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'CABINET ON THE ROAD'

Governor Tony Evers, administration officials visit Tomahawk

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Governor Tony Evers and members of his cabinet were in Tomahawk last week to visit two businesses that were assisted by a state grant program.

The governor, along with officials from his administration, stopped by The Knot Haus Gift Gallery and Big Bear Mini Golf and Ice Cream on Wednesday, June 5.

Joining Evers in Tomahawk were Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) Secretary Cheryl Olson-Collins, Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) Secretary David Casey, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Secretary James Bond and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Amy Pechacek.

The Knot Haus and Big Bear were recipients of funding from the Main Street Bounceback Grant Program.

The program, which was launched in 2021, utilized Wisconsin's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist small businesses that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 9,400 small businesses in all 72 of the state's counties used Main Street Bounceback grant funds to expand or move into storefronts.

Nearly \$400,000.00 in grant funding was distributed among roughly 40 establishments in Lincoln County, according to a release from Evers' office.

The Tomahawk stops by Evers and members of his administration were two of several "Cabinet on the Road" events last Wednesday.

After leaving Tomahawk, Evers and the group headed to Nicolet College in Rhineland, where they were joined for a full cabinet meeting by Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez, Wisconsin

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Pictured is Governor Tony Evers greeting Char Andreachi, owner of The Knot Haus Gift Gallery, and Jennifer Turkiewicz, Executive Director of Tomahawk Main Street Inc.

Photos by Jalen Maki



Evers spoke with Andreachi about how the Main Street Bounceback Grant Program impacted her business.



Evers chatted with a Knot Haus employee while making a purchase from the downtown store.



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Secretary James Bond purchased a sign at The Knot Haus.

THS student Angelus Lovelace recognized for promoting fire safety

BY JALEN MAKI
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TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk High School (THS) student was recently recognized for his efforts to promote fire safety.

Last month, Angelus Lovelace was presented with a T-shirt and a certificate recognizing him as an honorary member of the School District of Tomahawk's Fire Safety Crew.

Lovelace was honored for his work with School District of Tomahawk Building and Grounds Director Arland Wingate.

Wingate explained that previously, Lovelace had feelings of fear and anxiety about the district's fire alarms. After doing his own research to learn more about the alarms, including their decibel levels, Lovelace began giving Wingate a hand with some fire safety-related tasks.

Together, the two have checked the district's fire extinguishers every month, and Lovelace pulls the alarm for the district's fire drills.

"Now he looks forward to it, instead of being afraid of it," Wingate stated.

Wingate said getting involved with school safety helped Lovelace conquer

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Pictured are Angelus Lovelace and School District of Tomahawk Building and Grounds Director Arland Wingate.

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Upon arrival at Big Bear Mini Golf and Ice Cream, Evers visited with owner Sherry Hulett.



The governor sampled some of the Tomahawk business's ice cream.



A young mini golfer was greeted by the governor.

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Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Emilie Amundson, Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) Secretary Dan Hereth, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) Commissioner Nathan Houdek, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) Chairperson Summer Strand, Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes and Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Executive Director Elmer Moore Jr.

The group then visited the Lake Tomahawk Meat Market in Lake Tomahawk. A hike slated to be held at the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest in Woodruff was cancelled due to inclement weather.

A release from Evers' office said Cabinet on the Road is an initiative driven by the governor for members of his administration to "be visible and present in different parts of the state and connect with local partners to see the positive work going on across Wisconsin, hear firsthand about any challenges faced



Evers tried his hand on the mini golf course.

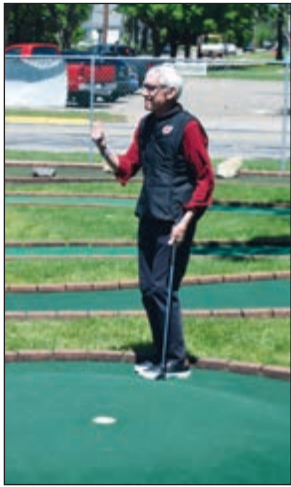
and learn how the Evers Administration can help support Wisconsin's communities and regions."

Evers and members of his cabinet previously hosted Cabinet on the Road events in Hayward in 2019 and in western Wisconsin in 2022, in addition to holding a yearly cabinet meeting at the Wisconsin State Fair in Milwaukee.

Shopping, ice cream and mini golf: Evers and company visit downtown Tomahawk

In Tomahawk, Evers and company first stopped by The Knot Haus Gift Gallery at 116 W. Wisconsin Ave.

The governor and the group toured the downtown store, did a little shopping and visited with owner Char Andreachi, who explained how the



The governor was cheered on after sinking a putt.

Main Street Bounceback Grant Program helped her relocate her business about three years ago.

Andreachi explained that when the building that previously housed The Knot Haus was sold, she began searching for a new location. She ultimately purchased a former downtown office space about a block away, and Tomahawk Main Street Inc. Executive Director Jennifer Turkiewicz gave her a heads up about the Main Street Bounceback Grant Program.

Andreachi applied and was approved, and the funds helped her renovate and open her current location.

After leaving The Knot Haus, the governor and the group took a short walk to Big Bear Mini Golf and Ice Cream at 24 N. 2nd St.



Pictured, from left: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Amy Pechacek, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) Secretary Cheryl Olson-Collins, Evers, Hulett, Bond, Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) Secretary David Casey and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary Craig Thompson.

There, Evers and his cabinet officials spoke with owner Sherry Hulett, enjoyed some ice cream and tried their luck on the mini golf course.

Hulett, who owns Big Bear with her husband, said they received their Main Street Bounceback grant when they opened the business in 2022. The grant funds helped them make some floor repairs in the building, as well as improvements to steps and railings on the mini golf course.

"It really, really helped us get up and operating in a safe manner for our staff, and then also for our visitors and guests," Hulett stated.

Hulett said she and her husband were surprised at

first to learn Evers and his cabinet members planned to visit Big Bear, but they were happy to welcome the group to their establishment.

"It was very nice that we could actually say 'thank you' to the people making the decisions to provide us with the grant money, to help us get started in the industry," Hulett stated. "It's just exciting to have them here, and I think they enjoyed themselves a little bit, too."

