20, was organized by the Wausau-based NFHF organization, which serves veterans in Barron, Clark, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Rusk, Taylor, Vilas and Wood counties.

The flight marks the Wausau-based NFHF organization's 48th flight since the first took place



in April 2010.

A total of 106 veterans – 11 Korean War veterans, 95 Vietnam War veterans and one World War II veteran – will take the flight.

Among those listed to take the trip are Tomahawk residents Terry Baldowsky, Army; Dean Clark, Air Force; Jay Gascoigne, Marines; Thomas

Pederson, Navy; and John Sorenson, Navy.

Veterans from other communities throughout northern and central Wisconsin, including Arbor Vitae, Gleason, Irma, Medford, Merrill, Prentice, Rib Lake and Rhinelander, are also listed on the flight roster.

The veterans will be

accompanied by 66 guardians on the one-day round trip that departs Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) in Mosinee at 6:30 a.m. and is scheduled to return at approximately 10 p.m.

The public is invited to CWA to welcome the veterans home.

As part of NFHF, veterans receive a free round-trip flight, and guardians pay \$500.00 for the opportunity to accompany up to three veterans on the trip.

Veterans and guardians interested in taking a future Honor Flight can complete an application at [www.neverforgottenhonorflight.com](http://www.neverforgottenhonorflight.com) or contact the organization at 715-573-8519.

All veterans from the World War II, Korean War

and Vietnam War eras are encouraged to submit an application. The only criteria for veterans to qualify for an Honor Flight is to have served (active duty, reserves or National Guard) prior to May 7, 1975, regardless of where they served.

Completed applications for veterans and guardians also can be mailed to Never Forgotten Honor Flight, 4404 Rib Mountain Dr., #234, Wausau, Wis., 54401.

NFHF said the veterans are selected based upon the order in which their applications are received and the conflict they served in.

"Preference is given to World War II veterans,

then Korea Veterans, and then Vietnam era veterans," NFHF stated. "Veterans who are terminally ill, regardless of when they served in those three eras, are given top preference. Guardians should be 18 to 69 years old and able to lend physical assistance to the veterans."

As of the next week's flight, NFHF will have flown 4,611 veterans to Washington, D.C.

North Central Wisconsin's NFHF is the nation's 77th regional hub and one of five Wisconsin Honor Flight hubs. The Wausau-based organization was certified by the National Honor Flight Network office in Springfield, Ohio on Dec. 11, 2009.

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### A Glimpse Into Tragedy

Dear Reader,

Those of you who read this column regularly may have noticed my enduring interest in poetry. Today I would like to share a poem that few have seen. It was written by William McHale, my grandfather, and appeared many years ago in the Chilton Times-Journal, which he published in the 30s and 40s.

The poem is heartfelt and sad, dealing with the death of his son in early childhood. This brings to mind the oft repeated maxim that parents should never have to bury their children. Over the years the poem has meant a great deal to everyone in our family, helping my siblings and cousins to remember the uncle that we lost without ever knowing him.



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**For Michael  
Had I But Known**

*Had I but known he did not come to stay,  
That he was just a transient little guest  
By heaven sent and thither shortly bound  
How avidly his smallest small request  
I should have heard, and its appeasement found.*

*If I had known he entered at my gate  
Only to pause on his far homeward flight –  
Sweet soul ordained to bear no taint of earth –  
How I had schemed to make the hours more bright  
And shield his dimpled hands from every hurt.*

*But I knew not. There are tomorrows yet,  
I thought, to mend the playthings wrecked today.  
Then, lo, a muffling silence stilled the noise  
Of clamorous mirth, for he had gone his way  
And left my heart like his poor broken toys.*

