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Two Lincoln Hills students facing charges following death of staff member

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

IRMA – Two students at Lincoln Hills School in Irma are facing charges following the death of a staff member.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Monday, June 24, at approximately 7:47 p.m., the Lincoln County Dispatch Center received a 911 call from Lincoln Hills staff reporting that a student had assaulted two staff members.

Law enforcement and emergency medical services personnel responded to the scene.

A release from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) said a student assaulted a female staff member, 25, in the residence hall when the youth returned from outdoor recreation.

DOC said the youth shortly thereafter encountered and assaulted a second staff member, later identified by DOC as Corey Proulx, 49, causing Proulx to hit his head on the con-



Hurd
Photos courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

crete. Proulx was flown from the scene due to critical injuries, according to the Sheriff's Office.



Nyblom

The female staff member, who had not been identified by the Sheriff's Office as of press time on Friday, June

28, was treated for her injuries and released. She is expected to make a full recovery, the Sheriff's Office said.

Proulx died from his injuries on Tuesday, June 25.

The student, identified by the Sheriff's Office as Javarius Hurd, 16, did not suffer any injuries requiring medical treatment.

Hurd has been charged with one felony count of second degree reckless homicide; one count of felony murder-battery, special circumstances; and two felony counts of battery by prisoners, according to court records.

Hurd appeared in Lincoln County court on Wednesday, June 26, where a \$100,000.00 cash bond was set. He was being held in the Lincoln County Jail as of Wednesday, June 26.

Hurd is scheduled to participate in a telephone scheduling conference today (Wednesday, July 3).

On Thursday, June 27, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office announced that Rian Nyblom, 17, had been arrested in connection to

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STAR Foundation awards Beyond Crayons and Chromebooks Grants to Tomahawk educators

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TOMAHAWK – Seven Beyond Crayons and Chromebooks grants were recently awarded by the STAR (Support Tomahawk Area Resources) Foundation.

Six grants supported various projects at the School District of Tomahawk, while one went to St. Mary's School. The grants totaled nearly \$5,000.00.

The STAR Foundation acts as a community

chest for businesses and individuals, making charitable grants to community groups, clubs and nonprofit organizations that contribute to the health and vitality of the Tomahawk area, according to the Foundation's website.

"The Tomahawk STAR Foundation provides support to groups and/or organizations when they need it," the Foundation's website says, noting that since its inception in April 2004, the Foundation has donated more than \$400,000.00 to lo-



In the Exercise Your Brain activity, bags and balls are passed from hand-to-hand or person-to-person, crossing the body mid-line.

cal community groups.

The Foundation said meeting the educational needs of the community is an important part of its mission.

"Our goal with the (Be-

yond Crayons and Chromebooks grant) program is not necessarily to fund equipment purchases or technological improvements, but rather innovative ideas for projects that will enhance



The Expanding Literacy Comprehension and Retell project aimed to utilize flannel board sets as a visual aid in order to focus on students' ability to understand the events of a story and retell stories accurately.

the regular curriculum in Tomahawk area schools – public and private, grades pre-K through 12th grade,"

the Foundation stated.

Local teachers are encouraged to apply for grants in amounts up to \$1,000. Completed applications must be submitted by Monday, Sept. 30.

To learn more about the grant program, visit www.tomahawkstarfoundation.org/beyond-crayons-chromebooks.

Coding and Robotics
Abby Hrdina of St. Mary's School was awarded grant funding for Coding and Robots.

Hrdina said she purchased ten Kids First Robotic kits for a total of \$941.30.

"This kit was geared for children ages 4-8," Hrdina stated. "But once I opened a box, I couldn't imagine teaching 13 1st graders all at once, because there were a lot of pieces and a lot of steps."

First, Hrdina explained, the students had to assemble several figures before they could begin to assemble and code the primary robot.

"I immediately decided to pair my class up with the 4/5 multi-age class, and I knew that I wanted to do it on the last day of school before spring break," she said. "The students were paired up, and we worked in two adjoining classrooms. The 4/5 teacher assembled a kit of his own as a reference for the students, and I floated around, facilitating the students."

With the remaining funds, Hrdina purchased two Code and Go mouse games.

"One was a simple board game and the other was like the more complex kits, but way simpler," she explained. "The mouse robot was already assembled, and there were a lot less game pieces. Once we cleaned up the two classrooms, I let my first graders try out these other two games on their own."

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the incident. Nyblom is charged with one count of felony murder-battery, special circumstances, party to a crime; and two felony counts of battery by prisoners-party to a crime, according to court records.

Nyblom was incarcerated in the same unit as Hurd at the time of the altercation, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office said on Thursday, June 27, that Nyblom was being held in the Lincoln County Jail on a \$20,000.00 cash bond.

Nyblom is scheduled to participate in a telephone scheduling conference on Thursday, July 11.

A joint investigation by the Sheriff's Office, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office is ongoing, the Sheriff's Office said.

"It is with tremendous sadness and regret that I announce the loss of a

dedicated professional, colleague and friend in the line of duty," DOC Secretary Jared Hoy said in a release. "A career in corrections, with its dual mission to protect the public and guide individuals toward rehabilitation, can be demanding and requires so many sacrifices for our staff and our families, and Corey made the ultimate sacrifice. Our DOC family is mourning Corey's loss, and we are keeping all of his family members and friends in our thoughts."

"Proulx's fiancée and daughter shared with Secretary Hoy that they would like everyone to know that Corey was an amazing partner, father, son and human being," DOC stated.

"Corey was a dedicated and compassionate member of our team, always striving to make a positive impact on the lives of the young individuals we serve," Lincoln Hills Superintendent Clint Trevino wrote in a message to school staff. "His commitment to our mission was unwavering, and he will be

deeply missed by all of us."

DOC said Hoy was at Lincoln Hills School on Wednesday, June 26. Peer Supporters from across the agency were deployed to help staff process the event.

Proulx had returned to serve as a youth counselor at Lincoln Hills School last spring after briefly leaving the school two years prior, according to DOC.

Irma facility slated to be repurposed

The incident comes with the repurposing of the Irma facility on the horizon.

For years, the State of Wisconsin has sought to shutter the embattled Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake Schools amid allegations of abuse brought by inmates and staff and investigations into civil rights violations and the use of excessive force, as well as a number of lawsuits that cost the state millions of dollars in legal settlements.