Evers said seeing the impact the Main Street Bounceback Grant Program has had on small businesses, including those in Tomahawk, is one of the things he's enjoyed the most in his five-plus years as governor.

"We were able to essentially create businesses in vacant storefronts in 10,000 places in the State of Wisconsin," Evers stated, noting that some communities that previously had almost completely empty downtown areas now have stores there.

The grant program has helped Main Streets across the state thrive, and the influx of businesses has boosted the state's economy, the governor added.

"(The grant program) helped in small towns, and it helped in the big towns," Evers stated. "It was horrible because of the pandemic, but we were able to utilize federal money for a really important cause, and that's making sure our towns stay strong."

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, June 3:

On 05/27/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a reckless driver on USH 51 near the 229 mile marker in the City of Tomahawk. It was reported the suspect vehicle a black Chevy

Tahoe was being operated all over the roadway. A deputy located the suspect vehicle a short time later and followed the vehicle, noticing some of the same driving behaviors. The deputy stopped the suspect vehicle on USH 51 near CTH K in the Town

of Birch. Upon making contact with the driver a Portage man, 58, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. The deputy placed the driver through a series of SFSTs, and as a result of those tests placed the man under arrest for a first offense of OWI. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

On 05/31/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a report of a physical domestic disturbance at an address on STH 86 in the Township of Tomahawk. It was reported that the victim, a Tomahawk woman, 35, had gotten into an argument with her brother, an Athens man, 34. During the course of this disturbance, the brother strangled his sister, causing her injury. The victim later went to the emergency room for treatment of her injuries. The suspect had left the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement. The male subject was later located by Marathon County Sheriff's deputies and taken into custody, where he was later turned over to Lincoln County deputies. The suspect was then booked into the Lincoln County jail on that charge.

On 06/01/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a reckless driving complaint on USH 51 near the 212 mile marker in the Township of Merrill. It was reported that the suspect vehicle a black SUV while pulling a pontoon boat spun out and then continue driving on their way. The pontoon boat reportedly

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Tomahawk tradition returns with North for the 4th shirt sale

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) has launched its 2024 North for the 4th shirt sale, carrying on a decades-long Tomahawk tradition.

This year's shirt is red with the words "North for the 4th" over a Wisconsin background.

Shirts are available at Honeycomb L.O.F.T., 216 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, with additional locations to follow. TMS recommends getting shirts early, as they usually sell out.

Youth T-shirts are \$20.00 each and are available in sizes small through XL.

Adult T-shirts are available in sizes small through 5XL and are \$25.00 each.

Available again this year are pocket hoodie sweatshirts and women's racerback tank tops, which will only be sold at Honeycomb L.O.F.T.

Pocket hoodies, sold for \$45.00 each, are available in adult sizes small through 3XL.

Women's racerback tank tops are available in sizes XS through 2XL and are sold for \$24.00 each.

The North for the 4th T-shirt fundraiser started about four decades ago, when the shirts were sold to raise funds for area



Photo courtesy of TMS

environmental groups. After those groups disbanded, the Tomahawk Downtown Business Council headed the fundraiser.

Today, TMS organizes the shirt sale.

Over the years, the shirts have featured a variety of wildlife, including eagles, loons, deer and owls, as well as themes highlighting several Tomahawk Independence Day traditions, such as the children's

frog jump and the Tomahawk Fire Department's water fight.

Last year, the shirts featured a "Top Gun" theme.

"This has become one of Tomahawk Main Street Inc.'s biggest fundraisers, so thank you all for supporting our downtown," TMS stated.

For more information about the North for the 4th shirts, contact TMS at 715-453-1090 or Honeycomb L.O.F.T. at 715-224-3666.

Lincoln County board to consider extending Pine Crest closing date

Citing logistical challenges, A&L Committee seeks move from June to August

BY JALEN MAKI
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LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors will consider extending the closing date for Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

The county board approved the sale of Pine Crest to Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc. in February. At that time, as part of the Asset Purchase Agreement, a Sunday, June 30 closing date was established.

According to a Thursday, June 6 release from the Lincoln County Administration Department, the county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee met in closed session on Wednesday, June 5, to discuss the agreement.

"As all parties have been working through the logistics of the transition, it became clear that closing on this date is unable to occur," the release stated.

The release said the A&L Committee came out of closed session with a motion directing Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson to draft a modification of the Asset Purchase Agreement to extend the closing date to Saturday, Aug. 31.

The motion also instructed Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger to



Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

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"work closely" with North Central Health Care, which manages Pine Crest, to "ensure communication is disseminated."

The county board will consider the committee's motion. The board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18. The agenda for the meeting had not been released as of press time on Monday, June 10.

"In any change of ownership with an organization

of this size, there are many challenges to ensuring all services are coordinated as seamlessly as possible," the release stated. "The A&L Committee wants to acknowledge the significant efforts of North Central Health Care and many Lincoln County employees in working through the transition, and most importantly, the staff who continue to be dedicated to ensuring exceptional care to our residents."

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On 06/02/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a violation of a court order at an address on Maple Rd. in the Township of Merrill. It was reported that the suspect, a Merrill man, 25, had been ordered by Lincoln County Court to avoid the address on Maple Rd. At the time of the call, the suspect was at the address he was ordered to stay away from. Upon the deputy's arrival at this address, he located the suspect and took him into custody for one count of felony bail jumping and one of misdemeanor bail jumping. He was then taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail.