**William McHale**

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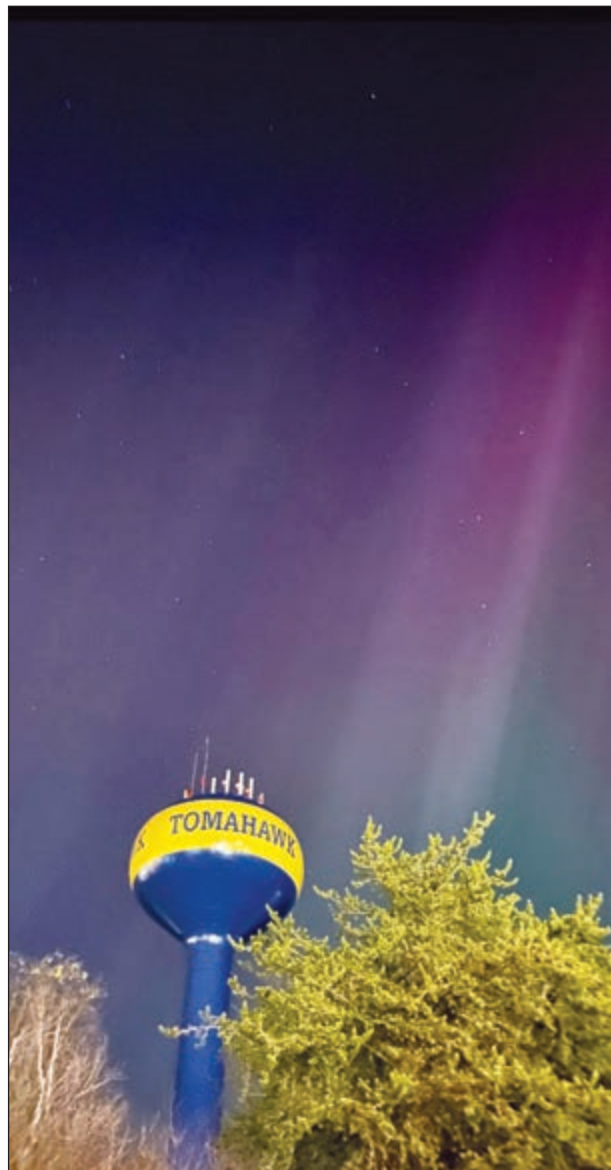
## MEMORIAL SERVICE



Union Grove Cemetery at the Veterans Monument on **Saturday, May 25th at 11:30 am.** Located in Harshaw, WI. 4521 Lakewood Road. We will be honoring our past veterans and military. All are welcome to attend. There also will be the Einar H. Ingman Jr. motorcycle Honor procession gathering at the American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk at 9:15 am that will proceed to the ceremony.

All are welcome to ride. Contact NICK @ 715-574-2060 for motorcycle procession. Please visit our website for more information.

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### Northern lights

These images were captured in Tomahawk on Friday, May 10, during last week's G5 solar storm. **Photos by Tom Pelon**



The aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights, was visible throughout much of the United States, including northern Wisconsin.



## DNR: More than six million fish stocked across Wisconsin waters last year

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Thursday, May 9, released the 2023 fish stocking numbers for inland waterbodies and the Great Lakes.

A release from DNR said it raises millions of yearling and fingerling fish to stock into Wisconsin waters every year.

"Over six million fish were stocked in 2023, which helped fulfill the quotas submitted by county fisheries biologists," DNR stated.

DNR said stocking "helps boost natural fish populations where natural reproduction can no longer support the fishery, maintain or restore existing fisheries and support recreational fishing opportunities."

"Stocking is also used to evaluate management actions or fish culture techniques," DNR stated.

DNR fish crews have stocked fish in inland waters, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and their tributaries across the state in 2023.

The following summaries provide total fish stocked by species in Wisconsin waters in 2023.

**Inland waters:** 204,467 brook trout; 324,422 brown trout; 90,565 lake trout; 80 largemouth bass; 35,786 muskellunge; 108,969 northern pike; 251,508 rainbow trout; 1,964,192 walleye.

**Lake Michigan:** 49,998 brook trout; 455,253 brown trout; 1,386,492 Chinook salmon; 500,189 coho salmon; 591 lake sturgeon; 7,681 muskellunge; 522,852 rainbow trout.

**Lake Superior:** 174,906 brown trout; 73,251 lake trout; 40,816 splake; 100,000 walleye.

This data does not include the stocking of newly hatched fry, fish stocked by private fish farms under a stocking permit, fish stocked by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or fish stocked by our tribal partners.

Visit the DNR's Fish Stocking database ([www.tinyurl.com/yexjmb3](http://www.tinyurl.com/yexjmb3)) to view stocking data from previous years or specific waters.