State legislators in 2018 voted to close the youth detention center and replace it with six regional state-

and county-run facilities. Governor Tony Evers later signed into law a July 1, 2021 deadline to close the facility, but the state ultimately did not meet the deadline after Legislative Republicans rejected plans to fund the state-run facilities.

In April 2022, Evers signed a bill allocating nearly \$42 million to the construction of a facility designated to replace Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. The bill received bipartisan support in the State Legislature.

DOC, in Aug. 2022, selected a site in Milwaukee for the new facility. A City of Milwaukee Common Council committee unanimously voted to approve the site in Jan. 2023.

At the time of the committee's approval of the site, the planned 32-bed facility was expected to be operational by 2026.

Under the legislation signed by Evers in April 2022, the Irma youth detention center will be repurposed as an adult correctional institution.



Sundquist recognized for 20 years with Sheriff's Office

Deputy Mike Sundquist was recently recognized for his 20 years of service with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Sundquist was hired by then-Sheriff Tom Koth as a Patrol Deputy on June 14, 2004. Sundquist had previously earned an Associate's degree in Police Science at Nicolet College before completing the Law Enforcement Academy at Northcentral Technical College. While with the Sheriff's Office, Sundquist has served as an EVOG (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) Instructor, FTO (Field Training Officer), SRT (Special Response Team) Operator and a member of the Honor Guard. Sundquist was also recently presented with a Lifesaving Award during the Wisconsin Professional Police Association's annual banquet. "From all of us at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, congratulations and thank you, Deputy Sundquist, for 20 years of dedicated service to our community and this agency," the Sheriff's Office stated.

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Historical Society hosting 'Kindergarten Reunion' this week

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK - The Tomahawk Area Historical Society will host a "Kindergarten Reunion" this week.

The reunion will be held in the Old Kindergarten schoolhouse, 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, on Friday, July 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The building is now one of the Historical Society's museums.

"Besides ongoing and special Kindergarten-related displays, the event also will feature old-time games for young and young-at-heart," the Historical Society said, noting that pictures of school classes and events in the building, along with memories from school days, are sought.

Mugs commemorating the event will be for sale.



A "Kindergarten Reunion" will be held at the Tomahawk Area Historical Society's Old Kindergarten Museum on E. Washington Ave. on Friday, July 5.

Although there will be seating available, the Historical Society recommends bringing lawn chairs.

"So many people we talk to attended Kindergarten in that building," said Kathy Tobin, one of the event's

organizers. "When we mention the reunion, there's an immediate excitement about the event and memories begin to flow. We hope to capture some of those memories ahead of time and even more on July 5."

To share memories or photos, visit www.facebook.com/TomahawkAreaHistoricalSociety/.

For more information on the reunion, email kathyatobin@gmail.com.



Commemorative mugs that read "I'm so old my kindergarten is now a museum!" will be for sale. **Contributed photos**

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, June 24:

On 06/17/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on USH 51 near CTH D in the Town of King for extremely high rate of speed. The driver, a Merrill man, 26, was cited for traveling 109 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

On 06/20/2024 a deputy on patrol observed a vehicle S/B on USH 51 near STH 64 (MM 208) in the Town of Pine River traveling at a high rate of speed. The deputy had the vehicle on radar 126 MPH. When the deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver of the vehicle, a Land O' Lakes man, 25, failed to stop for the deputy, causing the deputy to initiate a pursuit on the vehicle. LISO notified the Marathon County Sheriff's Office of the approaching chase and sent units to assist. The chase continued S/B on USH 51 in Marathon County for several miles. As the chase was approaching the City of Mosinee, Marathon County units were able to successfully deploy tire deflation device, disabling the suspect vehicle, but the suspect continued to flee. Portage County was advised of the approaching chase; however, the vehicle was stopped south of the City of Mosinee on USH 51 (MM 174) by deputies with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office. During the arrest, a taser was deployed in the apprehension of the driver. The driver was checked out by EMS and turned over to deputies with LISO. The suspect was booked on multiple charges and had court, where he was held on a \$500.00 cash bond. That bond has since been posted. No law enforcement officers were injured in the crash, and no police vehicles were damaged. The driver's name is Benjamin Dorn.

On 06/20/2024, LISO dispatch was advised of a two-vehicle crash with injury on USH 8 near CTH L in the Town of Bradley. A vehicle being operated by a Hazelhurst male, 16, was traveling E/B on USH 8 when he attempted to turn N/B on CTH L. A second vehicle, being operated by a Tomahawk man, 47, was traveling W/B on USH 8 approaching the same intersection. The driver of the E/B vehicle turned in the path of the W/B vehicle and was subsequently struck. Off-duty EMS personnel attended to the injured parties until the arrival of law enforcement and ambulances from Tomahawk. The driver of the W/B vehicle was showing signs of impairment and refused to cooperate with the investing deputy. He was subsequently arrested for 3rd offense OWI. He was later transported to the Lincoln County Jail. LISO was assisted by the Tomahawk Police Department, Tomahawk Fire and Tomahawk Ambulance.

On 06/21/2024 deputies with LISO responded to a reported vehicle crash with injuries on STH 17 north of Gleason in the Town of Russell. A Pelican Lake man, 65, reported that he was traveling S/B on STH 17 when he lost control of his vehicle. In an attempt to regain control, he overcorrected and collided with a guardrail. The driver received a head injury as a result of the crash, and he was transported by ground ambulance to Aspirus Merrill Hospital. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

On 06/22/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a call of a reckless driver traveling E/B on USH 8 near Muskellunge Lake Rd. in the Town

of Bradley. It was reported that the suspect vehicle was weaving in the road. The R/P continued to follow the vehicle, and a short time later reported that the vehicle had turned S/B onto USH 51 from USH 8. A short time after that, a deputy with the Sheriff's Office located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. In making contact with the driver, a Wisconsin Rapids man, 63, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. The deputy then requested the driver perform SFSTs, which the driver complied with. As a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for his 5th offense OWI. The driver was later transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked in.

On 06/23/2024 the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a disorderly conduct situation at the Prairie View Motel in the Town of Merrill. The R/P stated that the suspect, a Merrill man, 86, threw a bottle of

medication at the R/P while she was in her vehicle. When the deputy questioned the R/P, she reported that when the suspect threw the glass bottle at her, it struck her in the left arm and caused pain. There was an independent witness who corroborated the reported facts. As a result of the investigation, the male subject was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct.