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Bernard "Bernie" J. Haring, age 81, of Tomahawk, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. Bernie was born in Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 11, 1942, to the late Bernard F. and Elizabeth (Schuit) Haring. He was married to Carol Leach on June 12, 1965; she survives. Bernie was a 1960 graduate of Tomahawk High School. After school, he worked with his father at Ben Haring Plumbing & Heating. Bernie later joined the UA Local 434 Plumbers and Steamfitters in Wausau, Wis., where he worked for 50 years until his retirement. He served on the Tomahawk Fire Department for 42 years and remained active earning the title "Captain Emeritus." He will truly be missed by his TFD family. In his younger years, Bernie coached Little League for the Tomahawk Terroirs. He enjoyed playing softball, throwing horseshoes, and bowling and loved being outdoors hunting and fishing. He continued an active life by pursuing his passion of gardening. Bernie took pride in maintaining his garden and visiting and selling the fruits of his labor at local farmers' markets.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Carol Haring, of Tomahawk; his sons, Jim Haring and Brian Haring, both of Tomahawk; his brothers, Mike (Melissa) Haring and Joe (Laura) Haring, also of Tomahawk; his daughter-in-law, Leigh Ann Haring, of Savannah, Ga.; his sisters, Betty Lou McArdle, of Las Vegas, Nev., Peggy Hitt, of Fond du Lac, Wis., Pat (Mike) Butz, of St. Cloud, Wis., and Mary Carstensen, of Tomahawk; his grandchildren, Ian Haring, of Savannah, Ga., Brycen Huss, Samantha (Brian) Huss, and Briar Huss, all of Merrill, Wis.; his brothers-in-law, Harry Fender, of Ashley, Ind., and David Leach, of Merrill, Wis.; his sisters-in-law, Beverly Haring, of Tomahawk, Linda (Jon) Hudzinski, of Merrill, Wis., and Nancy Haring, of Superior, Wis. Bernie is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Betty; his son, Ron Haring; his brothers, Richard, Tom, and Bob Haring; his sisters, Agnes Fender and Virginia Larson; and his brothers-in-law, Dusty Carstensen, Ken Hitt, Mac McArdle, and Bob Larson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, at 1 p.m. Rev. Louis Maram Reddy officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. You may view Bernie's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Celebrating Fatherhood: Reflections on Father's Day

Dear Reader,

As we approach Father's Day, it's a fitting time to reflect on the diverse experiences of fatherhood and the significance of this special day. Fatherhood, like any role in life, comes with its challenges and triumphs. Some fathers embrace their responsibilities with unwavering dedication, while others falter along the way.



It's essential to recognize and honor those fathers who embody the true spirit of fatherhood—the ones who consistently show up, provide guidance, and offer unconditional love and support to their children. These are the fathers who deserve to be celebrated, for their commitment and sacrifices often go unnoticed in the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Being a father is not always easy. It requires patience, understanding, and a willingness to learn and grow alongside your children. But despite the challenges, the rewards of fatherhood are immeasurable. The bond between a father and child is a treasure beyond compare, built on a foundation of love, respect, and shared experiences.

So as we mark this Father's Day, let's take a moment to celebrate all the fathers who play a positive and nurturing role in their children's lives. Whether biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers, or father figures, their influence leaves an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of the next generation.

To all the good fathers out there— Happy Father's Day!

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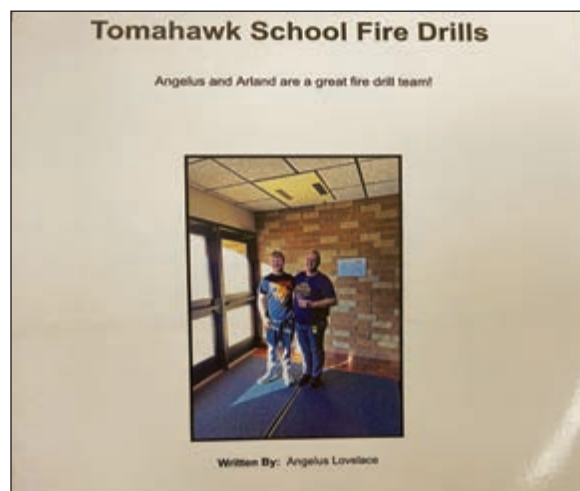
Lovelace was presented with this certificate recognizing his efforts to promote fire safety. **Photos by Jeff Schulz**

LOVELACE

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his fears, noting that Lovelace even wrote a book about the district's fire drills.

"He's a special kid with a big heart, and it was a lot of fun getting to watch him grow over the last couple years," Wingate said.



Lovelace wrote a book about the district's fire safety drills.

The Pastor's Corner for June 12, 2024

During a meeting yesterday, the person I was talking to called me by the wrong first name. They realized it immediately and apologized profusely. They felt it was very unprofessional. I assured them it was okay – I was not offended. I knew they had met with several other clients already that day. It is not like I have never made that same mistake myself. We are human, after all, and our minds and lives are always overflowing with a myriad of things. Have you ever been cut off in traffic? We get angry, call the offending party by some nasty names, and maybe even curse. But what happens when WE are the offending party? We often make excuses for ourselves or try justifying our actions because getting to our destination is so very important. We want others to make space for our mistakes, but we often do not want to make space for theirs.

The word that comes to mind is grace. As clergy, we talk about God's grace all the time. For those of the Christian faith, we believe God's grace was provided for the entire world through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. God sending Jesus so we can be forgiven – so we can have our relationship to God restored.

This world could do with a bit more grace. Not only does the world need to be restored in relationship to God, but we also need to be restored in our relationships with each other. Since we have been created in the image of God, we can access God's grace-filled character within us.

Grace is sorely needed in a world where there is so much hatred, division, and pain. The incident about using the wrong name above was minor but granting grace to each other is not a small matter. Each life is precious, and we all could use less guilt, shame, hatred, division, and pain.

I am myself in need of grace.
 Forgive me, Lord, and grant me space.
 My neighbor falters just like me.
 With them help me, grace-filled to be.

Be kind. Be patient. Be love.



Pastor Lisa A. Weaver
 Tomahawk & Spirit
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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 because the priests had quit teaching the truth of God and now their culture was riddled with crime. The knowledge of God is the only answer to the problems of violence in the culture. Romans 1:21-32 teaches that if we do not accept God for who He said He is, then we will never know God, nor come to a true understanding of the problems in society.

Last week I talked about President Johnson's *Great Society* of the 60's and 70's. As a student in middle school and then high school during those years, I remember watching what is now called the *culture war* – so much was changing. One big change was a shift, from religion being important in the culture, to the rise of atheism and the popularization of the phrase, God is dead. It was also the time of anti war demonstrations on college campuses and the race riots in our major cities. Even the music began to change, not just the sound, but more so, the words.

Up through the 50's and into the 60's, Rock-n-Roll used code words when talking about sex and drugs. By the 70's, the code words were being replaced with the actual words about those experiences.

In colleges, the talk was that the constitution could no longer work in our modern age, anything old was passe' and must be replaced with the new – including our constitution and religion. Forms of socialism were being advanced as an improvement over our constitution and economy. Hinduism, its theology and practices, were promoted through popular music and media as a fit replacement for Christianity.

