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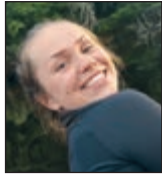


School District of Tomahawk introduces new educators

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The School District of Tomahawk recently introduced more than 20 new educators ahead of the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Emily Bublitz
Position: 3rd Grade Teacher
Hometown: Crivitz, Wis.



Education: Wisconsin Lutheran College: Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education and Natural Science Education

Interests/Hobbies: Music! I play guitar and piano, as well as other instruments. In the summer, I love swimming and kayaking; in the winter, my family loves to go snowmobiling! I also enjoy knitting, jigsaw puzzles and reading books.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am very excited to get to know more about the community of Tomahawk and get back into the Northwoods! I am also excited to get to know my students this year, as well as the staff in the district.

Annabelle Dick
Position: Middle School and High School Art Teacher
Hometown: Marshfield, Wis.



Education: Bachelor's degree in Art Education from University of Wisconsin-Stout

Interests/Hobbies: I love going on trips, camping, skiing and engaging in water activities like boating and paddle boarding. I also enjoy playing board and card games, dancing and spending quality time with friends and family.

What are you most excited about in your new role? As a first-year teacher, I'm excited to create a classroom environment that encourages creativity and acceptance. I also plan to introduce diverse cultures, artists, styles and mediums to broaden students' perspectives and nurture a greater appreciation for different viewpoints.

Morgan Ernst
Position: 2nd Grade Teacher
Hometown: Tomahawk
Education: Bachelor's



Degree in Elementary Education at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Interests/Hobbies: I love spending time with my family and friends! I enjoy going to coffee shops, reading and traveling!

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am so excited to be back in my home district and make a difference in my students lives!

Hannah Fisher
Position: 3rd Grade Teacher



Hometown: Bird Island, Minn.
Education: UW-Whitewater

Family: Fiancé
Interests/Hobbies: My hobbies are reading, playing video games and fishing. I have a very large collection of books and also love plants!

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am so excited for this new opportunity at a different school district! I am also excited to work with a great team of professionals and grow as an educator.

Jerett Flynn
Position: High School Technology Education Teacher



Hometown: Tomahawk
Education: B.S. in Technology Education at UW-Stout

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy fishing, hunting, all sports, hiking, skiing and working on projects.

What are you most excited about in your new role? To be giving back to my hometown community that helped me be who I am today.

Renee Heinrich
Position: 3rd Grade Teacher



Hometown: Wausau, Wis.
Education: UW-Eau Claire

Family: Husband Steve and four adult children: Paige (29), Callie (27), Sarah (24), and Matt (22).

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, creating activities for students.

What are you most excited about in your new role? Meeting amazing people in Tomahawk, being able to make a dif-

ference in a new city and to be part of an amazing team!

Cayla Kerschbaum
Position: High School Science Teacher
Hometown: Rhinelander, Wis.
Education: UW-Superior



Family: I'm married to my high school sweetheart, Henry! We are blessed right now with the best dog in the world, Kida.

Interests/Hobbies: I'm a competitive water skier in the summer, and during the winter I'm a coach for Rhinelander's high school/middle school alpine ski team. I grew up water skiing all summer long and alpine skiing all winter long. I love cooking and baking, especially baking sourdough goodies. I've grown a new passion for horses and love to trail ride.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am most excited to be a positive light in students' lives. The world is crazy, and growing up is hard. I just want to make the world a better place and schools an even better place.

Heather Kurth
Position: High School Special Education Teacher
Hometown: Oshkosh, Wis.



Education: Bemidji State University and University of Phoenix Las Vegas Campus

Family: Husband: Paul; children: Amalie, Samuel, Greta

Interests/Hobbies: Spending quality time with family and friends. I enjoy being outside on the water. My favorite activity... laughing.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am thrilled to get back into the classroom after substitute teaching in the district for the past nine years. I have spent the last 20-plus years raising three children, two of whom are now young adults, with the third quickly following behind. While being a guest teacher in the classrooms of these amazing educators, I found myself longing to have students and a classroom to call my own. It is my passion and desire to support and educate students in the community that I so love.

Justin Lauber
Position: High School Associate Principal
Hometown: Campbellsport, Wis.



Education: I earned my Bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point and my Master's from UW-River Falls.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, camping and hiking. Additionally, I'm a fan of college sports and spend time watching football, wrestling and baseball.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I'm most excited about the opportunity to work closely with students and staff. I'm also looking forward to getting to know the community better and building connections.

Liz Lavaque
Position: Middle School/High School Band Teacher



Hometown: Carol Stream, Ill.

Education: I earned my Bachelor's degree in Music Education from UW-Stevens Point in 2023.

Family: I grew up living with two of my grandparents, my mom Mary and younger brother Troy. I currently live in Wausau with my fiancé and our cat, Merlin.

Interests/Hobbies: In my free time I enjoy all sorts of crafting, with painting, sewing and knitting as the ones I do most often. I really love spending time in the outdoors with my family, whether it be in northern Wisconsin or in Michigan, where my family lives now.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am super excited to meet all of my students and to really grow the connection between the band program and our community.

Gina Letempt
Position: 1st Grade Teacher
Hometown: Wheaton, Ill.



Education: Northeastern Illinois University

Family: Husband, daughter, and two cats.
Interests/Hobbies: When I'm not working, I love to fish and be with my family. Some other hobbies and interests include

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Supervisors reject Pine Crest funding referendum resolution

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

MERRILL – A proposed referendum related to the funding of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill will not be on election ballots this fall.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Aug. 20, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors rejected a resolution that sought to place a binding referendum on ballots for the Tuesday, Nov. 5 election.

The resolution failed by an 8-11 vote.

Under the proposed resolution, if it had been approved by voters, Lincoln County would have been allowed to exceed levy limits by \$5 million each year from 2025 to 2029 to fund operations, maintenance, repairs, updates and debt service at Pine Crest.

The resolution had been approved by the county's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) and Finance committees by a 7-2 vote in a joint meeting earlier this month.

The rejection of the resolution comes about six weeks after an agreement for Lincoln County to sell the Merrill facility fell through.

In July, Merrill Campus LLC and Senior

Management Inc., the organizations which were previously set to purchase Pine Crest from the county, terminated the Asset Purchase Agreement with the county in response to a lawsuit filed by Lincoln County District 7 Supervisor and People for Pine Crest member Donald J. Dunphy in May.

The lawsuit, which Dunphy said was his "vehicle to keep Pine Crest from being sold," was dismissed in late July.

The proposed resolution

The proposed resolution was authored by Board Chair and District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd and cosponsored by District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse.

According to the resolution, under the current management agreement between Lincoln County and North Central Health Care (NCHC), which manages Pine Crest, Lincoln County is required to provide NCHC with an annual cash stipend of \$440,000.00 to fund four full-time maintenance staff positions and to "bear the financial costs of routine facility maintenance and repair services for Pine Crest Nursing Home."

The resolution said the sum of these obligations comes out to about \$900,000.00 each year.

"NCHC is currently making the debt payment," the resolution stated. "However, Lincoln County is ultimately responsible for the debt service for Pine Crest Nursing Home, approximating \$630,000.00 annually through the year 2038."

For "numerous years," the resolution said, Pine Crest expenditures have exceeded gross revenues, leading to the use of the facility's cash reserves and fund balances to cover losses.

"Although this trend appears to have changed, there remains a risk of reoccurrence," the resolution stated.

The resolution pointed to the state of Wisconsin's nearly \$1.6 million decrease in annual supplemental and Certified Public Expenditure payments for Pine Crest.

In response to operational losses, decreased supplemental funds and "insufficient reserves," NCHC requested that Lincoln County provide an additional roughly \$1 million to cover the nursing home's estimated 2022 operating deficit, the resolution said. That allocation ultimately came from the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The resolution said it is "anticipated that Pine Crest Nursing Home could continue

to sustain similar deficits in the foreseeable future" and noted that the facility requires roughly \$12 million in maintenance, repairs and updates over the next decade.

Lincoln County does not maintain replacement reserve funds to cover these costs, according to the resolution.

The county's share of costs for operating, maintaining, repairing and updating the nursing home, as well as guaranteeing debt service, is estimated to be \$20 million between 2025 and 2029, the resolution said, which led to the proposed \$5 million yearly funding request.

The \$5 million annual levy would have had an estimated \$186.00 tax impact per \$100,000.00 of the assessed value of private property, according to the resolution.

Prior to the vote, several proposed amendments seeking to lower the referendum amount were rejected.

During the meeting, Boyd said there are two parties interested in purchasing the nursing home, and several Supervisors opined that selling the facility is the best option.

The board previously voted down a resolution seeking a referendum related to Pine Crest funding last year.

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badminton, pickleball, volleyball, swimming, cheerleading, dance, playing the piano, listening to music, being outdoors, baking and self-care time when needed!

What are you most excited about in your new role? There are so many things that I am excited about. First, getting to know each and every one of my students, my team, the overall community and starting off a new school year in a special place I call home.

Jeff Letempt

Position: 5th Grade Teacher
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.
Education: Bachelor's of Arts in Social Science (National Louis University); Master's of Elementary Education (Northeastern Illinois University).



Family: Wife and daughter
Interests/Hobbies: Golf, fishing with my wife and daughter, watching the Bears dominate this year. Spending time with friends and family.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I'm most excited about join the wonderful community of Tomahawk. From the first time I visited 13 years ago with my now wife, I felt like I was home. I'm truly excited for my students and their families to come on this journey of exploration and wonder and excitement. Nothing brings me more joy than seeing a student understand a concept they thought was hard or discovering a new passion for a subject that they never thought they would like. I'm very excited and privileged to now call Tomahawk home. I'm looking forward to building relationships with this amazing community. Go Hatchets!