On 06/24/2024 the Sheriff's Office was contacted by Aspirus Merrill Hospital that they were placing the facility into lockdown, as they had a female victim there at that had injuries consistent with domestic violence and was threatened with a gun by the male suspect. The investigation revealed that the incident happened at an address on Farmingdale Rd. in the Town of Corning. The victim, a Merrill woman, 42, had injuries consistent with battery and strangulation. As the investigation continued, a

deputy located the suspect, a Merrill man, 45, in a vehicle and attempted to stop him. The suspect fled from the deputy, resulting in a short pursuit. The suspect fled into a farm field, and the deputy terminated the chase. After a short distance, the suspect's vehicle got stuck, and he was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was eventually transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked in on multiple felony charges. During the period of lockdown at Aspirus Merrill Hospital, the hospital was guarded by additional law enforcement officers for safety and security.

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David A. Belling, age 82, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, June 20, 2024. Dave was born in Merrill, Wis., on Feb. 9, 1942, to the late Norman and LaVera (Plautz) Belling. Dave attended Merrill High School. He was a man of many talents...there was nothing he couldn't accomplish or fix. Dave retired from Tomahawk PCA after 30 years of dedicated service. He loved the outdoors hunting, fishing, camping, and four-wheeling.

Dave spent many hours playing cribbage, enjoyed traveling, and held a special place in his heart for Yellow Labs. Dave enjoyed spending time with his family and will be greatly missed and remembered for his quick-wit sense of humor. Survivors include his wife, Sonja Belling; his sons, Dewey (Nancy) Belling Sr. and Dan Belling; his stepsons, Bill (Jessica) Verhasselt and Bob (Mindy) Verhasselt; his daughter, Dawn (Tim) Ruprecht; and his stepdaughter, Shannon "LuLu" (Jason) Duginski. Dave is further survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and LaVera; his son, Darren Belling; and his sister, Maxine Bauer. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

One injured after trees fall on Town of Bradley cabin during severe weather

BY JALEN MAKI
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TOWN OF BRADLEY – One person was injured after trees fell on a cabin in the Town of Bradley during severe weather last week.

According to release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Tuesday, June 25, at 1:20 a.m., the Lincoln County 911 Center received a call reported that a cabin had been destroyed by trees falling on it during severe weather.

It was reported that one person from the cabin was injured and another was

trapped inside the cabin. The release said emergency crews from the Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD), Tomahawk Ambulance and the Sheriff's Office responded to the area of the cabin, located on Navajo Dr. Upon arrival, first responders were unable to access the area due to downed trees. TFD began cutting a path through the downed trees to gain access to the victim.

"In the ensuing search for the victim and his family, the first responders discovered that five or six structures had been damaged with varying degrees of damage, and about a

five-acre patch of land that had significant tree damage and evidence that suggested there may have been rotation," the Sheriff's Office stated.

Deputies, along with Tomahawk Fire and Ambulance crews, worked for several hours to access the cabins in the area to confirm there were no other injuries.

The Sheriff's Office said all information concerning the damaged structures and the injured party was passed along to the National Weather Service (NWS) for review.

In a Tuesday, June 25 report, NWS said widespread large trees along

the south shore of Lake Nokomis had been uprooted and snapped, and preliminary indications from an NWS survey suggested that the damage in the area was caused by straight-line winds.

The injured individual had not been identified by the Sheriff's Office as of press time on Friday, June 28.

No other injuries were reported as a result of the storm, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office was also assisted by Rod's Wrecker and Wisconsin Public Service.

News Briefs

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.redcross-blood.org. A photo ID or a Red Cross ID is required.

Portion of County Rd. M to close for culvert replacement

Lincoln County Interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that County Rd. M, between Cedar Rd. and Homestead Rd. in the Town of Corning, will be closed for culvert replacement from Monday, July 29 starting at 5:30 a.m. until Thursday, Aug. 1, ending at 6:30 p.m. for culvert replacement, weather permitting.

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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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. 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 the changes I watched happen in American churches. As the sociologist put it, the focus of churches went from God to the worshippers. I would like to look at this a little more; it being important, because the churches are responsible to make God known in the community just like the priests were responsible in Hosea's day. What churches will teach about God goes back to the authority they use to define who God is and what is He about. The Bible gives us two important statements on this issue. The first is that the Bible, God's Word to us, must define for us who God is and what is His will for us.

God is bigger than us and beyond our natural abilities to understand on our own – after all, He created all things and is involved in the world He created (Acts 17:24-28). We can only know this God through His revelation of Himself to us, His Word. In Deuteronomy 29:29, we are reminded that God has not told us everything about Himself, but He has told us what is necessary for us to know about Him so we may enjoy Him and what He created.

In Isaiah 8, during a national crisis, God instructs His prophet to not follow the crowd (verses 11,12), but to be sure he was being obedient to what God had told him, for that would be his sanctuary during the crisis (verses 13,14). He instructs Isaiah – *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light [truth] in them* (verse 20). The only real source for knowing God and His will is God's Word (*law and testimony*).

The second statement answers the question of what happens if we do not accept God's revelation of Himself. The answer is that we will never know God as He is. God is bigger than us and His abilities and character traits are beyond our ability to discover on our own. That is why we must accept God based on what He tells us about Himself.

Romans 1:21-25 explains that if we claim to know and worship God, but do not accept Him as He defines Himself to be (verse 21), then we must rely on our own experiences and opinions (verses 21,22). The result will be an understanding of God that is less than, and different than, He really is (verse 23). And the only reason we would do such a thing is that we are more interested in our own thoughts than we are in knowing the truth about the God who created us (verse 25).

Pastor Charles Scheele
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Pastor's Corner

Wednesday, July 3, 2024
Praying for our Leaders

A very happy 4th of July to all of you!

As we celebrate our independence, let us pause to thank God for our freedom and our freewill. Let us thank God for those who govern and accept roles of authority. We need those who will protect us from harm, save us in times of trouble, fight for our rights, and legislate laws that will promote the common good.

In May, we held the National Day of Prayer at Veteran's Memorial Park. After the ceremony, a lady came up to me and voiced concern that we had prayed for our leaders. She didn't believe it was our duty to pray for people we don't especially like.

I also remember a parishioner a few years ago who adamantly told me that she wouldn't pray for so and so, a governing official, because she didn't like him. I looked at her and said that's even more reason to pray!