LINCOLN COUNTY DATA				
Waterbody	Species	Age Class	Fish Stocked	Avg. Length (inches)
Ament Lake	Brook Trout	Yearling	3,100	8.9
Moraine Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	2,317	8.8
Tahoe Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	1,980	8.2
Larson Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	2,633	9.1
Mirror Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	1,100	8.8
Henson Lake	Brook Trout	Lg. Fingerling	2,100	5.6
Mirror Lake	Brook Trout	Lg. Fingerling	1,600	5.6
Squaw Lake	Muskellunge	Lg. Fingerling	20	11

Data courtesy of Wisconsin DNR.

# Leader Sports & Nature

## Tomahawk golfers compete in Rhinelander, Eagle River with end of season on horizon

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

**RHINELANDER** – The Tomahawk Hatchet golf team traveled to Rhinelander and Eagle River ahead of the final week of the season.

**Rhinelanders**

The Hatchets took part in a GNC meet in Rhinelander on Monday, May 6 and came away with a sixth-place team finish, scoring 365. Lakeland was the top team with a score of 325, followed by Mosinee (330), Northland Pines (342), Rhinelander (343) and Medford (345).

Sawyer Hanna's score of 82 was good for 10th place on the day. Other Hatchet scorers included Austin Lamer (89), Caiden Reichelt (95), Carson Childers (99) and Brayden Lamer (100).

Coach Garth Gerstenberger noted that Hanna's

short game was "really good" in Rhinelander.

**Northland Pines**

On Friday, May 10, the Tomahawk golfers traveled to Eagle River for a meet hosted by Northland Pines.

The Hatchets placed 6th with a score of 368, behind Lakeland (305), Mosinee (317), Rhinelander (325), Medford (336), Northland Pines (337) and Antigo (381).

With a score of 87, Hanna was Tomahawk's top golfer, followed by Reichelt (89), Owen Dickrell (95), Childers (97) and Lamer (105).

"(Reichelt) shot his first round in the 80s today," Gerstenberger said. "He had eight pars and was hitting the ball really well."

**JV**

The JV Hatchets also competed in Rhinelander

last Monday, where they placed 5th with a score of 212. Lakeland (184) was the top JV team, followed by Medford (191), Mosinee (195) and Rhinelander (200). Northland Pines, scoring 218, finished in 6th.

Noah Pearson ended the day with a score of 44. Other Hatchet scorers included Ryan Montag (53), Sophia Kiser (57), Dane Dekiep (58) and Lydia Ziart (64).

**This week's action**

The Hatchets were scheduled to start the final week of the season in Mosinee on Tuesday, May 14.

A meet in Antigo originally slated for Tuesday, May 7 was rescheduled for today (Wednesday, May 15).

On Thursday, May 16, the Tomahawk golfers will head to Lakeland.



The Tomahawk Claybusters competed in Black River Falls on Saturday, May 4.

Photo courtesy of Kellie Strassman

## Claybusters take on Black River Falls, Merrill

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

**BLACK RIVER FALLS** – The Tomahawk Claybusters competed against Black River Falls and Merrill earlier this month.

**Black River Falls**

Six Tomahawk athletes participated in the Black River Falls Invitational on Saturday, May 4.

The JV team placed 4th. Tyler Strassman, 52; Fletcher Baumann, 44; Mason Jaecks, 43.

The varsity squad placed 7th. Levi Hilgendorf, 69; Marcus Patterson, 67; Khiana Vacho, 39.

**Merrill**

The Hatchets competed against Merrill in Week Six conference action.

Trey Morrison, Fletcher Baumann, and Tyler Strassman each shot 25s.

Intermediate Entry: 86-96 loss. Carter Albrecht, 21; Keagan Jones, 20; Issac Derleth, 15; Kamron Rista, 15; Eli Scott, 15.

Intermediate Advanced: 106-98 win. Cole Peterson, 23; Lillian Taves, 22; Connor Johnson, 21; Ryan Kretschmar, 20; Dean Greil, 20.

JV: 117-116 win. Fletcher Baumann, 25; Tyler Strassman, 25; Nathan Fisher, 23; Mason Jaecks, 22; Nathaniel Litzau, 22.

Varsity: 116-120 loss. Trey Morrison, 25; Zach Germano, 23; Wyatt Loka, 23; Zach Jones, 23; Ryan Ristau, 22.

### 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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**TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 182**

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

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

**Week 181 question:** Where did Suzie Houston run track after high school: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Whitewater or UW-Madison?