Katie Mackin

Position: 4th Grade Teacher
Hometown: Tomahawk
Education: UW-Stevens Point
Family: My husband Evan is my best friend, and we have two of the best kids, Mia (4) and Liam (2). We also have two dogs, Rhett and Daisy, and 19 chickens!



Interests/Hobbies: I love cooking, reading, camping and running! I just ran my first half marathon!

What are you most excited about in your new role? I can't wait to meet my kids, make my classroom

cozy and show them all the fun things I have planned this year!

Ava Magee

Position: Elementary School Special Education Teacher
Hometown: Oregon, Wis.
Education: Bachelor's degree from UWSP elementary and special education
Interests/Hobbies: Coaching, lifting, swimming, anything outdoors



What are you most excited about in your new role? Specializing education for students who learn differently and building relationships with my students.

Eric Neve

Position: High School Math Teacher
Hometown: Pittsville, Wis.
Education: UW-Stevens Point
Family: I am the middle child with two brothers. Education runs in my family, since my parents both work in the education field.



Interests/Hobbies: I love all things sports and family-related. During the fall, you'll find me watching football and baseball, then in the winter it'll be football and basketball.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am excited to get to know the students and watch them grow throughout their high school career.

Samantha Perkins

Position: Elementary School Guidance Counselor
Hometown: Stevens Point
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Communication from UW-Stevens Point; Master's Degree in School Counseling from UW-Superior.



Family: Fur baby (dog) - Rosie
Interests/Hobbies: Painting, crafts, and watching crime movies/TV shows, getting more into reading.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am excited to meet new faces and start my first year as a school counselor. The new area is just an added bonus. Tomahawk is beautiful, and I love kayaking, along with being outdoors.

Katie Pritzl

Position: High School ELA Teacher
Hometown: Park Falls
Education: UW Stevens Point
Interests/Hobbies: I very much enjoy reading and writing as my main hobbies, along with being out in nature, whether that takes the form of hiking, swimming, gardening, going for walks, camping, biking, hammocking and/or traveling the world. When I am not outside, you can find me nestled at home with a good book surrounded by my pets.



What are you most excited about in your new role? I look forward to being able to build a supportive class-

room community where students feel valued and respected, along with exploring literature that reflects diverse cultures and experiences that can broaden students' horizons and deepen their empathy and understanding for others.

Matt Schmidt

Position: Elementary School Special Education Teacher
Hometown: Birnamwood, Wis.
Education: UW-Oshkosh
Family: A son and a daughter



Interests/Hobbies: Anything outdoors
What are you most excited about in your new role? Working with a new group of students and getting to know my coworkers.

Karolyn Schrammel

Position: Middle School Special Education Teacher
Hometown: Tomahawk
Education: BS in Horticulture from Texas Tech University; K-12 Cross Categorical Special Education Teaching License from CESA 9's Excellence in Teaching Program.



Family: My husband, Steve, and I have three amazing kids (Joseph, 7; Natalie, 5; and Emilia, 3) and a dog named Rizzo.

Interests/Hobbies: I love spending time with my whole family. It doesn't matter what we're doing or where we are - as long as we're together, it will be a blast! Being outdoors, especially on the lake, is my happy place.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I'm super pumped to be back at TSD! I'm really looking forward to meeting new students and having the opportunity to help them grow.

Marissa Schumacher

Position: Middle School Special Education Teacher
Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
Education: I earned my Bachelor's degree from Butler University and Master's degree from Minnesota State University-Moorhead.



Family: I have three sons, Toby, Eli and Zach.
Interests/Hobbies: We enjoy the outdoors by camping, hiking, backpacking, kayaking, traveling, exploring, fishing and hunting. In my free time I sew, quilt and scrapbook.

What are you most excited about in your new role? I am excited about working with a new group of teachers, staff and students.

Scott Schumann

Position: Middle School/High School Spanish Teacher
Hometown: Cudahy, Wis.
Education: BA/MA
Family: Wife; daughter, 22, goes to University of Alabama; son, 20, plays baseball at MATC Milwaukee.



Interests/Hobbies: Fishing, playing euchre, watching Brewers, Packers, and Badgers, reffing volleyball (retired from coaching).

What are you most excited about in your new role? New area, new kids/challenge of not knowing my students/prior knowledge before I start my lessons.

Richelle Swan

Position: 5th Grade Teacher
Hometown: Tomahawk
Education: UW-Whitewater
Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy traveling, reading, playing volleyball and doing water sports. I also love to spend time with my family and friends.



What are you most excited about in your new role? I am thrilled to be back in my hometown and have the opportunity to give back to the school district that inspired me to be a teacher.

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Mining issue on Oneida County board agenda draws crowd

Chair sought clarity on handling mining inquiries

BY EILEEN PERSIKE
MMC STAFF

RHINELANDER – An Oneida County resolution to give authority to the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to entertain unsolicited inquiries regarding mining filled the board room – and then some – at the Tuesday, Aug. 20 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The resolution, board chairman Scott Holewinski said, sought to clarify how these unsolicited inquiries for exploration, prospecting, bulk sampling and mining operation on county land would be handled. While it did not call for approval of a mine, more than 30 people spoke against the resolution, with many wondering why the topic is on the county board agenda again.

“I’m just a little perplexed why we’re here again this morning talking about this issue,” said Scott Kirby, Newbold resident. “You’re smarter than that. It’s a simple ‘no.’ Constituents have already voted on this. We have already guided you. We’ve already said ‘no.’”

“This vote is the first step in inviting mining companies to work in the county,” Tabitha Benish said. “Your constituents, including myself, oppose risking the quality of our fresh water resources here in Oneida County. This doesn’t mean there will be a mine, but why would you be wasting taxpayer time and money to even entertain something when it’s obvious that we, the people, do

not want a mine?”

A 2018 advisory referendum asked Oneida County residents if they approved of mining in the Town of Lynne, located in the western part of the county. Over 62% voted no.

The Lynne deposit contains zinc sulfide ore that was discovered in 1990. It is estimated to contain 5.6 million tons of metals, such as copper, lead, gold and silver. It is located near the Willow Flowage.

The results of the referendum were not turned into law. Corporation Counsel Mike Fugle noted if the 2018 referendum were turned into law, it would have potentially stood only until the next county board took office.

“The board cannot pass a resolution today that says a future county board can’t do something,” Fugle said. “That’s the nature of county government.”

Holewinski explained what led up to his resolution and outlined what took place the previous two months.

He said he received a voice-mail, email and certified letter in June, but did not respond.

Forestry chair Bob Almekinder also received a voice-mail, to which he did not respond.

Supervisor Russ Fisher took a call from the Wisconsin



Karl Fate addresses the Oneida County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Aug. 20. “If the Lynne site is leased, it will be a colossal betrayal of the public trust,” Fate said. **Contributed photos**

Counties Association (WCA) that Holewinski contacted to set up a meeting in Madison. The Monday, Aug. 12 meeting was attended by Holewinski and Fisher, along with representatives from the WCA and Green Light Metals. Almekinder couldn’t be there.

“We discussed the history of the Lynne deposit, other deposits in northern Wisconsin, our mining ordinance and the resolution I was taking to the county board in August,” Holewinski said, adding that he wanted to “get the will of the current board” before any formal discussion about the Lynne deposit would move forward.

Holewinski said no discussion about the mining company took place.

“I was trying to be very transparent and not make a decision on my own and let this current county board decide on who should be in charge of these unsolicited

requests,” Holewinski told the board.

Supervisor Steven Schreier said he takes exception to the way the whole thing evolved.

“I have to be honest; I struggle with your version of what you think transparency is,” Schreier said. “It appears it took you almost two months to come to the conclusion you needed to include others in your decision making process. Developing or creating policy after the fact – after you’ve already engaged in discussions with at least one mining company.”

Supervisor Billy Fried framed the resolution as a way to leave the door open to a new revenue source.

“As far as I can understand, our forest crop is not sustainable as far as the revenue we’ve been counting on, and we’ll only build on our challenge to find the revenues to maintain the services that we have in place,” Fried said.



Supervisor Steven Schreier speaks during discussion of a resolution brought forth by Oneida County Board Chair Scott Holewinski.



Jill Hunger brought with her a sign from the 2018 advisory referendum that addressed mining in the town of Lynne. Hunger spoke at last week’s Oneida County Board of Supervisors meeting in Rhineland.

Other Supervisors debated whether the resolution was necessary at all after Oneida County Forestry Director Jill Nemeč addressed board members.

“The Town of Lynne mine is on county-managed law lands,” Nemeč said. “We are dictated by statute to manage

those lands, including any sort of inquiries about mining uses.”

The resolution was voted down 13-6.

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Elizabeth "Betty" Zehner, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024.

Betty was born on Oct. 22, 1935 to Leo and Ruth Danforth in Exeland, Wis. She married Robert (Bob) Zehner in Lady-smith, Wis., on July 2, 1955. Betty and Bob moved to Tomahawk for Bob's job at the paper mill where they raised their four sons together until Bob tragically passed at the young age of 49. Betty worked at the hospital in town while she made heartfelt and valuable friendships in the community.

Betty was an avid baker. She loved spending time in the kitchen baking for friends and family. She liked doing puzzles, word games, playing cards when friends and family would visit and shopping the QVC channel. She enjoyed going to Wednesday night bingo and taking trips to the casino.