Out of these things we saw the rise of the drug culture and the hippie movement with its communes – many living off government programs (under Johnson's *Great Society*) even as they demonstrated against the government. The collage age and young adults turned to drugs, Rock-n-Roll, and communes as many doped up and dropped out. It was a confusing time. I remember watching this through the news, music, and other media, and wondered, *was my world coming to an end even before I became an adult?*

Fortunately, much of the madness slowed down when America pulled out of Vietnam and President Nixon resigned under threat of impeachment. Much of this went underground and has not totally disappear.

It was in this time that the only stability I could find was in the Bible itself. I had begun to follow my parents' example of reading through the Bible every year, because I saw the good affect it had in their lives – I wanted what I saw in them. The words of Psalms 11:1 fit nicely here: *In the LORD I put my trust: how say you to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?* The stability I found in God has had a lasting effect upon my life.

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Club member Larry Rydberg thanked the ten volunteers for helping out with the project, as well as Bethel Excavating for drilling the post holes. Photos courtesy of Larry Rydberg

Knox Creek Heritage Center to host 'Midsummer Celebration'

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

BRANTWOOD – The Knox Creek Heritage Center (KCHC) in Brantwood will host one of its yearly fundraising events this month.

“A Midsummer Celebration” will be held at KCHC, N4517 W. Knox Rd., Brantwood, on Saturday, June 22. The grounds will open at 11 a.m., allowing attendees to experience KCHC’s historic buildings and artifacts.

Homemade Finnish bread and pulla, a cardamom braid, will be available for purchase. Grilled burgers, brats and hot dogs will be served from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and entertainment will be provided by Randy “Rupert” Jones.

KCHC President Kevin Wolleemann said the group is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen, as well as with serving and clean-up after the event.

“We are also seeking individuals and families to become part of KCHC,” Wolleemann stated. “By becoming a member, you can help maintain our unique historical site. We also have several major projects planned and are asking for additional funds, through donations, to make these dreams come true. Any donation of time and/or money will be greatly appreciated.”



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

will be available to view during the event.

KCHC, founded in 1995 in an effort to preserve the heritage of the pioneers that settled the Northwoods, holds four annual fundraisers each year, including the Midsummer Celebration.

For more information on the Midsummer Celebration or on joining KCHC, contact Wolleemann at 715-551-5967.

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DOJ: Wisconsin ranks first in country during spring Drug Take Back Day

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), on Tuesday, May 28, announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected during the spring 2024 Drug Take Back.

Wisconsin collected the most unwanted medications throughout the coun-

try this spring, totaling 55,122 lbs. “Because of Wisconsinites who safely disposed of their unwanted medications, Wisconsin’s remarkable success with the Drug Take Back program has continued,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “Thanks to everyone who helped make the safe disposal of more than 55,000 more pounds of unused medication possible.”



Wisconsin has collected a total of 1,257,161 lbs. of unwanted medications since Drug Take Back began in 2010 under the leadership of the DEA, according to DOJ. Wisconsin ranks third in the nation for the most medications collected since

inception, falling only behind Texas with 1,424,295 lbs. and California with 1,404,998 lbs. collected. Nationwide, since inception, 18,570,487 lbs. of unwanted medications have been collected during Drug Take Back events.

The DEA leads two Drug Take Back days a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. DOJ partners with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to organize and promote Drug Take Back throughout Wisconsin.

“Drug Take Back provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the community about the potential abuse and conse-

quences of improper storage and disposal of these medications,” DOJ stated.

In Lincoln County, drug disposal boxes can be found at the Tomahawk and Merrill police departments, Tomahawk Pharmacy and the Marshfield Clinic Health System-Merrill Center.

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Tiffany announces 2024 Congressional App Challenge

Students in 6th-12th grades welcome to participate

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany (WI-07) last month, announced that his office is accepting submissions for the 2024 Congressional App Challenge.

A release from the Congressman’s office said all students in 6th through 12th grades in Wisconsin’s 7th Congressional District are welcome to participate. “The Congressional App Challenge is a great



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opportunity for students in the 7th District that are interested in science,

technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to develop an app and compete against their peers,” Tiffany stated.

The winner from the 7th Congressional District will be chosen by a panel of expert judges and will be eligible to have their app on display in the U.S. Capitol, according to the release.

“Officially launched by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2015, this nationwide effort allows students to compete against their peers by creating an application (also known as an ‘app’) for desktop/PC, web, tablet, mobile, Raspberry Pi or other devices,” the release said. “We accept any programming language, such as C, C++, Java, JavaScript, Python, Ruby or ‘block code.’”

All apps must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

For more information on competition guidelines, visit www.tiffany.house.gov/services/congressional-app-challenge.

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News Briefs

Book sale at Tomahawk Public Library today

The Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library will hold a book sale in the library basement today (Wednesday, June 12) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Books of all kinds, magazines, CDs, tapes, puzzles and rummage items are available. Nothing is priced. All items are sold for donations.

United Women in Faith's Salad and Casserole Luncheon

United Women in Faith will host their Annual Salad and Casserole Luncheon at Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., Tomahawk, tomorrow (Thursday, June 13), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

God is Calling Ministry to host Minocqua pastors

God is Calling Ministry will host Pastors Gloria and Milton Mazariegos, of Foundation Church in Minocqua, at Northwoods Vineyard Church, 418 Kaphaem Rd., Tomahawk, on Saturday, June 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are invited.

Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. A photo ID or a Red Cross ID is required.

Old Kindergarten Museum open for summer

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society's Old Kindergarten Museum, located at 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, is open for the summer. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Thursday, Aug. 22. The museum will also be open on selected evenings and Saturdays. The Log Museum will not be open due to construction in Washington Square Park.

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New TPD officer sworn in

The newest member of the Tomahawk Police Department (TPD) was recently sworn in. Officer Matthew Frostman will work the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift, according to TPD. Photo courtesy of TPD

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Clearing the way to help Northwoods veterans in need

Tree cutting moves tiny home village closer to reality

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

ONEIDA COUNTY – A Northwoods nonprofit organization is a step closer to its goal of providing transitional housing for homeless veterans in the northern half of the state.