**Week 181 answer:** Suzie Houston ran track at UW-Madison, where she was an All-American.

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

**Week 182 question:** During the 1977-78 wrestling season, Tomahawk defeated Park Falls in conference action for the first time in how many years: Two, three or four?



**Bob Kahler 1944 championship watch**  
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 Bob Kahler's 1944 NFL Championship watch. That year, the Green Bay Packers traveled to New York to take on the Giants. When the Packers won the championship game, 14-7, each player was presented with a watch. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit [www.packershofandtour.com](http://www.packershofandtour.com). MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader. **Photo by Kris Leonhardt**

# Evers signs Executive Order increasing Wisconsin's Trillion Trees Pledge goal

State now aims to plant 100 million trees by end of 2030, up from 75 million

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN — Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last month announced that the state is increasing its Trillion Trees Pledge goal from planting 75 million trees by the end of 2030 to planting 100 million trees in that time.

Evers and DNR made the announcement on Earth Day on Monday, April 22 and in recognition of last month's Forest Appreciation Week.

On Earth Day 2021, Evers signed Executive Order #112, joining the global Trillion Trees Pledge and committing to plant 75 million new trees in rural and urban areas and conserve 125,000 acres of forest in Wisconsin by the end of 2030 in collaboration with public, private and non-governmental partners.

"In just the third year of the pledge, Wisconsin has already achieved more than 40% of its original tree-planting goal," a release from Evers' office said. "With the increased pledge to 100 million new trees, the pledge would enable the state to store and exchange a total of 4.8 billion pounds of carbon dioxide per year in mature trees planted due to the state's Trillion Trees Pledge alone, as according to the



Evers

United States Department of Agriculture, in one year, a mature tree can store and exchange approximately 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere."

The release said this new goal will also aid Wisconsin in contributing to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers' recently-announced pledge to plant 250 million trees over the next 10 years.

According to the Wisconsin Trillion Trees Pledge 2023 Annual Report, more than 9.8 million trees were planted, and more than 3,000 acres of forestland were conserved in Wisconsin last year.

Of the 9.8 million trees planted in 2023, the DNR supplied nearly 6.5 million of the seedlings planted, including more than 2.1 million that were planted on private lands; over 1.9 million that were planted on DNR, federal, Tribal and other public lands; more than 99,000 that were

planted in county forests; more than 31,000 that were planted in school forests; and over 37,000 that were given to elementary school students last Arbor Day, according to the release, which noted that DNR's reforestation program has supplied Wisconsin landowners with more than 1.6 billion seedlings since its founding in the early 1900s.

The release said DNR is coordinating the implementation of the pledge on behalf of the state through partnerships with private nurseries. Last year, private nurseries supplied an estimated 3.16 million trees planted throughout Wisconsin for conservation purposes, in addition to all the trees supplied by private nurseries for landscaping.

"Further, to support Wisconsin's goal of planting one million trees in urban areas, the DNR is awarding \$4 million to local governments, Tribal governments and nonprofit organizations through a competitive Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act grant program," the release stated. "According to the DNR, a well-managed urban forest increases property values, reduces stormwater runoff and erosion, improves air quality and reduces energy used for heating and cooling."

Applications are due early

this summer, and awards will be announced in the fall, the release said.

"Since Day One, we've been working hard to protect Wisconsin's vast and vibrant natural resources — from our acres of forest to our miles of shorelines — for future generations," Evers stated. "That's the future we've promised our kids, and that's the future they deserve. Planting trees and conserving forestlands are simple but powerful tools to help store carbon dioxide, improve air quality, protect wildlife habitats and combat the climate crisis, all while supporting our statewide economies. At the core of this work is bolstering our workforce, supporting more conservation-focused jobs and giving folks opportunities to gain the skills and knowledge they need to care for our environment. ... Conserving and growing our forests is critical to protecting our planet and our environment and allows us to better support our communities, our economy and our workforce."

More information about the Trillion Trees Pledge, Wisconsin's Tree Planting Map, the list of partners and the full report of 2023 accomplishments are available at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forests/trillion-treespledge](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forests/trillion-treespledge).

## WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, May 5	69	34
Monday, May 6	73	50
Tuesday, May 7	58	44
Wednesday, May 8	73	46
Thursday, May 9	65	33
Friday, May 10	67	37
Saturday, May 11	66	42

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