Betty survived by her sons, David 'Zip' Zehner, Steven 'Hap' (Susan) Zehner, Jeffery 'Z' (Penny) Zehner and Gary 'Gomez' (Dana) Zehner, her sister Audrey Thompson, sisters-in-law, Marge Newville and Carol Aitken, brother-in-law, Chuck (Marion) Zehner, 12 grandchildren, Nicky Zehner, Rachael (Jevin) Budzynski, Zoie (Derek) Mohr, Zach Zehner, Zeke Zehner, Kersten Zehner, Alyssa Zehner, Zander Zehner, Kaylynn (Josh) Licon, Jack (Sondra) Koenig, Jesse Westfall and Logan Dums. Betty has 11 great-grandchildren with one on the way. She is further survived by special friends of the family, Julie, Chris and Lucy Winger and Dale Bohnert.

Betty was preceded in death by the love of her life Bob, her parents Leo and Ruth, her sisters Eula Fisher, Frances Karabetsas and Doris Shaw, as well as many great friends, including Fran von Schrader, with whom she spent many of her last years enjoying each other's company.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024 at Nimsger Funeral Home in Tomahawk.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgerfuneral.com.



Lisa M. Kestler, age 64, of Brantwood, Wis., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Lisa was born on Sept. 7, 1959, in Park Falls, Wis., to the late Tauno and Dorothy (Pemper) Maki. She grew up in Brantwood where she attended the Tripoli School and was a 1978 graduate of the Prentice High School.

Lisa was married to Darrell Kestler on Aug. 21, 1993, at their family home. She worked at Phillips Plating in Phillips,

Wis., for 30-plus years making many friends along the way. She enjoyed snowmobiling and was a member of the Westboro Sno-Dusters. Lisa was also a member of the Westboro VFW Auxiliary.

Lisa loved watching her hummingbirds that came every year, cardinals, eagles, and many other birds. She enjoyed gardening, especially taking care of her many beautiful flowers. She loved spending time with her sisters, going to Winstock Music Festival, and many other music venues. She was a Dorothy's Darling, the walk team she helped form for her mom, Dorothy, after she passed away in 2012. Lisa will be missed by many, especially her husband!

She is survived by her husband, Darrell F. Kestler, of Brantwood, Wis.; her sons, Jessie (Betsy) Maki, of Tripoli, Wis., Tim (Megan) Kestler, of Medford, Wis., and Nick (Kari) Kestler, of Danbury, Wis.; her sister, Laura (Ray) Varela, of St. Paul, Minn.; her brothers, Richard Maki, of Brantwood, Wis., James (Max) Maki, of South St. Paul, Minn., William (Mary) Maki, of Brantwood, Wis., and Robert (Marlys) Maki, of Rhinelander, Wis.; and her ten grandchildren, Allie, Raylee, Carissa, Javon, Brayden, Gracie, Gavyn, Peyton, Mali, and Shaylee, all of Wisconsin. Lisa is further survived by eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Lisa was preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy and Tauno; her uncle, Wilho Maki; her sisters, Paula Braden and Lillian Lammi; and her niece, Megan Maki.

A Celebration of Life Service for Lisa Kestler will be held at Generations Funeral Home on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends for visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Lisa's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Bonnie Jean Marie Timm-Daigle, age 92, a lifelong resident of Tomahawk, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. Bonnie was born on March 4, 1932, in Merrill, Wis., to the late Fred and Meta (Brumm) Timm. She was a graduate of Tomahawk High School. Bonnie was married to Edwin "Ed" Daigle on May 6, 1950, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tomahawk; Ed passed away on Jan. 7, 2001.

Bonnie had worked as a legal secretary for Charles F. Jensen and the City of Tomahawk until 1952. She and Ed owned and operated Daigle Oil Company in Tomahawk from 1952 until their retirement in 1983. After retiring, they traveled extensively to warmer climates. Bonnie loved and cherished Jesus Christ and was a lifelong active member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. She dearly loved her family and many great friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Bev (Don) Petta; her sons, David (Micki) Daigle, and Fuzzy (Maggie) Daigle; her grandchildren, Heather (Aaron) Plachetka, Pete (Stacie) Petta, Adam (Jess) Daigle, Andy Daigle, Tanya Daigle, and Dustin Daigle; and her two step-granddaughters, Mammie and Savannah. She is further survived by her great-grandchildren, Harleigh and Gunnar Plachetka, Riaah and Averii Petta, and Cash, Cooper, and Miley Daigle.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Meta; her husband, Ed Daigle; her brothers, Ray (Irene) Timm, Rod (Francis) Timm, Fred (Doris) Timm, Dale (Virginia) Timm, and Glenn (Marge) Timm; her sisters, Hazel (LeRoy) Currier, Sally (Hienie) Roehrborn, Betty (Gus) Wurl, and Rose (Raleigh) Johnston; her brother-in-law, Al (Annette) Daigle; her sister-in-law, Irene (Pete) Schoone; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Archie and Rose Daigle.

A memorial gathering for Bonnie Daigle will take place at a later date and will be announced at that time. Interment will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Tomahawk.

Memorials may be given in Bonnie's name to the Tomahawk Historical Society.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Bonnie's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

From Bonnie: When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see, remember that I love you - don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

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.

We have been looking at Hosea 4:1, the LORD had a controversy with the people because they no longer knew God, nor cared about truth or mercy. The result was that violence and crime increased. In verses 6 through 9, we are told that this situation arose because the priests were not teaching the people the truth about God from the Word of God, anymore.

Last week we looked at Acts 20:20,21 and the message of *repentance toward God*. Today, I want to look at the second part of the message, that of *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*. Both parts, *repentance* and *faith*, go together.

The first part, *repentance toward God*, is about me understanding the truth about who God is and who I am. It means I have learned to see these things as God defines them in truth, and not as I see them in my wishful thinking. It is then that I understand my need for forgiveness and for change. It is for this that I then turn to Christ in *faith*.

The word translated *faith* in the Bible is actually the noun form of the verb translated *believe*. This word, in both its noun and verb forms, means to *accept something as true so that it affects how I see other things*. That is why we read in James 2:17 that *faith, if it does not have works, is dead, being alone*. Verse 22 goes on to say that *by works is faith made complete*. So, if I have *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*, it means I accept Him for who the Bible says He is and follow Him.

The Bible says that Jesus Christ created everything that was created (John 1:1-3), and that He is the eternal Son of God (John 17:1-5). Jesus left Heaven for the purpose of dying for His people (John 10:11-18). Hebrews 2:9-15 says that He left Heaven and came to earth as a man of flesh and blood for the purpose of experiencing death on our behalf. In verse 10 we are reminded that by His suffering for us, He opened the way for us to enter Heaven (glory). In verses 16-18 it says that Jesus became a man like us, and having suffered as *one of us*, He is also the perfect helper who understands our needs.

To have *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ* means that I accept these truths about Jesus Christ as true and live according to them. The Strength of the Christian faith is found in the fact that Jesus is the Son of God who did just what the Bible says He did on the behalf of all who believe in Him. The Christian faith is not about getting to Heaven when we die, or about living a good life, it is about knowing the Son of God and living my life to please Him who did this for me.

So we read in Acts 20:20,21 the two parts to the Apostle Paul's message as he spread the Gospel of Christ, *repentance toward God* and *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*. Both *repentance* and *faith* go together as two parts of the Gospel message. Do you know this God?

Pastor Charles Scheele

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THE ATTITUDE OF JESUS

Many years ago as I was reading Scripture, I was surprised to see how many times the word ATTITUDE appeared, especially in the New Testament. Ephesians 4:23 says "to be made new in the attitude of your mind. 1st Peter 4:1 says "arm yourself with the same attitude as Jesus." Soon after this I read the book "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale. I learned that a Positive Thinker is one who has lots of faith. That book changed my life! It motivated me to write my own book on attitudes and positive thinking.

I am convinced that Jesus was the most positive thinker in the world. After all, he plans to change the world by using folks like you and me! There is another little book that I would recommend. It's titled "Your Greatest Power" written by Pastor J. Martin Kohe in 1953. He suggests that thinking positive is a matter of simply choosing to think positive. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 12:2 that "we must be changed by the renewing of our minds." Choosing to transform one's mind from choosing to live positively rather than negatively is not an easy thing to do. It takes some work to change a habit that we have practiced for years and is generally accepted by the world. The world tells us that the teaching of Jesus is naive and foolish, but He is truly Wisdom in the flesh. When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, all things are made new. That includes our thinking as well as our behavior. In fact, our thinking determines our behavior! It's hard for me to believe that a Christian could be anything but joyful. We aren't always going to be happy with some of the circumstances in our lives but we can, with the help of Jesus, be positive and joyful. This is part of the transformation Paul is talking about in Romans 12:2.

So, don't apologize for being a Positive Thinker. You are just emulating Jesus-- the greatest positive thinker that ever lived! So, "be made new in the attitude of your mind." (Ephesians 4:23)



1st Congregational Church Tomahawk, WI
 Dennis Mannering
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Darlene V. Raunio, 76, of Tomahawk, passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Darlene was born March 1, 1948 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Arvid and Evelyn (Nelson) Shellberg. She was united in marriage on June 22, 1968 to Larry Raunio in Chicago, Ill., and he preceded her in death on July 6, 2010.