Northwoods Veterans Homestead (NVH), with help from Ponsse North America, cleared trees on three-and-a-half acres off River Bend Rd. near Rhinelander that will become the Veterans' Tiny Home Village.

The program is the first of its kind in the Northwoods and is modeled after the Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin village in Racine.

NVH's mission is to help homeless veterans regain self-sufficiency by meeting basic needs, such as shelter, food, health and wellness and by providing supporting services through case management and employment assistance.

The goal is to have the village open by the end of 2026, with 16 homes and a community center.

"Right now, we are currently working with a contractor to give us a cost estimate of the community center itself," said NVH Vice President Carla Ruuskanen. "We are up to 11 tiny homes that people have pledged, which is amazing. We will have the specs, and either they can build it themselves, or they can donate the money toward it, and we'll have a contractor build it. The layout will be the same, but the cosmetics can be a little different. We want it to be natural looking, we don't

want it to be over the top; we're shooting for a very calm and serene setting."

It's usually an 18- to 24-month time period that it takes a veteran to go through the program and get out and live on their own. Some may take less time, others more. The VOW village in Racine has reported a success rate near 80%, which Ruuskanen hopes to replicate in Rhinelander.

"It will be person-centric. We'll decide, with their input, during intake what it is they need to get them to where they want to be," Ruuskanen explained. "Instead of us providing services, we're coordinating services, because all the services are here, it's just connecting them now and bringing them there and getting them those supports that need to be self-sufficient again."

Everything will be free of charge to the veterans staying at the village, which will be drug- and alcohol-free. They will earn their keep, so to speak, by doing chores around the property, cooking meals, doing yard work or cleaning. Eventually, there will be a garden that will need attention.

Creating this village, said one NVH board member, is not only a benefit for the veterans who will stay there, but for the community as well.

"It's often overlooked how much of a resource veterans are to a community," Ian Farb, board member and public relations officer, said. "Yes, they fought and sacrificed in some ways that people cannot even begin to un-



Land purchased by the Northwoods Veterans Homestead was cleared of trees by Ponsse North America. The site of the tiny home village will include 16 homes and a community center.

MMC photos



Ponsse North America used the tree cutting at the Tiny Home Village site to demonstrate some of the company's new equipment.

derstand, but the skills and the experiences and knowledge that veterans can bring to a community is invaluable. It's a great opportunity for us to bring them back into a community in a meaningful way, that they can contribute their skills and experiences to the community and enrich it further."

Ruuskanen said the project cost estimate at this time is between \$2 million and \$4 million from start

to finish. Once the NVH has a firm number, it will be creating a portfolio and soliciting investors and donors. She said NVH is also putting together a "how to" guide for anyone interested in creating a tiny home village for veterans in another part of the state.

"VOW villages was integral to helping us get off the ground," Ruukanen said. "Through that process, we were talking about, 'How could we do



The initial clearing of the three-plus acre parcel took place recently. The plan is to have 16 homes and a community center completed by the end of 2026.



A scale model of the tiny homes to be built in the Northwoods Veterans Homestead, near U.S. Hwy. 8 and River Bend Rd. east of Rhinelander.

this just a little better? Because, they helped us go, and now we would like to help somebody else go. I want to be able to hand them a pilot book and say, 'This is what we did, here's how we started, here's some of the contacts and this is some of the red tape we hit.' Ultimately, it's not

just for our egos that we do this; it's to help people."

Anyone interested in making a donation can do so at Northwoods Veterans Homestead, PO Box 1221, Rhinelander, Wis., 54501.

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DMV releases two new special license plates

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) last month announced that it is now offering two new special license plates.

One plate is focused on suicide prevention, while the other has a “spay, neuter, adopt” theme.

Proceeds from the suicide prevention plate will go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, a nonprofit organization that works to eliminate the loss of life from suicide by delivering innovative prevention programs, educating the public, raising funds for suicide research and programs and reaching out to those who have lost



someone to suicide, according to a release from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT).

Proceeds from the Spay, Neuter, Adopt plate will go to The Fix Is In Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides financial and logistical support for the spaying and neutering of cats and dogs in Wisconsin.

“The organization’s goal is to reduce the number of cats and dogs taken in by Wisconsin shelters and to reduce the number of animals that do not make it to safe shelter and suffer needlessly due to overpopulation,” the release said.

The release said fees for these special license plates include:

organization. The donation may be tax deductible.

• A one-time \$15.00 issuance fee.

• Plates may be personalized for an additional \$15.00 fee each year.

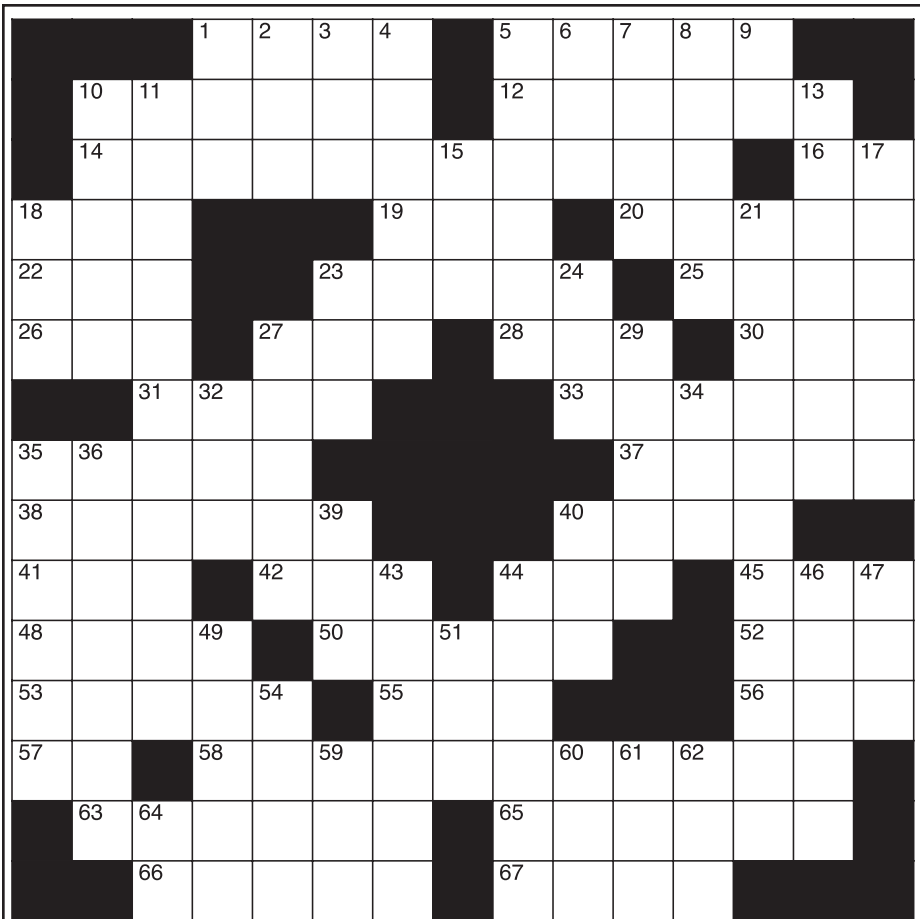
• The regular vehicle registration fee (which may include wheel tax, if applicable).