Maybe this is a foreign idea, but it shouldn't be among Christians. We pray for those in authority because God taught us to do so. Jesus himself taught us to pray for everyone, including our enemies.

In Matthew 5:44, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us to not retaliate and to love our enemies: *"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven, for he makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."*

St. Paul takes our responsibility to those in authority even further in Romans 13:1: *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."* And Titus admonished the people, *"Be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil to no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people."* (Ti 3:1)

And the author Hebrews ends his Epistle: *"Obey your leaders and submit to them for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us."* (13:17)

Jesus said all authority comes to me from God the Father. Authority is filtered down from heaven to Jesus. We will always have those in authority over us. Parents have authority over their children. Bosses have authority over their workers, etc.

If God has established authority, should we not pray for those who have authority over us? It would be for our own good. This being an election year, let us pray for all those who are willing to run for public office regardless of who we favor. Pray for these men and women. They have a great responsibility to carry out. Let it be well for all of us:

Lord, we pray for those in authority. We pray for your good will upon our earth. We pray for the goodness of our leaders that they will follow and guide us in safety and good judgment. And we do this for your names sake. Amen.

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New banners have been hung along Veterans Memorial Bridge in Tomahawk. The banners were gifted to the City of Tomahawk by Joan Laabs, a local supporter of American Legion Post 93 and VFW Post 2687. The banners depict the American flag, historic emblems of United States military branches and POW/MIA soldiers, as well as the Four Chaplains, who died aboard the U.S.S. Dorchester in World War II.

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Aspirus offers tips on selecting sunscreen for acne-prone skin

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently provided information on selecting sunscreen for acne-prone skin.

“In navigating the complex world of skincare, especially for those managing acne, understanding the impact of sunscreen on acne-prone skin is crucial,” a release from Aspirus said. “It’s a common misconception that sunscreen universally exacerbates acne. While it’s true that certain sunscreens can irritate the skin and clog pores, leading to breakouts, the solution lies in selecting the right type of sunscreen.”

“Non-comedogenic sun-



Mattek

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

screens are specifically formulated to prevent pore blockages, making them an ideal choice for individuals prone to acne,” said Katrina Mattek, PA-C, MPAS, Physician Assistant with Aspirus

Plastic Surgery and Aesthetics. “These sunscreens are less likely to contribute to breakouts, offering sun protection without compromising skin health.”

Aspirus said sunscreen

comes in two primary types.

Chemical sunscreens work by absorbing into the skin, then absorbing UV rays and converting them into heat, which is subsequently released from the body.

Physical sunscreens, in contrast, remain on the skin’s surface and reflect the sun’s rays. Due to its potential for skin irritation, chemical sunscreen might pose a higher risk for those with sensitive or acne-prone skin, potentially worsening acne issues, according to Aspirus.

The choice between chemical and physical sunscreens is not just about acne considerations, Aspirus noted, but also about personal preference and skin type compatibility.

“Including acne-prone skin sunscreen is an indispensable part of your skincare routine,” Mattek said. “Sunscreen protects against harmful UV rays that can cause not only immediate damage like sunburn but also long-term effects such as skin aging and skin cancer.”

“When choosing sunscreen, individuals with acne-prone skin should consider their skin’s specific needs and sensitivities,” Aspirus stated. “Opting for a non-comedogenic, possibly physical sunscreen that minimizes the risk of irritation and breakouts is essential. Additionally, consulting with a medical professional can provide personalized recommendations to ensure that the chosen sunscreen offers effective protection without harming the skin.”

‘Share the road’: WisDOT highlights motorcycle safety

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is reminding drivers and motorcyclists to share the

road and stay alert to reduce injuries and fatalities.

“Summer has arrived, bringing motorcycles onto Wisconsin’s roadways,” a release from WisDOT said. “It is the responsibility of

all road users to prioritize safety. Following safe driving and riding practices is crucial to prevent crashes on our roads.”

In the past five years, there have been roughly 2,000 motorcycle crashes per year in Wisconsin, resulting in an average of 1,700 injuries and 100 fatalities per year, according to WisDOT.

“Motorcycle riders are at higher risk of being hurt or killed in a crash,” said State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan. “There are simple steps both riders and drivers can take to keep everyone safe on our roads.”

Motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists and four times more likely to be injured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Driving near motorcycles

WisDOT said motorcycles are smaller than the average vehicle, so they can be harder to see on the roads, and it’s easy to misjudge their speed and distance.

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ReadyWisconsin: Keep safety in mind while celebrating Independence Day

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WISCONSIN – Fireworks, barbecues and parties often commemorate Independence Day. During these Fourth of July celebrations, ReadyWisconsin urges everyone to prioritize safety and responsibility. “Have fun celebrating while keeping safety in mind,” said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle.

“Everyone, from kids to adults, should take a moment to review safety and preparedness plans to ensure the holiday is memorable and worry-free.”

In 2023, there were 126 emergency room visits in Wisconsin for fireworks-related injuries, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). A quarter of those injured were children less than 18 years old. Children should



never handle fireworks and should be closely supervised when they are in use. Even novelties like sparklers can burn at roughly 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit and easily ignite clothing and cause severe burns.

The easiest and best way to stay safe is to watch community fireworks shows run by professionals. However, if you choose to set off your own fireworks, ReadyWisconsin asks people to remember the following:

- Obey local laws and permitting requirements for the use of fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water or a hose nearby.
- For ground-based fireworks, be at least 35 feet away.
- Sometimes fireworks don't go off, but duds always pose a risk. Never try to re-light or approach a failed firework. Let duds sit for five to ten minutes before

you put them in a bucket of water.

- Fireworks can be extremely stressful for pets. Keep them indoors. Close the curtains or blinds and turn on the TV or radio to provide a distraction.
- Only light one firework at a time. Lighting multiple fireworks at the same time increases the risk of accidents occurring from the

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Echoes

Dear Reader,

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Recently I spent some time pondering this question, and came up with some conclusions that try to answer it, at least for myself. My answer came to me in verse. If you are with me this far – the big question of meaning in life, whether short or long, whether sweet or sour – then I hope you will enjoy this poem.



PATRICK J. WOOD
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For in this world, our stay is brief,
A tale of joy, of pain, of grief.
We grasp at moments, clutch to hold,
Yet time slips by, relentless, cold.

We journey onward, beyond the veil,
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No wealth or power can cross that gate,
Only warmth and kindness we create.