Darlene is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Chris) Volkman, Sugar Camp; grandson, Elijah (Maddie Sowinski), Sugar Camp; granddaughter, Naomi (Ethan) Spears, Sugar Camp; sister-in-law, Judith Ranta-Menge, Merrill; nephew, Steve (Robbin) Ranta and their two girls, Jennifer and Sarah; niece, Lynn (Jon) Woller, Merrill and their two girls, Katie and Krista.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024 at Krueger-Nimsger Funeral Home with Pastor Josh Reese officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service at Krueger-Nimsger Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgerfuneral.com.

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NEW LISTING: N11636 Spring Creek Dr: Privacy, hunting and home! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, is set off the road on 40 acres. The home has a split floor plan with primary bedroom having a full bath with jetted tub and separate shower. The other 2 bedrooms are on the opposite end of the home. Plenty of kitchen cabinets, with all the appliances included deck off dining and wood burning fireplace in living room. The full basement is drywalled and very useable. Outside you will find plenty of storage for gardening and toys. The pole shed is approximately 35 x 40. The acreage is mostly wooded and has a small drainage pond to draw in the wildlife. Yes, there is great fishing right down the road. UTV and snowmobile out your front door to the trails. **\$339,900**

REDUCED: WISCONSIN RIVER FRONTAGE: N6407 & N6409 State Rd 107: Two for one! Primary home is a 3-bedroom 1.5 bath. Pretty Featherstone kitchen cabinets, snack bar and big dining. Nice seasonal porch waterside. The living room is also spacious and nice window waterside of the home. Attached garage is insulated and sheeted. The adjoining property is a 1008 square foot, 2-bedroom furnished cottage. Plus

a 456 square foot insulated and heated shop, plus a 256 square foot Sauna building. Come take a look too much to put in words. Have a waterfront home, plus rent the other out? Or Family compound? You choose. **\$524,900**

REDUCED: N11117 Clear Lake Rd: ACCEPTED OFFER: Location, location, location! This custom built, 1.5 story home has almost everything you could ask for. It features 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms. The home sits on almost an acre of land and is located close to town and the golf course. It has a 22x24 detached garage, a 28x44 heated and insulated workshop/shed, a fieldstone fireplace, and a covered deck. This home is move in ready. **\$399,900**

REDUCED: LAKE NOKOMIS: 9785 Deer Trail Rd: Lake Nokomis is calling! This well-maintained residence was constructed in 2002 and is situated on a .63-acre lot with 150' of sandy frontage and stunning views of Lake Nokomis. The home features four bedrooms and three bathrooms, two fireplaces, and is 2,296 square feet. There's also a dry boat house, and a large 1,792 square foot garage with in-floor heat. There is also a game room off the garage that is an impressive 25' x 32'. This move in ready home is in an excellent location just North of Tomahawk. **\$724,900**

8.94 ACRES N 4TH ST: Commercial building parcel on Tomahawk's growing business district. Bring your business plans and build here. Tomahawk is a great community to be a part of and this has great street exposure. This lot fronts North 4th Street and Highway A. **\$97,500**

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Meaning of Labor Day

Dear Reader,

As summer begins to wane and the promise of autumn lingers in the air, we find ourselves on the cusp of another Labor Day. To many, this holiday may simply signify the end of vacation season, marked by parades, barbecues, and perhaps a final trip to the beach. However, beyond the festive atmosphere and political speeches lies a deeper, more profound significance.



Labor Day was instituted to honor the contributions of the everyday worker—the men and women who rise each morning, don their uniforms, and perform the myriad tasks that keep our society functioning smoothly. It's a day dedicated to the recognition of the sweat and resilience of those who tirelessly contribute to our collective well-being.

Historically, Labor Day emerged from the labor movement in the late 19th century, a time fraught with industrial strife and the struggle for workers' rights. It was a time when workers came together to demand fair wages, reasonable hours, and safer working conditions. Their efforts laid the groundwork for the labor protections many of us take for granted today.

But beyond its historical roots, Labor Day serves as a poignant reminder to pause and reflect on the value of hard work. It's a moment to appreciate the quiet dignity of those who grind it out day after day, doing whatever it takes to provide for their families. These are the individuals who form the backbone of our communities—the teachers, nurses, factory workers, farmers, and countless others whose labor often goes unnoticed, yet is essential to our daily lives.

As we enjoy the holiday's festivities, let us also take a moment to honor the spirit of Labor Day. Let's remember that it is not just a day off, but a day to celebrate the perseverance, skill, and hard work of our fellow citizens. May we carry this appreciation with us throughout the year, recognizing that every contribution, no matter how small, is worthy of respect and gratitude.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

City of Tomahawk's 18th annual Dumpster Day slated for next weekend

Crossbridge to host document shredding event

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk's 18th annual Dumpster Day will coincide with a document shredding event next weekend.

Dumpster Day

Dumpster Day, open to city residents only, will be held at the City Garage, 415 W. Spirit Ave., on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Couches, recliners, coffee/end tables, dinette sets, mattresses, box springs, bedroom sets and rolled/tied carpets can be disposed of at no cost. Metal items,

such as patio furniture, bed rails, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, vacuums and scrap iron/metals, can also be disposed of for free.

Building materials, items in plastic bags, medications and hazardous materials, such as paint and household cleaners, will not be accepted.

Costs for dispose electronic item disposal, open to all and sponsored by Tomahawk Iron and Metal, are as follows: Monitors/computers, \$20.00; TVs 26 inches or less, \$20.00; TVs 27 inches or more, \$25.00 to \$35.00; copiers and floor

printers, \$25.00; DVDs, stereos and typewriters, \$5.00; desktop printers and fax machines, \$5.00; 15-inch tires, \$3.00; 16-inch tires, \$4.00; microwaves and refrigerators: no charge.

Boy Scout Troop 548 will provide roadside pickup for city residents unable to deliver unwanted items to the City Garage. Pre-registration and a \$25.00 fee are required. To pre-register, contact City Hall at 715-453-4040 by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. A list of each item is required, and anything not listed will not be picked up.

Document shredding event

Document shredding services, provided by Confidential Records, will be offered at Crossbridge Community Bank, 15 E. Wisconsin Ave., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Dumpster Day.

The event, sponsored by Crossbridge, Incredible-Bank and Nicolet National Bank, is open to all Lincoln County residents.

The service is free, but a donation of \$5.00 per box is suggested. Proceeds will benefit Lincoln County Crime Stoppers.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Aug. 19:

On 08/14/2024 a deputy was sent to the area of CTH M and Forks Rd. in the Town of Coming for a motorcyclist who was requesting assistance. Preliminary information provided by the caller suggested that there was a crash, but unknown if anyone was injured. When the deputy arrived on scene, he made contact with the driver of the motorcycle, a Merrill man, 64, who had injuries consistent with a motorcycle crash. According to the driver, he was negotiating a curve when a deer ran out in front of him. He attempted to avoid hitting the deer and lost control of his bike as a result. The bike and driver then entered the ditch, where it is believed the driver struck his head on a delineator post. The driver was not wearing a helmet. The driver was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital by Merrill FD Ambulance.

On 08/15/2024 deputies were sent to the intersection of USH 8 and USH 51 in the Town of Bradley for a semi vs. car crash with injuries. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the drivers and witnesses to determine the cause of the crash. The car being driven by a Sparta man, 81, was W/B on USH 8 and stopped to turn S/B onto USH 51. The driver was distracted by the actions of another vehicle that was not involved in the crash. The driver then began his turn and turned into the path of the E/B semi being driven by a Conover man, 57, resulting in the crash. Both drivers and a passenger in the car were injured as a result of the crash; however only the occupants of the car were transported by Tomahawk Ambulance. The driver of the vehicle that distracted the W/B vehicle had left the scene.

On 08/16/2024 the Lincoln County 911 Center took a report of a vehicle rollover in the area of USH 51 and CTH D in the City of Tomahawk. Upon arrival on scene, officers from TPD requested that deputies conduct the investigation. No injuries were reported, but there was some indication that the driver may have been operating under the influence of inhalants. According to witness, the driver was N/B on USH 51 and exited the highway at the off ramp to CTH D. The driver then continued through the intersection without stopping for the stop sign. The vehicle then entered the ditch and went airborne before rolling and coming to a final rest. The driver, a woman, 28, from Eagan, Minn., was not injured but was transported by sheriff's squad to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, where she was asked to do some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, she was placed under arrest for a first offense of OWI. She was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she was turned over to correctional staff.

On 08/16/2024 deputies were sent to the area STH 64 and CTH X in the Town

of Pine River for a hit and run crash. It was reported that while the vehicles were negotiating the curve at the south intersection of STH 64 and CTH X, the suspect's vehicle side swiped the other vehicle and left the scene. The suspect vehicle was located by the boyfriend of the driver of the vehicle that had been side swept and held the driver until a deputy arrived on scene. Upon making contact with the driver, a Merrill woman, 32, the deputy had noticed that she was showing signs of impairment. The deputy requested the woman do sobriety tests, which she did. As a result of those tests, she was placed under arrest of a first offense of OWI. The driver was then later released to a responsible party.

On 08/17/2024 a deputy on patrol observed a vehicle in the area of CTH H and USH 51 in the Town of Rock Falls. The deputy reported seeing the vehicle traveling left of center and other traffic violations. The deputy stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 19. Upon making contact, the deputy noticed signs of impairment and requested the driver perform some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, the deputy placed the driver under arrest for an absolute sobriety violation. The driver was later released to a responsible party. A passenger in the vehicle will also be cited for underage alcohol consumption.