WisDOT said the new plates join a growing list of 53 special license plates, which can be viewed and ordered online at www.wisconsin.gov/special-plates or ordered by mail. Plates are mailed to the customer.

Specialty plates and regular license plates can be ordered and renewed online at www.wisconsin.gov.

• A \$25.00 contribution to

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American people
- 5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
- 10. Schoolboard accessory
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. Sculpted body part
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. ___ King Cole, musician
- 20. Plates on a turtle's shell
- 22. University of Utah athlete
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
- 27. Prefix indicating wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown or black
- 33. Restaurants have a lot of them
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of gasoline
- 40. Actor LeBlanc
- 41. Perform in a play
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Part of a banana
- 50. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Noted journalist Tarbell
- 56. Computer firm
- 57. Type of record
- 58. Bacterium that can cause infection
- 63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
- 65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Places to perform
- 5. Subsides
- 6. Consume
- 7. Athleisure clothing brand
- 8. California town
- 9. Atomic #50
- 10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Creates anew
- 13. Humorous commentaries
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Most ignoble
- 18. Soggy dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test

- 27. One-time internet accessory
- 29. City in India
- 32. Furniture
- 34. You have likely chatted with one
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Proof of purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Building occupied by monks
- 47. Georgia rock band
- 49. Device that generates intense beam of light
- 51. State of agitation
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top

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Youth quilters invited to enter Kids' Quilt Challenge

Work to be displayed at annual show in Madison

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is inviting youth quilters and sewists, ages 15 and under, to enter their quilts into the nationally recognized event's 2024 Kids' Quilt Challenge.

The contest is part of the annual Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions.

Entries must be received by Friday, Aug. 9.

A release from PBS Wisconsin said quilts will be displayed at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, and participants are invited to attend the public awards presentation at the event on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The Kids' Quilt Challenge, sponsored by Nancy Zieman Productions, awards gift cards to the top three quilts: a \$200.00 prize for first place, \$100.00 for second place and \$50.00 for third place.

Quilts will be judged on workmanship, creativity and overall appearance.

“The Kids' Quilt Challenge encourages the next generation of sewists and quilters to be innovative and bold,” the release stat-



The 2024 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show will be held at the Alliant Energy in Madison in September.

Photo courtesy of The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show

ed. “Whether they ribbon or not, participation in this fun challenge gives young quilters the opportunity to learn patience and problem-solving skills while building their confidence and creativity.”

Visit www.quiltshow.com for full Kids' Quilt Challenge details and entry form.

Now in its 20th year, the annual Great Wisconsin Quilt Show welcomes quilters from across Wisconsin and throughout the United States to the Alliant Energy Center in Madison from Thursday Sept. 5 through Saturday, Sept. 7 to cel-

brate quilting.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show includes dozens of educational lectures and workshops led by expert quilters; exhibits showcasing hundreds of beautiful quilts; an extensive vendor mall featuring the latest fabrics and notions; and a community service project – Quilt to Give – in which attendees donate their materials and skills to create quilts for those in need.

Proceeds from The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show support PBS Wisconsin programs and community outreach projects.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)	Wednesday, June 5	76	50
Sunday, June 2	79	60	Thursday, June 6	61	49
Monday, June 3	72	64	Friday, June 7	72	48
Tuesday, June 4	81	61	Saturday, June 8	72	47

NEWS BRIEFS FROM PAGE 7

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 per-

mitting: 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.

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.

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Leader Sports & Nature

2024 THS spring sports summary, part one

BY BOB SKUBAL
RETIRED COACH,
HISTORIAN, AUTHOR
OF 'HISTORY OF
TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK – Before we take a look back on how the THS athletic teams did this past spring, I would like to acknowledge honors received after the winter sports season. Knowledge of these awards came after the winter summary was submitted to the Leader.

Tomahawk hockey received an award from the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association for the highest GPA of any team, regardless of division, with a 3.87. Austin Lamer was voted to the First Team All-State Hockey Team. Jonah Dickens was voted to the Honorable Mention All-State Hockey Team. Bryn Baalke was voted to the All-State Academic Team by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. The girls' basketball team was voted Second Team All-State Academically by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association with a GPA of 3.971. Finally, Tomahawk Hockey received the State Sportsmanship Award from the WIAA.

Baseball

Let's start our spring summary with the baseball team.

Coaches were John Roberts in his first year as head coach, assisted by Tom Kahle, Tom Tollefson, Bill Cook and Jason Olsen.

Team members were Ethan Ihn, Ethan Trayes, Grant Albrecht, Landon Hoff, Brayden Larson, Co-

per Hetzel, Andrew Tollefson, Montgomery Framke, Walter Horabik, Brody Hildendorf, Nick Arndt, Colton Seslar, Logan Norman, Connor Vanderwyst, Brody Rigney and Nathan Norman.

The team ended with an overall record of 5-16. Final conference standings were Mosinee 12-0, Medford 8-2, Antigo 6-6, Lakeland 6-6, Tomahawk 4-8, Eagle River 3-9 and Rhinelander 1-11. The four conference wins ties for the most conference wins since the 2018 team under Jacob Jarvensivu.