So ponder not on what we own,
But on the seeds of care we've sown.
For in the end, what truly remains,
Are the hearts we've touched, the love that reigns.

Let go of burdens, the worldly chase,
Embrace the light, the higher grace.
For in the end, we all must see,
There's something beyond you and me.

And as we leave, with nothing in hand,
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Despite how weird it is, 'Armageddon' is a perfect popcorn movie

BY JALEN MAKI

One of the weirdest movies I've ever seen in my life is Michael Bay's *Armageddon*. It's not "weird" in a Stanley Kubrick or a Christopher Nolan sense; it's a very straightforward film across the board. I mean that it's an odd amalgamation of sci-fi, disaster, action, comedy, and drama, with no small amount of good ol' fashioned patriotism thrown in. The fact that it wasn't just some B-movie that came and went, but rather, it was the highest-grossing movie of 1998, makes it all the more strange. Yet, it was so successful for a reason: it is an absolute blast.

Here's the setup: After a meteor shower destroys a space shuttle and strikes Earth along the Eastern Seaboard, NASA scientists, led by Executive Director Dan Truman (Billy Bob Thornton), discover that there's an asteroid the size of Texas hurtling towards Earth, with an impending impact in 18 days. For comparison, the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs was about six miles across. Truman explains to the President that this thing is a "global killer," and not even bacteria would survive its strike.

So, something's gotta be done. But what? NASA throws a few ideas at the wall, but the only one that sticks involves drilling a hole into the asteroid, inserting a nuclear bomb into it, and blowing the dang thing up. America! Heck yeah!

Enter oil company owner Harry Stamper (Bruce Willis). Harry's the best deep core driller in the world (a thing that is apparently quantifiable?), and NASA recruits him for the top-secret mission. In NASA's original plan, Harry would've gone to the asteroid with cosmonauts who'd been taught how to drill, but that's not gonna fly with Harry. He's the best because he works with the best; meanwhile, the NASA nerds that are supposed to accompany him "don't know jack about drilling" (Harry actually says this). Harry tells Truman that his own crew needs to put



boots on the rock, because they're the only ones who can get the job done. Truman ostensibly realizes there's no time to argue the point, and he lets Harry recruit an assortment of loveable misfits: Chick (Will Patton), A.J. (Ben Affleck), Rockhound (Steve Buscemi), Bear (Michael Clarke Duncan), Oscar (Owen Wilson), and Max (Ken Hudson Campbell).

Here is where we encounter the most ludicrous part of a pretty ludicrous movie. Why didn't NASA tell Harry to shut up, and just teach the astronauts how to drill? That would have been objectively easier than teaching drillers how to go to space! You might find this hard to believe, but I am not employed by NASA. I've also never set foot on an oil rig. But, I have hunch that if I applied for a job with a company like Harry's and simultaneously tossed my hat into the ring to be on the first manned mission to Mars, I'd probably be getting a callback from the roughnecks first. In a hysterical DVD commentary clip that I cannot recommend highly enough, Affleck says he asked Bay about this. In the clip, which you can find on YouTube, Affleck pretty much eviscerates the entire premise of the movie, and it's one of the funniest things I've ever heard.

Anyway, Harry and his boys will be joined by four pilots, including Air Force Colonel Willie Sharp (William Fichtner), who will fly two shuttles to the asteroid. The gang goes through 12 days of training (that's probably

enough, right? I'm sure it's fine) before being blasted into space as mankind's last hope for survival.

Adding a layer to the team's dynamic is the fact that the reckless A.J. is secretly dating Harry's daughter, Grace (Liv Tyler), which Harry does not handle well. Like, at all. In one of the more bizarre scenes in the movie (which is saying something), Harry catches A.J. and Grace together, and he chases A.J. around the oil rig with a shotgun, just blasting away all willy nilly like it's the O.K. Corral. That's a thing that really happens in the movie! Imagine being that company's HR person!

Bay works *very* hard to drive home the point that this is simply a group of Normal Blue Collar Guys, and Average Joes like this couldn't be more different than the science nerds and military brass they're brushing shoulders with. For a movie with such a grim premise (Earth is on the precipice of annihilation), there's an incredibly strange amount of funny dialogue – or at least, dialogue that's *intended* to be funny. Seemingly every third line, someone's rattling off some witty quip, with a fairly low rate of comedic success. Bay does this for a reason, though: he's showing us that these are ordinary people who have been thrust into extraordinary circumstances – probably the most extraordinary circumstances in human history.

Conversely, *Armageddon* is unintentionally comical in many of its "serious" scenes. For example, the film wants the audience to rally behind the idea of drilling a hole. I cannot think of another hilariously, weirdly specific thing a movie has ever asked its viewers to get excited about. In a key moment on the asteroid, Harry proudly and sincerely tells Willie he's never missed a depth he's aimed for, and he's not about to start now. It's intended to be an inspiring, poignant moment of vulnerability and trust, but in the context of the scene (We have to work together to drill the hole!), it's inadvertently funny.

Armageddon is so unabashed in its earnestness that even when it's cringe-inducing, it's hard not to respect

its "We are going for it 100% at all times" mentality. Every now and then, we'll cut away to people around the world as the mission is going on, and it looks like we're suddenly back in 1950s America for some reason. This movie came out in the late '90s! Why are there a bunch of kids dressed like they're in *Stand By Me*? I think this is a not-so-subtle indication of Bay's sincere American idealism and longing for better days gone by. The man has hope in the notion that we can all come together for the common good, and he works overtime to demonstrate this in the movie. Is this outlook misguided? Maybe. Admirable? I think so. Could he have dialed it back at least 50% and still got his point across? Almost certainly.

But "restraint" isn't in Bay's toolbox. In fact, I don't think it's even in his vocabulary. There might be upwards of 350 explosions in *Armageddon*. Why? Because this is a Michael Bay movie, that's why! If you don't want to see stuff being blown up from a slightly disorienting, upwards-facing angle while the camera's in constant motion, then buddy, go watch *Lawrence of Arabia*.

Is *Armageddon* sci-fi? Is it a disaster movie? Is it an action film? Is it a comedy? Is it a drama? Is it a fever dream? Is it propaganda? Is it dumb? Is it weird? To answer those questions simply, "Yes." It is all of the above, which makes it hard to pin down tonally. Yet, this is also why it's one of the most fun movies of the last 30 years. Despite how strange it is, *Armageddon* is a perfect popcorn movie, and it's hard not to root for Harry and the boys.