On 08/18/2024 deputies were dispatched to an address on Short Rd. in the Town of Bradley for what was reported to be a man with a gun threatening the R/P. The R/P stated that the suspect came up to the R/P's door and pounded on the door hard enough to rattle the house. The R/P then went outside to investigate what the problem is when he said he saw the suspect, a Tomahawk man, 64, holding onto what the R/P described as a handgun, and the suspect was allegedly pointing the gun in the R/P's direction. The R/P reported he then returned to his house for safety. When the first deputy arrived in the area, he located an individual who matched the description of the suspect. The deputy detained the individual and began investigating what had happened. It was found that the detained subject has an ongoing neighborhood dispute with the R/P over alleged reckless driving issues. No handgun was found during the investigation, but the detained subject appeared to be intoxicated. He was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

Deputies conducted 40 traffic stops and 33 security checks.

Deputies responded to four car vs. deer crashes.

Driving complaints: Nine.

The 911 Center took six hang-up calls and three nuisance calls.

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Local college student receives LP scholarship

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk-area college student recently received a scholarship from LP Building Solutions.

Earlier this month, LP announced that it awarded more than 75 college scholarships to the children of LP team members for the 2024–2025 academic year.

Among the scholarship recipients was Mallorie Watland-Copiskey, who is attending Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander.

LP, a leader in high-performance building solutions that manufactures engineered wood products for builders, remodelers and homeowners around the world, has a plant in Tomahawk. Founded in 1972, LP is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and operates 22 plants across the U.S., Canada, Chile and Brazil.

In a release, LP said it significantly enhanced its Scholarship Program this year, increasing the scholarship amount from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 and more than doubling the number of new recipients.

“This expansion raises the annual potential enrollment to 200 students, reflecting LP’s commitment to supporting the educational pursuits of its team members’ families,” LP stated.

“Supporting our team members and their fami-



Watland-Copiskey
Photo courtesy of LP

lies is central to our success,” said LP Chair and CEO Brad Southern. “We are proud to recognize these students for their hard work both in the classroom and in their communities. We look forward to continuing our support as they advance in their academic and professional journeys.”

Since its inception, the LP Scholarship Program has supported the academic journeys of LP team members’ children. Over the years, the program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarships to more than 470 students.

LP said this financial support “not only helps alleviate the cost of higher education, but also recognizes the academic and community achievements of these students.”

For the 2024–2025 academic year, the program awarded scholarships to 35 first-time recipients and over 40 renewal recipients. Each scholarship provides up to \$10,000.00 for four years of full-time undergraduate study or until the student completes their academic program, whichever comes first.

“In addition to supporting the educational goals of its team members’ children, LP is dedicated to the continued education of its employee,” LP stated. “LP’s Tuition Assistance Program offers U.S. and Canadian team members reimbursement for a portion of their eligible expenses each year when they enroll in degree-seeking programs through accredited universities or equivalent programs through trade or vocational schools.”

The LP Scholarship Program, administered by Scholarship America, evaluates applications based on academic performance, leadership, community involvement, honors, work experience, personal and family challenges and a statement of goals and aspirations. Scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated financial need as assessed by Scholarship America.

To learn more about LP’s support initiatives for its team members, visit www.lpcorp.com/about-lp/sustainability/our-people.

News Briefs

Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Sept. 10 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.

‘Our Dream Park’ remains closed

Tomahawk Together is reminding the community that “Our Dream Park” on N.

4th St. is still under construction and remains closed to the public.

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 volunteer, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

Aspirus shares tips to prevent backpack-related pain, injuries

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – With the start of the school year on the horizon, Aspirus Health shared tips to help prevent backpack-related pain or injuries.

“Backpacks are a practical and useful way to get textbooks and supplies to and from school,” Aspirus stated in a release. “When used properly, they should ease your child’s load, not make it worse.”

“Improper backpack usage among children can lead to neck pain, headaches, back pain and hip pain,” said Megan Stankowski, PT, DPT, LAT, Physical Therapist, Athletic Trainer with Aspirus Health. “Preventing these injuries may require parents to check in, observe and gently remind their kids to make some adjustments to how they use their backpacks.”

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America offers some tips for parents to help children wear their backpacks safely and correctly:



Stankowski
Photo courtesy of Aspirus Health

- **Choose the right backpack.** Your child’s backpack should have two broad, padded shoulder straps, a padded back, a waist or chest strap and compartments. These features help distribute the weight of the contents more evenly throughout the body.

- **Educate your child about proper backpack wear.** Keep straps on both shoulders and use the waist strap. Adjust straps to fit snugly.

- **Pack safely.** Help your child understand how to distribute the weight properly. Put the heaviest items low and near the center of the back. Make sure the bottom of the backpack rests in the curve of the lower back.

- **Check the weight.** Make sure your child is not carrying more than 15% of his or her body weight in their backpack. If you notice them leaning forward to support the backpack’s weight, then it’s too heavy.

- **Lighten the load.** Encourage your child to clean the backpack weekly and take out unneeded

items, store items in a locker at school when possible and take only what’s needed to school. Carrying heavier items in their arms will also alleviate some of that extra weight.

Stankowski noted that kids aren’t likely to relate any pain they’re experiencing to their backpack, so it’s important to check in with them.

“Parents can catch signs or symptoms of injury by simply asking their child how they like their backpack or how it feels,” Stankowski stated.

Stankowski said this may prompt your child to share any discomfort they may have.

“Also observe them,” she stated. “Are they leaning to the side or leaning forward? The child is not going to catch that as often as the parent, and correcting these habits can prevent injuries.”

If adjusting how your child is wearing their backpack doesn’t eliminate pain, seek help from their primary care provider or physical therapist.

To find an Aspirus provider, visit www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider.

FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Aug. 28	11:24PM	8:34AM	5:36PM	7:55PM
Aug. 29	12:24AM	9:32AM	6:31PM	8:50PM
Aug. 30	1:31AM	10:28AM	7:13PM	9:41PM
Aug. 31	2:41AM	10:54PM	7:46PM	10:29PM
Sept. 1	3:50AM	10:51AM	6:37PM	—
Sept. 2	4:59AM	11:13PM	6:55PM	11:33AM
Sept. 3	6:04AM	11:54PM	7:10PM	12:13PM
Sept. 4	7:08AM	12:33AM	7:25PM	12:52PM

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Wisconsin State Patrol reminds drivers to keep kids safe as start of new school year approaches

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – As families prepare for another school year, the Wisconsin State Patrol is reminding drivers to slow down and pay attention to keep kids safe.

“Traffic patterns will change as school buses head back out on the roads,” a release from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) said. “Plan ahead and watch for pedestrians at all times.”

WisDOT said drivers and caregivers all have a role in ensuring kids get to and from school safely.

“Kids count on their community to keep them safe as they go to and from school,” Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “Their safety must be everyone’s top priority. Drivers need to be aware of their surroundings and eliminate distractions, and

caregivers should talk with children about bus safety. We all have to work together and stay alert to prevent tragedies.”

There are about 600 crashes involving school buses every year in Wisconsin, according to WisDOT.

Simple ways drivers can protect kids

“School buses stop frequently, and children can be unpredictable,” WisDOT stated. “Drivers need to use extra caution when they see a yellow bus on the road. School buses are the only type of vehicle with a specific color required by state law. The national school bus glossy yellow color allows for high visibility for other drivers on the roads.”

WisDOT said the school bus loading and unloading area is the most dangerous for pedestrians, so always



pay attention to a bus when the stop arm is extended or warning lights are engaged.

“Also watch for kids waiting at driveways and those walking or biking to or from school,” WisDOT noted.

Wisconsin law requires drivers to use extra caution around school buses:

- **Flashing red lights:** Stop at least 20 feet away, in both directions, from a bus when red warning lights are flashing. The only exception is if you are traveling on the other side of a divided road.

- **Flashing amber/yellow lights:** Slow down when amber or yellow lights are flashing, which signal the bus is about to stop and red lights will soon be activated. Drivers can pass a bus with amber lights activated, but should do so cautiously.

- Yield to pedestrians who have a walk signal or green light, or those who are crossing a road with no signals.

- Always follow directions from school crossing guards.

When passed illegally, WisDOT said, bus drivers are authorized to report violations to law enforcement. A citation for failure to stop for a school bus costs \$326.00.

Safety conversations with kids

WisDOT said caregivers should incorporate safety conversations into their family’s back to school plans.

“Talk with children about bus stop safety and general walking or biking precautions,” WisDOT stated, adding that children should:

- **Follow instructions from bus drivers and crossing guards.**

- **Play it SAFE:** Stay at least five giant steps (at least 10 feet) away from the curb when waiting for the bus; Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver signals to get on the bus; Face forward after finding a seat on the bus; Exit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

- **Never walk behind a bus.** If a child must cross in front of a bus, tell them to walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street to a place at least ten feet or five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing and never stop to pick up an item, because the driver might not see them.

WisDOT noted that school

buses are designed to be one of the safest vehicles on the road, and drivers receive special training to safely operate a bus. Drivers must pass the Commercial Driver License (CDL) exam with a school bus endorsement. Some bus companies and school districts also hold regular new driver and continuing education programs to ensure safety rules are followed.

“In addition, the Wisconsin State Patrol inspects every Wisconsin school bus annually to ensure the vehicles are ready to safely transport children,” WisDOT stated. “They conduct about 10,000 inspections each year, evaluating a broad array of mechanical equipment including steering components, brake systems, wheels, tires and structural components.”

Specially-trained inspectors also verify that all school bus-specific safety components, such as emergency exits, emergency lighting and stop arms and other passenger safety items are in place and in proper working order.