Because of his hard work, the GNC coaches awarded Brayden Larson with second team All-Conference honors. Conference wins were 2-0 over Eagle River in nine innings, 8-2 over Antigo (first win over Antigo since 2013), 13-6 and 3-2 over Rhinelander (first wins over Rhinelander since 2019). Conference losses were to Eagle River 5-4, Medford 14-0 and 6-1, Lakeland 10-0 and 7-0 (Lakeland threw a no hitter in both games), Mosinee 10-0 (Mosinee threw a no hitter) and 16-0, and 13-2 to Antigo. In nonconference games, Tomahawk defeated Prentice 15-2 and lost to Marathon 11-0, Crandon 13-2, Hustisford/Dodgeville 13-1 and 9-6, Chequamegon 7-1, St. Croix Falls 12-2, Cumberland 20-1 and 7-4 to Coleman in the playoffs.

Softball

Next, let's look back at the softball program.

John Larson was in his 31st year as head coach. He was assisted by Jon List, Ron Volz, Abby Kraklow, Alex Bunce, Megan Roberts and

Lauren Schauer.

Team members were Averi Petta, Sara Gebauer, Emerson Lange, Sammy Gebauer, Kayeigh Haring, Khianna Vacho, Scout Stromberg, Macy Jankiewicz, Sophie Olsen, Bella Marino, Abbi Kallerud and Maddy Baumann.

The team ended with an overall record of 12-14. Final conference standings were Mosinee 12-0, Antigo 8-4, Lakeland 8-4, Medford 8-4, Tomahawk 4-8, Eagle River 1-11 and Rhinelander 1-11. Conference wins were over Eagle River 19-0 and 22-3, and Rhinelander 12-2 and 13-2. Conference losses were to Medford 9-3 and 11-3, Mosinee 15-0 (Mosinee only gave up one walk for the entire game) and 9-0, Lakeland 5-0 and 6-0 and Antigo 16-4 and 13-9.

In nonconference games, Tomahawk defeated Wausau East 18-7, Wabeno/Laona 7-5, Two Rivers 6-1, Reedsburg 12-7, Juda/Albany 6-5, Edgar 6-4 and Athens 8-6. Losses in nonconference games were to Two Rivers 9-5, Monroe 13-3, Merrill 6-5, Grantsburg 14-4 and Wausau Newman 11-7.

In the playoffs, Tomahawk defeated Weyauwega-Fremont 6-3 before losing to number 1 seed Peshtigo 9-1.

GNC All-Conference honors went to Scout Stromberg first team, Macy Jankiewicz second team and Khianna Vacho and Samantha Gebauer honorable mention.

Golf

Our third sport so look back at is golf.

Garth Gerstenberger was in his 30th year as varsity coach, and he was assisted

by Sean Totch.

Team members were Austin Lamer, Sawyer Hanna, Owen Dickrell, Carson Childers, Caiden Reichelt, Brayden Lamer, Noah Pearson, Lydia Ziert, Dane DeKiep, Summer Gaedtke, Sophie Kiser, Brett Marheine, Ryan Montag, Owen Oates, Keagyn Schoone, Tobias Scott and Sean Towle.

Season results were 1st at the Tomahawk Triangular, 14th of 24 teams at the Reedsburg Invite, 5th at GNC Meet #1 at Tomahawk, 6th of 14 teams at the Barron Invite, 6th at GNC Meet #2 at Mosinee, 5th of 16 teams at the Marathon Invite, 6th at GNC Meet #3 at Rhinelander, 6th at GNC Meet #4 at Eagle River, 6th at GNC Meet #5 at Mosinee, 6th at GNC Meet #6 at Antigo and 6th at GNC Meet #7 at Lakeland.

Final conference standings were Lakeland 49, Mosinee 40, Eagle River 31.5, Rhinelander 31.5, Medford 21, Tomahawk 15 and Antigo 8. Austin Lamer received honorable mention All-Conference honors.

At the Northwestern Regionals, Tomahawk placed 6th of 10 teams with a score of 361. Lakeland won Regionals with a score of 307. Sawyer Hanna qualified for Sectionals, shooting an 85, and was the second golfer from a non-qualifying team at Regionals. At Sectionals, he shot a 90 which was good enough for a tie for 44th place.

Next week

Next week, we'll take a look at the girls' and boys' track seasons.



Photos courtesy of Kellie Strassman



Claybusters compete at Conference Shootout in Wausau

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WAUSAU – The Tomahawk Claybusters took part in the 2024 Conference Shootout, held at Wausau Skeet and Trap.

Results are as follows.

Intermediate Entry: 3rd place with 336 targets. Keagan Jones, 78, 4th place; Carter Albrecht, 72, 9th; Kamron Ristau, 64, 17th; Issac Derleth, 62, 19th; Landyn Michael, 60, 25th.

Intermediate Advanced: 2nd place with 408 targets. Connor Johnson, 89, 6th place; Connor Germano, 83, 9th; Colton McMeekin, 80, 13th; Alison Derleth, 79, 1st, Ladies division; Colin Black, 77, 16th.

JV: 3rd place with 409

targets. Tyler Strassman, 94, 3rd place and 5th overall; Nathaniel Litzau, 86, 8th; Mason Jaecks, 77, 24th; Nathan Fisher, 77, 25th; Fletcher Baumann, 75, 31st.

Varsity: 5th place with 438 targets. Zach Germano, 90, 10th place; Ashton Greil, 89, 16th; Hayden Greil, 87, 22nd; Trey Morrison, 86, 25th; Zach Jones, 86, 26th.

Intermediate Entry, Ladies: Lillian Taves, 76, 2nd place; Sophie Roberts, 69, 4th; Sophia Lacina, 62, 5th.

Varsity Ladies: Khianna Vacho, 81, 5th place.

Upcoming action

The Claybusters are slated to compete in the State Sporting Clays event on Sunday, June 16.

Gainers of the Month



The Hatchet Weightlifting Club recently announced its May Gainers of the Month. Coach Andy Peissig said Sophia and Logan were selected by the club "because of their gains in the weight room, as well as dedication to making themselves better athletes and practicing healthy lifestyles."

Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig

Fishing Report: Despite temperature fluctuations, fish keep biting

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Despite the fluctuations in temperatures we continue to have, the fish just keep biting!

It was a great end of May. As we've seen all spring, the weather does affect the bite, but things recover

quickly. Generally, the fishing has been fantastic for all species, and barring any huge and sustained change in the weather, we can expect that to continue.