Maybe Bay's right after all. There's something undeniably moving about everyday people risking their lives for others, and the indomitability of the human spirit is something that should be celebrated proudly. Makes you feel good, doesn't it?

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MOTORCYCLES FROM PAGE 6

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- Look twice for motorcycles. Many crashes happen when drivers pull out from a stop sign, turn left or change lanes.
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- Scan the road ahead carefully, especially on curves, looking for gravel and sand.
- Do not share a lane with another vehicle; staggered riding is suggested for multiple motorcycles.
- Protective, high-visibility clothing and safety gear is recommended.
- State law requires headlamps to be on at all times.

SAFETY FROM PAGE 7

your family safe with these additional tips:

- If you are traveling, pack an emergency kit in your car with items such as bottled water, snacks and a cell phone charger. Check 511Wisconsin for traffic-related information using the free mobile app or online at www.511wi.gov.
- Never leave people or

- Helmets are strongly encouraged for all riders and required by state law for those under 18.

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- Observe all traffic laws and obey speed limits.
- Share the road. According to state law, all vehicles, including motorcycles, are entitled to the full use of a traffic lane, and no vehicle may deprive another of a lane.
- Drive sober.
- Avoid distractions.

- Put your phone down.
- Training and education.

"Training and education are key to preventing motorcycle crashes and injuries," WisDOT stated. "According to state law, you must be properly licensed with a Class M license or Class M Instruction Permit to legally operate a motorcycle on Wisconsin roads."

WisDOT's partners provide rider courses (www.tinyurl.com/yv9zpj7f3) to help motorcyclists earn their motorcycle license and improve rider skills.

Those who are passionate about riding and want to teach others about motorcycle safety and how to ride can learn about becoming a rider coach at www.tinyurl.com/3ucek86h.

pets in a parked car - even briefly. Temperatures inside a parked vehicle can climb to life-threatening levels within minutes. On an 80-degree Fahrenheit day, the temperature inside a parked car, even with windows cracked slightly open, can reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit in less than 10 minutes.

When cooking outdoors, remember to keep grills at least three feet away from your home or any structure that can catch fire. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and maintain a child-free and pet-free safe zone around the grill while it's hot.

Find more tips on summer safety at www.ready-wisconsin.wi.gov.

Leader Sports & Nature



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Claybusters compete in Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Tomahawk Claybusters recently competed in Wisconsin Rapids and Nekoosa.

Wisconsin Rapids

The Claybusters participated in Handicap Doubles at the Heart of Wisconsin Gun Club in Wisconsin Rapids.

Tomahawk results are as follows:

Handicap, JV: Tyler Strassman, 79, placed 13th; Fletcher Baumann, 62, 44th; Mason Jaecks, 32, 67th.

Varsity: Marcus Patterson, 75, 82nd.

Doubles, JV: Tyler Strassman, 75, 23rd; Fletcher Baumann, 48, 62nd.

Varsity: Marcus Patterson, 74, 75th.

Nekoosa

The Claybusters competed in Singles at the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association's Homegrounds in Nekoosa.

Nearly 2,000 athletes from around the state took part in the event.

Tomahawk results are as follows:

Intermediate Entry, 24th place out of 71 teams. Issac Derleth, 71, placed 140th; Carter Albrecht, 70, 143rd; Quinten Bartz, 66, 168th; Landyn Michael, 65, 178th; Kamron Ristau, 58, 204th.

Intermediate Advanced, 10th place out of 70 teams. Connor Johnson, 92, 22nd in division, 336th overall; Dean Greil, 90, 40th in division, 462nd overall; Connor Germano, 87, 71st; Lillian Taves, 82, 16th; Sophie Rob-

erts, 78, 26th.

JV, 6th place out of 81 teams. Fletcher Baumann, 94, 25th in division, 183rd overall; Nathaniel Litzau, 93, 32nd in division, 221st overall; Tyler Strassman, 92, 57th in division, 333rd overall; Nathan Fisher, 90, 72nd in division, 444 overall; Mason Jaecks, 86, 149th.

Varsity, 40th place out of 89 teams. Marcus Patterson, 95, 83rd in division, 114th overall; Ashton Greil, 93, 145th in division, 215th overall; Zach Germano, 92, 193rd in division, 311th overall; Zach Jones, 87, 370th; Hayden Greil, 87, 383rd; Khianna Vacho, 85, 70th; Connor VanderWyst, 84, 482nd; Ryan Ristau, 81st place, 554th; Levi Hilgendorf, 77, 599th; Scarlet McKenzie, 60, 152nd.



Fishing Report: Summer is here

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – We are quickly heading for mid-summer, and it is going to be both busy and enjoyable on the water.

The spawns are mostly over, with the exception of a few bass and some bluegills. Weeds are growing nicely now, with great cover for the fish and the water temps are rising. Summer is here!

Most of our fish are now assuming their summer habitat, so the main single piece of advice is to look for weeds and fish deeper. On the Eagle River Chain, in the mornings and evenings you will find fish in five to seven feet of water. As the day progresses, the heavy boat and jet ski traffic tends to drive these fish deeper for the afternoons, so jigs and

minnows in deeper water will find you some walleyes.

Walleye, perch and crappies are still biting well, mostly on jigs and minnow combinations. Start the day in those nice cabbage weeds in the shoreline areas for all three of these fish. Quite often, you can get a mix of these fish, as they seem to be feeding together. We don't have a lot of large-mouth on the Chain, but there are some smallies in this water on the rocks. Look for rocky points in mid-level water to produce these fish.

Northerns mostly stay in the weedy areas, or near them. Mepps bucktails or Johnson Silver Minnows and Daredevils work best for them. Fish the weeds all day for these guys, as they are not night feeders.

Musky and northern action is good right now, as the musky have recovered from their spawn and are feeding more aggressively. Musky action this year has been mostly on bucktails, but as the water continues to warm, we'll find action on surface baits, plastics and stick baits. These fish will locate everywhere, so shallow weeds to deeper water can produce. Generally, we find more fish in the deeper water from the end of this month and forward.

Be patient with the heavier water traffic. We will see a lot of boaters out from now to late August. Now is the time of the year to try early and/or later in the day – you will be surprised how nice and quiet it can be.

Good luck and good fishing!