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City Legals 7710

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Notice To Creditors 7735

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TOMAHAWK- 7th Day Adventist Church, 1509 E. Somo Ave. Annual Church Thrift Sale, August 28-30, 9-5. Donation taken for most items unless marked. For more info, call 715-612-1728 or 715-453-5809 (days of sale)

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The Town of Nokomis, Oneida County, is accepting bids for updating the roof on the Nokomis Fire Department, 2675 County L, Tomahawk, WI 54487. Quote on asphalt shingles and also steel roofing. Contact Joe Jelinek firechief@nokomiswi.gov for additional information.

Town Board Supervisor

The Town of Nokomis, Oneida County, Town Board Supervisor seat became vacant August 8, 2024.

Town of Nokomis residents interested in filling this vacancy for the remainder of the current term ending April 2025 are requested to submit a letter of interest/application to the Town of Nokomis Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2024, in person or email: wsmith@nokomiswi.gov.

Letters will be reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Clerk on September 5th at a special Town Board Meeting.

Proposals Wanted

The Town of Bradley is seeking proposals to complete landscaping at Crystal Beach. Work would include shaping and constructing retaining walls. Complete information is available at the Town Hall: Monday through Thursday 8:00am-12:30pm.

All proposals must include a certificate of insurance.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 12:00pm, September 9, 2024, when they will be placed on file for Board action.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, remove any project and accept the proposal most advantageous to the Town.

Any questions please contact the Town of Bradley at (715) 453-3326.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY 9 (CESA 9) is currently accepting bids to replace existing asphalt shingles with GAF shingles and properly dispose of all discarded materials. GAF licensed contractors only may apply.

RFPs may be picked up at the CESA 9 office or requested via e-mail to bplautz@cesa9.org. All proposals must be postmarked or dropped off at 304 Kaphaem Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487 by 3:30pm CST on September 27, 2024.

Prospective bidders may call Bryan Plautz at 715-218-0770 with questions pertaining to the project or to request an appointment to view the project.

CESA 9 reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. Contractors will be required to provide a certificate of insurance and accept all applicable legal responsibility.

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The scope is as follows:

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Sealed bids will be opened at the regular town board meeting that night. Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk @ cassiantownclerk282@zohomail.com.

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Oneida County to launch newly-integrated Human Services Department next year

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER
ONEIDA COUNTY - Oneida County earlier this month announced the upcoming launch of a newly-integrated county department. Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, services of the Department of Social Services and the Human Services Center will offered through the Oneida County Human Services Department. A release from Oneida County said county leadership determined that a single Human Services Department would benefit county residents "in many ways." "The goal of the integration is to connect residents

to a broad array of programs by reducing barriers for service delivery," the release stated. "The new structure ensures cross-agency collaboration designed to better meet clients' needs and a 'No Wrong Door' model of customer service." The release said current clients and patients of the Human Services Center will receive "seamless and uninterrupted care with the new department." For more information about the transition to a Human Services model, contact Mary Rideout at 715-362-5695 or email oneidadass@oneidacountywi.gov or mg@thehumanservice-center.org.

School District of Tomahawk NOTICE FOR ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING (Common and Union High School Districts) SECTION 120.08 (1)
Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Tomahawk, that the budget hearing/annual meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the School Complex on the 10th day of September, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District Office, 1048 E Kings Rd, Tomahawk, WI 54487.
Deb Velleux, District Clerk
Dated this 28th, day of August, 2024.
The Board of Education of the School District of Tomahawk will be in attendance at this meeting.
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TOMAHAWK BUDGET PUBLICATION 2024-2025
Table with columns: Audited 2022-2023, Unaudited 2023-2024, Budget 2024-2025. Rows include General Fund, Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Expenditures & Other Financing Uses, Special Project Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund, Agency Fund, Expendable Trust Fund, Community Service Fund, Package & Cooperative Program Fund, and BUDGET PUBLICATION, Proposed Property Tax Levy - 2024-2025.

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Wisconsin 4H clubs invited to take part in ice cream flavor contest

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER
WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin 4H Foundation and Cedar Crest Ice Cream have once again teamed up for their annual ice cream flavor contest. All Wisconsin 4H clubs are invited to take part in the Cedar Crest Ice Cream

4-H Flavor Creation Contest. Clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name, between Sunday, Sept. 1 and Friday, Nov. 15. A release from the 4H Foundation said five finalists will be selected by a panel of Cedar Crest Ice Cream flavor experts from all entries received. One flavor is awarded top honors and a \$500.00 gift. The winning flavor will make its debut in parlors in the summer of 2025. All five finalists will receive an ice cream party for their 4-H club. Last year, Lincoln County's Pesobic Pathfinders took the top spot with their flavor, "Paul Bunyan." "Cedar Crest Ice Cream is known for its variety of flavors," said Robert Kohlwey, Vice President of Sales for Cedar Crest Ice Cream. "It is a real joy to see the imaginative flavor ideas submitted by our creative 4-Hers across the state." Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, said the contest is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to work together to develop and name their flavor. "The most exciting part of the contest is the winning flavor will be available in parlors that scoop Cedar Crest Ice Cream next July," Scheider stated. For more information about the contest, visit www.cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest.

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Leader Sports & Nature

Tomahawk sets the tone with victory over Crandon

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

CRANDON – The Tomahawk Hatchet football team opened their 2024 campaign last Friday night in Crandon with a big win over the Cardinals, 28-6.

Looking to overcome a string of losses to the Cardinals, Tomahawk won the coin flip and started their season with a 72-yard scoring drive that was capped off with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Rex Reilly to Jonah Dickens. Walter Horabik added the extra point to give Tomahawk the early lead 7-0. Crandon came to play and answered the challenge with a 1-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter to make it 7-6. Their failed 2-point conversion attempt would send both teams into halftime with Tomahawk leading 7-6.

Crandon's offense came out of halftime looking to take the lead after breaking a 45-yard run that was stopped just short of the end zone by freshman Cash Olsen. The Hatchet defense buckled down and showed tremendous resiliency, putting together their first goal line stand of the year and keeping the Cardinals out of the end zone for 4 downs inside their own 5 yard line.

"I believe that touchdown saving tackle and goal line stand was the turning point

in the game for us," Coach Dewey Reilly stated.

With momentum in Tomahawk's favor, the Hatchets put together a 97-yard drive, riding the explosive running of senior Brayden Larson. Larson would cap the drive with a 20-yard dash to the house with 3:39 left in the 3rd quarter. The Hatchet defense, not to be outdone, would continue to stifle Crandon's attempts to move the ball. Jonah Dickens got his first interception of the year by thwarting a failed halfback pass, putting Tomahawk back in position to extend the lead. Tomahawk took advantage of the turnover and relied on the one-two punch of Larson and Reilly to bring the victory home, with Reilly rushing for the next two touchdowns of 4 and 10 yards, respectively. Those scores, followed by Horabik extra points, would put the Hatchets at the final 28-6 advantage.

The Hatchet defense, helmed by DC Jason Olsen, had one of its most dominant performances in recent history. The D held Crandon to only 165 yards of total offense with 146 yards on 46 carries and one pass completion for 19 yards. Hatchet defenders were led in tackles by Rex Reilly, Cash Olsen, Ethan Gibeault and Kaiden Kapellusch, respectively.

Reilly said he could not be



Brayden Larson breaks a tackle for a 22-yard gain.

more pleased with how the Hatchets started the season and especially their second half play.

The Hatchet offense was able to move the ball and control the clock behind the tough running of senior Brayden Larson, who led the Hatchets in rushing with 146 yards on 14 carries with one touchdown and 167 total yards of offense. Junior quarterback Rex Reilly would leave his mark with 159 yards of offense with 79 rushing yards and two touchdowns, to go with 80 yards and one touchdown and one interception through the air. Tomahawk was able to gain 311 total yards of offense and four touchdowns behind the work of Ethan Gibeault, Jack Amelse, Nathan Nor-

man, Nathan Kurth, Michael Samundsen, Kaiden Kapellusch and the rest of the offensive line.

This week's action

Tomahawk will next line up Friday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in Wittenberg to face the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers.



Rex Reilly celebrates after a 10-yard touchdown run to seal Tomahawk's 28-6 victory over Crandon.

Photos courtesy of Jenny Baumann

Packers week-by-week season preview, part two

BY JALEN MAKI

Last week, we took a look at a few matchups in the first half of the upcoming Packers season.

Let's keep the preview this week rolling with part two.

Vs. the Houston Texans

This is one of my most anticipated NFL games of the year. Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud Went the Heck Off in his rookie year, and now he's leading a fun, ascending team. Packers quarterback Jordan Love, similarly, is at the helm of a young offense that probably hasn't peaked yet. These are two youthful teams in new eras, and they're hungry. Love vs. Stroud should be circled on every football fan's calendar.

Houston's front office deserves a sincere tip of the cap. They've nailed a few recent drafts, and that's been borne out on the field. It might be easy to focus on the Texans' offense – Stroud's going to be throwing to standout youngsters Nico Collins and Tank Dell, along with the newly-



acquired veteran Stefon Diggs – but their defense was among the best in the league last year. Houston should be a force to be reckoned with in the AFC.

This game could very well be a highlight of the 2024 NFL season – and maybe even a future Super Bowl matchup. I think Green Bay wins in a Love vs. Stroud shootout. *MY PREDICTION: Packers 34, Texans 31.*

@ the Jacksonville Jaguars

As I mentioned last week, the Jaguars' Trevor Lawrence is one of the three highest-paid quarterbacks on an annual basis in NFL history, joining Love and the Cincinnati Bengals' Joe Burrow. This is a record

likely to be broken by current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott, and subsequently broken again and again by a few other good-to-great QBs due a contract in the near future. Don't be surprised if the Chicago Bears are eventually paying Caleb Williams \$60 million-plus a year.