The crappie bite continues to be good. While we're a little closer to the end of the spawn area-wide than

we were late last month, we're hearing of some lakes where they're still at it. A good rule of thumb is to start deeper on the smaller, warmer lakes, where you can assume the spawn is done. New weed growth is the place to be looking for these guys, and

jigs as small as the wind allows with small minnows are a good choice. If that's not working, sometimes a flashy little hair jig with a crappie minnow is enough to entice them.

Fishing
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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 186

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 185 question:

What was the first year that girls' cross country was an official conference sport at THS: 1978, 1979 or 1980?

Week 185 answer: The first year that girls' cross country was an official conference sport at THS was 1978.

Congrats to Ann Zacharias for being the first to correctly answer last week's question!

Week 186 question: In the 1978 football season, THS held Hurley to how many total yards: 33, 43 or 53?

DNR highlights ways to help during Invasive Species Action Month

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive plants and animals in June, which is Invasive Species Action Month, and all year long.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if they are introduced and established here.

The state's invasive species rule makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. The regulations designate which species are Restricted or Prohibited based on factors including the degree of harm they may cause to people, the native ecology or the economy.

How to help

To prevent the establishment and spread of invasives, the DNR encourages reporting invasive species and offers the following tips.

While hiking and camping:

- Clean mud and dirt off shoes.
- Remove seeds and burs from clothing.
- Stay on designated trails, roads and other developed areas. Avoid areas infested



The Wisconsin DNR is reminding the public to help protect native plants and animals by taking simple precautions to avoid spreading invasives in woods, waters and lands.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

with invasive species. "When in doubt, stay out!"

• Follow Wisconsin's firewood rules to avoid moving harmful invasive pests and pathogens like the emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt disease.

While fishing and boating:

- Clean all recreational equipment and gear after every use to protect Wisconsin's waters from fish diseases and aquatic invasives like quagga and zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil, New Zealand mudsnails and Asian clams.
- Inspect gear for dirt, mud, seeds and other debris, removing as much as possible before and after launching.
- Drain all water from gear and compartments before leaving your fishing location.
- Dry gear for five or more days between uses to help destroy invasive organisms.
- Never move live fish away from any waterbody.

While gardening and doing leisure activities:

- Add beauty and variety to your yard with native plants to benefit pollinators, birds and other wildlife. Or add traditional gardening plants that are noninvasive. The DNR's Plant Native Plants webpage (www.tinyurl.com/4y3f27xx) is a great resource to get started.
- Learn how to identify and remove potential problem plants from your property, including Bishop's goutweed, burning bush, creeping bellflower, Dame's rocket, Amur honeysuckle, water hyacinth, water lettuce and European frog-bit.
- When using non-native crayfish for crayfish boils, use frozen (not live) crayfish or rusty crayfish harvested from Wisconsin waterbodies.

Visit the DNR's website (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives) to learn more ways to prevent invasive species from establishing.

Wisconsin's 2024 spring turkey harvest up 22% from five-year average

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Friday, June 7, announced preliminary totals for the 2024 spring turkey season.

Wisconsin turkey hunters registered 50,435 birds this season, making it the fourth-highest spring harvest on record and a 22% increase from the five-year average.

The 2024 spring season started on April 13 with the two-day youth hunt for hunters under 16 years old. A total of 3,967 birds were registered, a 37% increase from the five-year average.

A total of 246,068 authorizations were available this spring, and hunters applied for or purchased 224,630 of them. The regular season is divided into six separate one-week periods, from April 17 to May 28.

"These separate periods



Wisconsin turkey hunters registered 50,435 birds this season, a 22% increase from the five-year average.

Steve Oehenschlager photo

help maximize hunter opportunities while minimizing interference for a more sustainable harvest," DNR stated. "The robust participation and harvest numbers show ample opportunities across the state."

The deadline to apply for the spring 2025 turkey season

is Tuesday, Dec. 10. Hunters can apply for harvest authorizations online through the Go Wild license portal at www.gowild.wi.gov/.

Learn more about turkey hunting in Wisconsin on the DNR's Turkey Hunting webpage at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.

UNPACKING History

Banquet of Packers Foot Ball Championship 1920

Chicken a La Reine

Queen Olives Celery Hearts Dill Pickles

Roast Wisconsin Turkey, Oyster Dressing Cranberry Sauce

POTATOES:

Candied Sweet Whipped

Tiny Sifted Peas in Cream

Supreme of Fruit Salad

Raspberry Short Cake, Whipped Cream

Cafe Noir

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1920 banquet program

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 an extremely rare 1920 championship banquet program. The Packers finished the 1920 season, the second of professional competition, with a 9-1-1 record. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

Photo by Kris Leonhardt

FISHING FROM PAGE 11

Walleye fishing is holding steady at a nice pace. We're starting to see a nice evening bite, so if you're trying to target a time, that's a good choice. There continues to be nice fish caught in both weeds and holes. Slip bobbers and minnows in the weeds have been effective. Look for cabbage weeds in 10 to 14 feet of water as a good place to start. If that's not producing, move on to the holes and see what you can find.

We're starting to see the bluegill hanging out on their

spawning grounds. Worms under a bobber will work well, but this is also a great time to try poppers in the evenings when the fish are shallow. The 'gills will be on the shorelines for several weeks, while perch have been deeper. Minnows are working for them, but switching it up to leeches can be effective also.

Bass fishing has continued to be good, and we're seeing some of them done and out of their beds and others still in the middle of their spawn. Leeches are continuing to work great, but those swim-baits like Keitech are doing the trick, too. Remember that

smallies are catch and release only up here until well into June.

We're continuing to hear of some musky being caught throughout the area, but nothing too consistent. Try some glide baits or twitch baits and look fairly shallow.

All in all, we have a lot to look forward to up here. Summer is getting into full swing now – don't blink, or it'll be over! Fawns are being born and flowers are blooming. It's a great time to get out and enjoy the beauty of the Northwoods.

Good luck and good fishin'!

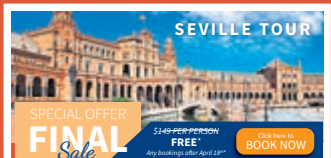
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