Northwoods Six-County Lakes Meeting slated for next week

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The annual Northwoods Six-County Lakes Meeting is slated for next week.

The meeting, jointly sponsored by the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association and the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association, will be held at Nicolet College, 5364 College Dr., Rhineland, on Friday, July 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The meeting's theme is "Protecting Our Waters: We're All Connected." All are welcome, and there will be no charge or registration to attend.

"We tend to think of lake, streams, groundwater and wetlands as separate water resources," a release from the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association said. "In reality, they are all one interconnected system – just as we are connected in treasuring, sustaining and improving them. The meeting is a chance for leaders and members of water-related groups and water enthusiasts of all stripes to learn about and discuss critical

issues and to network and share information."

Attendees are expected from Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties.

The program will include a five-member panel discussion on the connections among water resources and the people who use them.

Panel members are:

- Ben Niffenegger, Executive Officer of the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, on projects related to the Wisconsin River.

- Jim Ruwaldt, board member of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association, on protection and restoring wetlands on private lands.

- JoAnne Lund, Special Projects Coordinator with Oneida County, on assessing the impacts of culverts on county rivers and streams.

- Norm McKindles, President of the Spider Lake Association of Iron County, on association initiatives related to the Turtle River Chain of Lakes.

- Johnson Bridgwater, water advocates organizer with the River Alliance of

Wisconsin, on grassroots efforts and speaking up on clean-water policies.

The agenda also includes an update on water-related policies in the state legislature, given by Michael Engleson, Executive Director of Wisconsin Lakes; a presentation on impacts of climate change on lakes and rivers from Noah Lottig, Associate Scientist at the UW Center for Limnology's Trout Lake Research Station; and a look at PFAS contamination of surface waters given by Tom Jerow, President of Wisconsin's Green Fire.

Eric Olson, Director of Extension Lakes, will serve as master of ceremonies and moderator.

The event will include exhibits from educational, nonprofit and government organizations and a question-and-answer session.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Ted Rulseh at 920-242-8671 or trulseh@tjrcommunications.com; or Tom Ewing at 630-985-8472 or president@vclra.org.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 189

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 188 question: During the 1978-79 hockey season, D.C. Everest defeated Tomahawk for the first time.

What was the score: 4-3, 5-4, or 6-5?

Week 188 answer: During the 1978-79 hockey season, D.C. Everest defeated Tomahawk for the first time by a score of 4-3.

Congrats to Patricia Feind for being the first to correctly answer last week's question!

Week 189 question: During the 1979 season, the THS girls' track team was 9-0 in duals. What was their record in Lumberjack Conference duals over the previous three seasons: 25-1, 27-1 or 29-1?

New Public Access Lands web map now available

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last week announced that a new web mapping application is available for people to learn about public lands in Wisconsin.

The Public Access Lands application is designed for desktop and mobile devices and offers user-friendly tools.

"From state natural areas to state trails, lakeshores and rivers, Wisconsin has a wealth of public lands for everyone to enjoy," DNR stated. "The Public Access Lands application makes it easy to locate a state park, county forest or lake for hiking, hunting or fishing. The Open Managed Forest Law/Forest Crop Law properties are also included in this update."

"The updated Public Access Lands map app has been simplified with an uncluttered screen and easy-to-use tools," said Ann Scott, DNR real estate land records officer. "Click on the screen to open links to find information on DNR properties, public access, open private lands for hunting and other helpful features to find the perfect getaway."

DNR said the web-based mapping application provides up-to-date property information, including maps, restricted areas



The Public Access Lands web mapping application is now available on mobile devices.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

and links to webpages, if available.

"To find specific opportunities, such as fishing waters or hunting zones, select which 'theme' interests you, and the application will display layers relevant to the activity," DNR said. "The application also shows DNR parking areas and boat access sites and complements the printed Public Access Lands Atlas, which contains 441 maps covering statewide public lands, roads and waterways.

Launch the Public Access Lands application (www.tinyurl.com/pafhf5jz) or visit the DNR's Public Access Lands webpage (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fl/RealEstate/PAL) to learn more.

GRANTS

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Hrdina noted how well the 4/5 students and first graders worked together.

"The older children read the assembly and coding instructions, while the littles helped gather the pieces," Hrdina stated. "I was also impressed with my students' takeaways. They did an awesome job explaining the various steps leading up to coding and the coding process itself."

Hrdina said the biggest challenges were helping the students organize their materials due to the number of pieces, with some of them being extremely small, as well as making sure the kits were put back together in an orderly manner.

The benefits of the program to the community include cooperative skills, following directions, problem solving and knowledge of robotics and coding, Hrdina added.

"I ended up dispersing the kits between my room, the 4/5 grade and grade 2/3," Hrdina said. "I also kept the simple kit and the game board for my first graders. What is great about the main kit is that there are many lessons the students can do, and that is our plan."

Exercise Your Brain

A project called "Exercise Your Brain," led by School District of Tomahawk educator Linda VanStrydonk and Occupational Therapist Wendy DeNamur, was supported by a \$935.00 Beyond Crayons and Chromebooks grant.

VanStrydonk explained that in the Exercise Your Brain activity, bags and balls are passed from hand-to-hand or person-to-person, crossing the body mid-line.

"The rhythm and movement pulls the brain and the body into a state where they can work together," VanStrydonk said. "If this 'exercise' is practiced often, it can improve cognitive integration, behaviors settle, impulsivity decreases, attention increases and reading and writing improves. Our occupational therapist taught the 1st graders and their teacher the skill for the week, and the teachers practiced throughout the week. The 3rd graders were taught a skill from me, but the teachers did not want to practice on their own; rather, they wanted the students to work with me. This only allowed students to practice two days a week."

VanStrydonk said students liked the activity, which helped them learn to calm their bodies, both physically and mentally. Some teachers said that this was the part of the day when all students were calm and quiet, she noted.

Other teachers commented that hand-eye coordination, penmanship, concentration and teamwork improved, and the students were able to have a meaningful brain break.

"The only downside that I saw was the time factor," VanStrydonk said. "Third graders worked with me right away in the morning. Their teachers were not comfortable doing the activity on their own, and it seemed more special if they worked with me. Although,



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if I was busy, the students would miss out on practice."

VanStrydonk noted that during a Family Night at the school, the students presented their skills, and all who came wanted to learn about "exercising their brain." The audience got to practice with the students, and five lucky families won materials to take home.