Anyway, the Jags have a respectable receiving corps of Christian Kirk, Gabe Davis, and rookie Brian Thomas Jr., tight end Evan Engram is a solid option for Lawrence in the passing game, and running back Travis Etienne Jr. is coming off two solid seasons, but the Jaguars' defense presents a pretty favorable matchup for Green Bay's offense. None of Jacksonville's defense units look like they're going to be too particularly dangerous, which should allow for the Packers to move the ball with relative ease. *MY PREDICTION: Packers 31, Jaguars 21.*

Vs. the Detroit Lions; @ Detroit Week 14

I am 30 years old, which means that for pretty much my entire life, the Detroit Lions have stunk on ice.

This is no longer the case. The Lions are one of the best teams in the NFL, and they're coming off a season in which they made the NFC Championship game. Expectations are deservedly high in Detroit.

It's basically impossible not to like this team to some

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THE FREE PLAY FROM PAGE 10

degree. Every time I hear head coach Dan Campbell speak, I could kick a door off its hinges. Jared Goff has proven himself as the franchise quarterback, Amon-Ra St. Brown is one of the league's most fun wide receivers to watch, second year tight end Sam LaPorta is a Dawg, and Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery are a top running back tandem. Oh, and their offensive line is arguably the best in the NFL. On the other side of the ball, they have regular shop-wrecker Aidan Hutchinson on the defensive line, and to fill one of their few roster holes, they drafted a pair of corners in Terrion Arnold and Ennis Rakestraw Jr. this spring.

The sky is the limit for the Lions, and I cannot convince myself that the Packers will beat them twice this year. But once? That's certainly possible. Expect some of the best divisional action of the season when these two teams square off. **MY PREDICTIONS: Week 9 – Packers 28, Lions 27; Week 14, Lions 34, Packers 24.**

@ the Chicago Bears; vs. Chicago Week 18

The Packers will come off their Week 10 bye with a trip to Chicago.

I think there will be a lot of positive energy around the Bears by the time the Packers face them for the first time this season. From a skill level, Caleb Williams is probably as close to a lock for a successful quarterback as you can get, and the Bears' front office made sure they'd have pieces around their guy: wide receivers DJ Moore and Keenan Allen, tight end Cole Kmet, and running back D'Andre Swift are all in the building, which means Williams is in a position to succeed early. Also, Chicago's defense could be a top unit this year.

Look, when it comes to professional football, the vibes in the Windy City have not been good for a long while. The Packers have owned the Bears for years, as one quarterback once said, and what is considered one of sports' greatest rivalries has felt like anything but. Alas, a new day has presumably dawned for the Bears. I think they'll be riding a wave of positivity and hype unseen since the mid-1980s, and they'll take one of the two games against Green Bay this year. The Week 18 matchup could be crucial: both teams may be fighting for the playoffs in the final week of the season. **MY PREDICTIONS: Week 11 – Bears 27, Packers 24; Week 18 – Packers 34, Bears 28.**

Vs. San Francisco 49ers

Dare I say the San Francisco 49ers will regress this year? Eh, not quite. But hey, if you want proof that it's possible, look no further than last year's Eagles and their post-Super Bowl hangover. I feel like a team can only get *this close* and come up short so many times before the

positive atmosphere within the organization starts to deteriorate. But at the end of the day, they still have quarterback Brock Purdy leading an offense run by head coach Kyle Shanahan and featuring running back Christian McCaffrey, wide receivers Deebo Samuel and Brandon Aiyuk, and tight end George Kittle. On the other side of the ball, their defensive front features veterans Nick Bosa and Fred Warner.

Are the 49ers headed for decline? Probably not. But there's a chance that they could be a little more vulnerable than in years past, which gives the Packers a shot. The game will be in Green Bay in late November, but ultimately, I think the Packers' run of tough beats against the 49ers will continue in Week 12, giving them consecutive losses for the first time in the season. **MY PREDICTION: 49ers 34, Packers 21.**

Vs. the Miami Dolphins

The Packers will enter their Week 13 matchup with the Dolphins in a particularity brutal stretch of games, sandwiched between the 49ers and the Lions.

Miami's offense was a blast to watch last year. Their main threat on that side of the ball is wide receiver Tyreek Hill – the man's got wheels, and he can take the top off a defense without breaking a sweat. But the Dolphins' running back duo is worth keeping an eye on: De'Von Achane had an insane year in 2023, notably racking up 518 yards from scrimmage and seven touchdowns across his first three games. Meanwhile, Raheem Mostert led the league in rushing touchdowns. There's a chance that both Achane and Mostert, who at 32 years old is the league's oldest starting running back, will collectively come back down to earth this season, but if they maintain even roughly close to the level of production they saw last year, Miami's offense will still be one of the league's most dangerous.

The thing is, the Dolphins struggled against good teams in 2023, and the Packers will presumably be a good team at this point in the 2024 season. And, they'll be in Green Bay in late November; it could get a little chilly. I think the Packers make a statement and right the ship against Miami. **MY PREDICTION: Packers 28, Dolphins 24.**

@ the Seattle Seahawks

Looking up and down Seattle's roster, there's one player that truly stands out: wide receiver DK Metcalf. The dude is incredibly fast; a few years back, Seattle was playing Arizona, and Cardinals defensive back Budda Baker picked off a pass from Russell Wilson near the goal line in Cardinals territory. Baker proceeded to return what probably would have been a pick six on any other night – but not this night, because Metcalf was on the field. Metcalf chased Baker down and saved a

touchdown. It's truly one of the most insane displays of speed I've ever seen.

By the time they face the Seahawks in Week 15, the Packers will optimally be making a playoff push. With Seattle also being the NFC, it's not crazy to think that they, too, will be at a critical juncture in their season and needing a win to stay in the postseason hunt. With 2022 Comeback Player of the Year Geno Smith at quarterback, a nice wideout trio of Metcalf, Jaxon Smith-Njigba, and Tyler Lockett, and a few new pieces added to the defense through the draft, the Seahawks could be pretty frisky this year. But, even though they'll have the advantage of having the 12th Man in their home stadium, they'll likely be outmatched by the Packers. **MY PREDICTION: Packers 27, Seahawks 17.**

Vs. the New Orleans Saints

I gotta say, I do not envy Saints fans. They're in a tough spot in the post-Drew Brees era, with a lot of older, expensive players and some serious concerns regarding their salary cap, meaning they might be headed for a "blow it all up" season sooner rather than later. New Orleans is likely tied to quarterback Derek Carr for at least a few more seasons, which is probably not great, and their shaky offensive line almost certainly won't be doing him any favors this year.

Although the NFC South could be football's worst division, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are coming off their third-straight division title, the Atlanta Falcons might be on the come-up, and the Carolina Panthers may see some improvement this year. The Saints could be a mess, which would give the Packers an opportunity to get a pivotal late-season win at Lambeau. **MY PREDICTION: Packers 38, Saints 16.**

Summary

So, I'm predicting the Packers will finish the 2024 season with a 12-5 record. I'll admit this could be a tad optimistic; there's a chance they lose to the Texans and/or the Dolphins, and one of the Minnesota games could be in play for the Vikings. And who knows, maybe they'll put up an absolute stinker against a team like the Titans or the Cardinals. Weirder things have happened.

Look, I know this might sound dumb, but I think that a significant part of success in professional sports is about vibes, and the energy in Green Bay seems to be as good right now as it's been in years, which leads me to believe the Packers are headed for a big year. This is a young team forging its own era, and I don't think they've reached their limitations. Don't be surprised if this Packers team brings the Lombardi Trophy home.

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

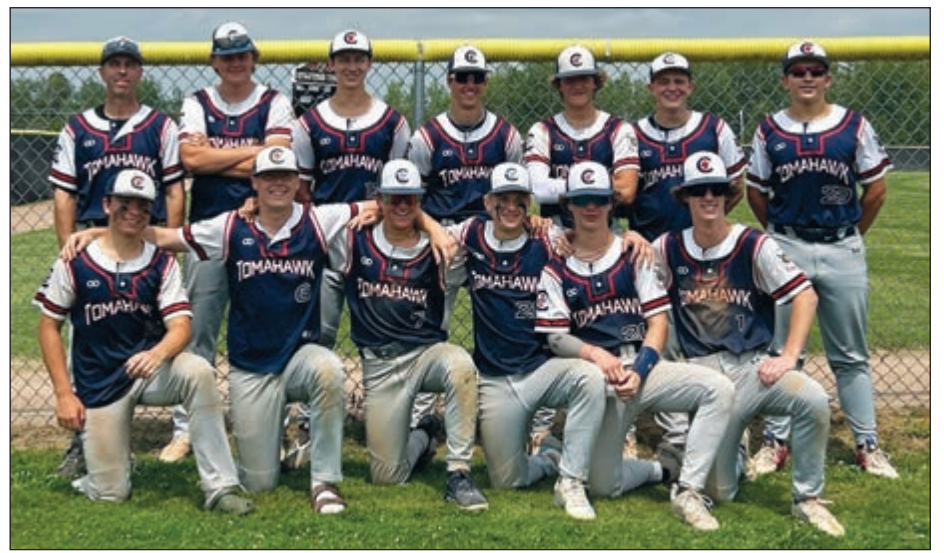


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Legion recognizes 2024 baseball team, supporters

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk recently congratulated the Legion's 2024 baseball team and thanked the team's supporters.