"The first and third grade teams found benefit from exercising their brains this year," VanStrydonk stated. "Other grade levels that saw the practice mentioned that they would like to know more about it and try it with their students. The school district is going to pay for three of us to be fully trained in this program. Training is this summer, and we are so excited to be able to do this and bring it back to our district. Hopefully, we will be able to take time during our in-service at the beginning of the year to train other teachers."

Fall Literacy Find

Suzie Coleman with the School District of Tomahawk was awarded a roughly \$270.00 grant for a Fall Literacy Find.

Coleman said she used the general base of the budget to order books for the project. A total of \$30.00 was used for the stars, which were items to be found.

"Clues were given daily as to where some stars were hidden around the school or community," she explained. "Students who found stars could bring them in for a new book, for them to keep. Students were limited to finding two stars each."

Coleman said student literacy was the main benefit of the project.

"I hope to continue with grant funding," she stated. "I have looked into Thrivent help for funding as well. I would love to have this be a school-wide event."

Expanding Literacy Comprehension and Retell

An Expanding Literacy Comprehension and Retell, spearheaded by School District of Tomahawk educators Cody Lewison, Kate Totch and Kathryn Loka, was backed by Beyond Cray-



As part of a STEM (Science Together Every Month) project, 7th grade and 1st grade students met to do a STEM challenge/activity.

ons and Chromebooks grant funding.

The three Tomahawk educators explained that the project aimed to utilize flannel board sets as a visual aid in order to focus on students' ability to understand the events of a story and retell stories accurately.

"The ability to formulate a narrative is dependent upon the students' ability to understand the sequential order of events, as well as understand the story components, including characters, setting and emotions," they said. "The ability to formulate accurate narratives is imperative for story comprehension, writing tasks and reporting of personal experiences."

Additionally, flannel board sets increase student engagement in read-alouds, as well as aid in vocabulary development and direction-following abilities.

Lewison, Totch and Loka said the students "demonstrated great success with utilizing the flannel board components to follow along with the story during the read-aloud and then utilize the manipulatives to retell the story, with varying degrees of prompting from the teachers."

"The flannel board pieces created a focus for vocabulary instruction, as well direction-following," they stated.

The educators noted that challenges faced included maintaining students' attention, which is imperative to the retell tasks, as well as varying degrees of engagement based on the age of the students.

"This project helped increase vocabulary, comprehension and retell for multiple students," they stated. "Narrative formulation is a benefit to the students for academic purposes, as well as for safety purposes, so they can be reliable reporters."

This project will continue within the elementary school, according to Lewison, Totch and Loka. No additional funding is necessary, as all components were purchased with the initial grant.

Science Together Every Month (STEM)

Ten School District of Tomahawk educators received \$830.00 in grant funding for a Science Together Every Month (STEM) project.

The project was led by Kristina Walters, Aubrey Boisvert, Amy Meurer, Amanda Timm, Abby Krakow, Katie Hilgendorf, Tamie Hall, Suzie Coleman, Toni Tourdot and Mak Kathamegos.

The educators explained that each month, 7th grade and 1st grade students met to do a STEM challenge/activity.

"The project went well, and it was fun to see students in a different light, rather than just learning in a classroom," the educators stated. "Many students that struggle in the classroom were really able to shine in this setting."

The educators said one benefit to the community is that when the students see each other outside of school, they can be excited and remember and share their memories with others. There was even a connection made – a 7th grader is going to babysit a 1st grader.

"We hope to continue this program in the future," the educators stated.

Culinary Enrichments

With help from a Beyond Crayons and Chromebooks grant, Tomahawk High School students had the opportunity to use their resource period at the end of the day to take part in Culinary Enrichment activities.

Instructor Allison Ewart explained that students have opportunities to use the 26-minute period for intervention or enrichment.

"Enrichment activities are projects and/or extension activities to not do work that is repetitive and new to most students," Ewart explained. "Enrichment projects and extension activities allow students to have their own educational experiences."

The goal for the enrichment activities is to "give students the opportunity to



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expand their prior knowledge or learn new skills they have not learned at home or school," Ewart said, noting that not all students are able to take a culinary class, so the activity allows them to get into the kitchens and learn new recipes.

Students enjoyed a break at the end of the day and making a snack to eat at the time or take home for later, Ewart added.

"It is great to support local businesses buying the cooking products," she said, noting that this could help students become interested in a culinary or hospitality field.

Ewart said she hopes to receive a grant next year to continue offering cooking enrichments during resource hour.

FCCLA NICU Baskets

Ewart also received grant funding to make baskets for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital Birthing Center.

Ewart explained the she and Family, Career and Consumer Leaders of America (FCCLA) students made homemade activity bags for the siblings and parents of patients.

"The bags included an inspiring logo, to Spread Love," Ewart stated.

Each bag included notebooks, coloring pages, crayons and homemade mason jar desserts, such as cookies in a jar and brownies in a jar, as well as healthy snacks, hair brushes and hair ties, toothbrushes, toothpaste and more.

"Anything the parents and siblings could use during this difficult time could go into the bags," Ewart said. "Students in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) classes assisted in making all these items and putting the bags together for the siblings and parents of NICU babies."

FCCLA student Morgan Kretzschmar, during three high school FCS classes, shared how it was making an impact, and in January, Tomahawk's FCCLA chapter went to the Aspirus Wausau Hospital Birthing Center to donate the bags.

"We also decorated windows to create a positive atmosphere for the children and families," Ewart noted.

Ewart said a success of the project would be that those involved were able to "better the time that families spend in the NICU and share that impact with classmates, inspiring them to become more caring and compassionate individuals."

"The only problem we faced with this project was money limitations," Ewart stated. "We wanted to make such a great impact, but what we wanted to do was out of budget, so we had to problem-solve and come up with a way to make my project impact as many people as we could on a smaller scale."

A few community benefits of the project included inspiring high school students to be more caring and more passionate about causes they care about; providing resources to families in the NICU, showing them they are never alone; and gaining more experience for the FCCLA chapter and how it can make large impacts, Ewart noted.

"I would love to continue this project on a larger scale, but there is only so much we can do," she said. "When receiving this funding, it goes to such a great cause, I feel we need to keep it going."

Ewart said she will seek grant funding for the project next year, while also accepting donations.

"This project hits close to home for many, and making these impacts helps students see all the good they can really do," she stated.