"They should be proud of their team work and sportsmanship throughout this past season, and also the parents and fans who have supported them this year," the Legion said.

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The Baseball Committee, made up of John Arnett, Byron Lange and Gerry Johnson, thanked the team's supporters.

Fishing Report: Hoping for a long, slow, consistent decline in water temps this fall

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – The weather has definitely challenged anglers lately. The water temps have been a bit up and down, but have basically hovered in the mid to upper 70s. Let's hope for a normal fall with a long, slow, consistent decline in those temps throughout. That is what brings the great musky and walleye fishing in the fall.

Weeds are starting to get a little browner, especially in the shallows. You can see it happening to some of the ferns in the woods now, too, although the rain helps slow that. The pretty consistent weekly rain we've had all summer has also helped keep water temps lower than they usually are at this time of the year.

Panfish action is good, with perch holding in the deep weed areas. Generally, the deeper the weeds, the bigger the perch will be. Crappie action has slowed a little, but if you can locate the deeper brush piles and wood cover, you will do well for these fish. Fathead minnows are the best bait for bigger crappies. Bluegill action has held up well this year, and worms or waxies are best for them in the

weeds. They locate shallower than the crappies and perch.

Walleye fishing has remained pretty strong, with a lot of fish in the weeds, especially in the evenings. Minnows on jigs or slip bobbers have been the most productive, and you have to locate the bait very close to the bottom. The Chain has been active even during the daytime, now that traffic is slowing some. Try daytime fishing in the 10 to 15-foot range, with the knowledge they'll shallower into the weeds in the evenings. We haven't had a strong daytime bite on the bigger clear lakes. Most of the best fishing has been reported in the evenings. Half crawlers or minnows are best on these lakes.

Bass action remains good, especially for largemouth. Weed and heavy cover action is the most productive area on all lakes. Plastics have been the most productive way to fish them, but some great surface bait action is had every evening. We've mentioned it the last three weeks, too, but those Whopper Poppers are fun and productive! During the mid-day hours, look for the holes in the weeds and drop a Ned Rig down right

into those holes. They'll be hitting on the drop – both smallmouth and largemouth. Smallmouth action has been good over hard bottom in deeper water now. Fish the eight to 14-foot areas on all lakes with crayfish imitation baits of any sort or those good-old Ned Rigs.

Northern action is good in the weeds, as always. Try a bright colored spinner bait for these fish, and look for deep weeds, where these fish are holding at this time of the year. For live bait, use bigger sucker minnows under slip bobbers.

Musky action has been unusually good, especially on the Chain, with a lot of daytime pressure for these fish. Anglers are finding them both suspended and up in the shallows. Bucktails and surface baits have been working best, but soon it will be jerk bait time. Night fishing remains pretty good and will hold right through September and into October.

Get out there and enjoy the beautiful summer weather while we still have it. Fall is just around the corner!

Good luck and good fishing!

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 197

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 196 question: After high school Lisa Teal continued playing volleyball at what college: Mount Senario College in Ladysmith; Itasca Community

College in Grand Rapids, Minn.; or UW-Marathon Center in Wausau?

Week 196 answer: After high school, Lisa Teal continued playing volleyball at Mount Senario College in Ladysmith.

No correct answers to last week's question were submitted. Better luck this week!

Week 197 question: During the 1979-80 wrestling season, Bob Postl got a quick pin in Tomahawk's 44-18 win over Crandon. How quick was his pin: 10, 11 or 12 seconds?



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Ages: 16 and Older

Instructor: David Kapszukiewicz, Fine Artist & Oil Painter

Fee: \$300/person

Registration Deadline: Friday, Oct. 4

Location: Art Room - 267 (Entrance #2)

Sweaters 2 Mittens

In this hands-on class, participants will learn to design, cut, and sew their own pair of beautiful fleece-lined, wool mittens. Tips and techniques will be shared with you that the instructor has learned over the past 18 years. Basic sewing skills are required for this class. Participants should plan to bring a sewing machine and know how to use it. Contact the Program Coordinator if you need help with this. 6 take-home patterns for mittens (plus instructions) are also given to you!

Please note: You will need to provide your own materials for this class, and a detailed supply list will be sent to participants after registration (100% wool-felted sweater, fleece, and thread).

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 23

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Ages: 16 and up. Participants younger than 16 must be

accompanied by an adult.

Instructor: Sally Sumption

Fee: \$35/person

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 16

Location: Room 273 (Entrance #2)

AQUATICS

Water Exercise

This is a shallow-water exercise class. Classes will focus on aerobic endurance, resistance training, and creating an enjoyable atmosphere. Participants must be able to stand in the pool at all times for this class.

Flotation "belts" may be used if desired.

Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 19

(No Class on Nov. 26 or Nov. 28)

Time: 7:15 am (50-minute classes)

Ages: Adults

Instructor: Joan Litwitz

Fee: \$70

Registration Deadline: Friday, Sept. 6

Location: Swimming Pool (Entrance #6)

FITNESS

Pound Fitness

Pound Fitness is a workout with drumsticks and music. Drumsticks are provided or you can bring your own "Pound Fitness Drumsticks." Yoga mats are required for this class (if you need one, please contact us for assistance). This class will be mostly standing with two workout songs on the mat. Participants will work out at their own level of fitness and will improve over time. Join this FUN, "upbeat" exercise class!

Date: Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 2, 9 & 30, Nov. 6, 13

& 20, Dec. 4 & 18 (10 sessions)

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am

Ages: Participants younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Instructors: Judy Koshak & Mary Austin

Fee: \$60/person

Registration Deadline: Friday, Sept. 6

Location: Auditorium Stage (Entrance #6)

EDUCATIONAL

New Federal Requirements - Beneficial

Ownership Information

Do you have any type of state registrations with the WI Department of Financial Institutions or other state equivalencies? Do you hold land or property in an LLC? Any LLCs, Partnerships, and S-Corporations are now subject to new federal registrations. Are you thinking of starting a new business or non-profit organization? This class will cover the new federal requirements that all new and existing state registration entities are subject to completing. Don't risk being fined \$500 a day for not knowing!

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 25

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ages: Adults

Instructor: Lori Lashua

Fee: \$5/person

Registration Deadline: Friday, Sept. 20

Location: Room 279 (Entrance #6)

Getting the Most Out of Your HSA

Do you have an employer-sponsored Health Savings Account (HSA), an old HSA, or the option of having an HSA? Attend this class and learn what sets HSAs apart. Learn the current value and future value of what an HSA can do for you.

Discover the tax benefits of an HSA, the collaboration with other tax credits and deductions, aid in early retirement and Marketplace Insurance, and the triple tax-free IRA option.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 9

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ages: Adults

Instructor: Lori Lashua

Fee: \$10/person

Registration Deadline: Friday, Oct. 4th

Location: Room 279 (Entrance #6)

Non-Profit Organizations 101

Are you on the board of a non-profit organization, or thinking about starting a non-profit? Then this is the class for you! Learn what it takes to set up a non-profit, the different types of non-profits, and the yearly filing requirements with the state of Wisconsin and the IRS. Understand the different types of licenses and registrations you will need, and learn safeguarding techniques to make sure your hard work stays with the organization!

Dates: Wednesday, Nov. 6 & Nov. 13

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ages: Adults

Instructor: Lori Lashua

Fee: \$25/person

Registration Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1

Location: Room 279 (Entrance #6)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Open Gym Basketball

Date & Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: Participants younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Location: Fieldhouse Gym (Entrance #6)

Please use the school's facility calendar on the school website for updates/cancellations.

If there is no school, there will be no Open Play Basketball.

Open Play Pickleball

Date & Time: Starting on Oct. 1. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Ages: Participants younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Location: Multipurpose Room (Enter at Door #27)

Please use the school's facility calendar on the school website for daily updates/cancellations.

If there is no school, there will be no Open Play Pickleball.

Open/Lap Swim

Location: Swimming Pool (Entrance #6)

Ages: Participants younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants age 5 or younger must be accompanied by an adult directly in the swimming pool at all times.

Please use the school's facility calendar on the school website for daily updates/cancellations.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Registrations for classes can be made online on our website, community.ed.myhatchets.org. The website defaults to tomahawkwi.myrec.com. Space is limited for programs. Once you're on the website, create a household account for you and your family members to register for program offerings with ease. Pre-registration is available online for those who want to drop off or mail-in payments. Online registration is preferred since snail mail does not guarantee an individual's seat for a program, but we also offer paper forms for class registration. The printable PDF registration form can be found at: <https://www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/community/community-education-classes.cfm>. Please complete the form and mail it in with payment (personal check preferred) to the address listed on the form. Registration and payment must be received before the program's registration deadline. Paper registration forms and payment can also be picked up/dropped off at the school during school day hours if needed. If a class is full, you may be added to a waitlist, which is monitored by the Program Coordinator. You will be notified if you are added to a class that you are on a waitlist for.

For more information or questions about the Community Education Program, please contact the Community Education Program Coordinator.

Email: remingtont@myhatchets.org, Phone: 715-224-7138

If the School District of Tomahawk closes due to inclement weather, Community Education Programs will be canceled and registrants will be notified.

POTENTIAL INSTRUCTORS

Are you interested in teaching your skills or knowledge to the Tomahawk area community?

Please contact the Community Education Program Coordinator, Taylor Remington, at 715-224-7138 or remingtont@myhatchets.org.

Learn more at: <https://www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/community/community-education-instructors.cfm>