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Trump takes back White House; Baldwin, Tiffany, Felzkowski, Callahan defend seats

Bradley, Harrison, Knox referendums approved

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
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WISCONSIN – Voters across the country cast ballots in federal, state-wide and local races in the Tuesday, Nov. 5 General Election.

U.S. President

Republican former President Donald J. Trump defeated Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris in his bid to return to the White House after losing his 2020 re-election campaign to current Democratic President Joe Biden.

With roughly 99% of votes counted, Trump carried the Badger State with approximately 49.7% of the vote. Harris garnered about 48.8%.

In Lincoln County, Trump tallied 10,631 votes (61.4%), while Harris received 6,306 (36.4%), according to preliminary results from the Lincoln County Clerk's Office.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who ran on the We the People ticket before ultimately dropping out of the race and endorsing Trump, received 119 votes in Lincoln County after his legal efforts to be removed from Wisconsin ballots were unsuccessful.

ful. Party for Socialism and Liberation candidate Claudia De la Cruz and Justice for All candidate Cornell West garnered nine and eight votes in the county, respectively, while 44 votes went to Jill Stein of the Wisconsin Green Party. Libertarian candidate Chase Oliver received 36 votes. Randall Terry of the Constitution Party tallied 33 votes.

A total of 23 write-in votes were cast.

U.S. Senate

Incumbent U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) narrowly defeated her Republican challenger, Eric Hovde, by a roughly 49.4% to 48.5% margin to retain her seat.

According to preliminary results, Hovde was the top vote-getter in Lincoln County, tallying 10,119 votes (58.4%) to Baldwin's 6,527 (38%).

Disrupt the Corruption candidate Phil Anderson and Thomas Leager of the America First Party received 225 votes and 170 votes in the county, respectively.

Six write in-votes were cast in Lincoln County.

U.S. House of Representatives

In Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District,

incumbent Republican Tom Tiffany emerged victorious over Democratic challenger Kyle Kilbourn. Approximately 274,000 votes (about 64%) went to Tiffany. Kilbourn garnered about 157,000 votes (roughly 35%).

Lincoln County voters supported Tiffany by an 11,125-vote to 5,738-vote (roughly 64.2% to 33.2%) margin, according to preliminary results.

Lincoln County saw 11 write-in votes cast.

State referendum

A referendum seeking to amend language in the State Constitution to say "only" U.S. citizens can vote in Wisconsin elections was approved by a roughly 70.5% to 29.5% margin.

According to preliminary results, in Lincoln County, 12,972 votes (about 75%) were cast in support, while 3,110 voters (roughly 18%) were opposed.

There were 1,219 under-votes on the referendum question, accounting for about 7% of ballots cast.

State Senate

State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) will represent Wisconsin's 12th Senate District for another term after

besting her Democratic opponent, Andi Rich. Approximately 75,000 votes went to Felzkowski (about 68%), while Rich tallied just fewer than 36,000 votes (roughly 32%).

Preliminary results showed that Felzkowski carried Lincoln County by an 11,422-vote to 5,302-vote (approximately 66% to 31%) margin.

Eight write-in votes were cast in the county.

State Assembly

In Wisconsin's 3th Assembly District, incumbent Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) took down Democratic challenger Elizabeth McCrank. Callahan tallied just fewer than 25,000 votes (approximately 68%), while roughly 11,800 votes (about 32%) went to McCrank.

Callahan emerged as the top vote-getter in Lincoln County, tallying 10,871 votes (about 63%) to McCrank's 5,788 (roughly 33%).

Seven write-in votes were cast in Lincoln County, preliminary results showed.

Lincoln County District Attorney

Democratic Lincoln County District Attorney Kristopher Ellis was unchallenged in his bid to return to the post. Ellis received 10,895 votes.

Lincoln County voters

cast 504 write-in votes.

Lincoln County Clerk

Republican Christopher Marlowe will serve another term as Lincoln County Clerk after running unopposed. A total of 13,948 ballots were cast for Marlowe.

According to preliminary results, 227 write-in votes were cast.

Lincoln County Treasurer

Republican Lincoln County Treasurer Robbin Gigl will return to the post after running for reelection unchallenged. Gigl received 13,782 votes, according to preliminary results.

A total of 140 write-in votes were cast.

Lincoln County Register of Deeds

Republican Lincoln County Register of Deeds Sarah Koss did not face an opponent in her bid to return to the position. Preliminary results showed that Koss tallied 14,016 votes.

Lincoln County voters cast 133 write-in votes.

Town of Bradley referendum

In the Town of Bradley, a referendum question asking if the Town Treasurer should be appointed by the Town Board was approved by an 878 vote to 686 vote (roughly 51% to 40%) margin.

A total of 170 under-votes accounted for about 10% of ballots cast, according to preliminary results.

Town of Harrison referendum

Town of Harrison voters approved a referendum question asking if the Town Board should appoint the Town Clerk.

Preliminary results showed that 345 votes (about 53%) were cast in favor, while 270 voters (approximately 42%) were opposed.

There were 30 under-votes, accounting for about 5% of ballots cast.

Town of Knox referendum

In the Town of Knox in Price County, voters gave the thumbs up to a referendum asking if the Town Clerk should be appointed by the Town Board.

Preliminary results from the Price County Clerk's Office showed that 129 voters (60%) were in favor, while 86 (40%) were opposed.

Prentice School District referendum

Voters in the Prentice School District rejected a referendum seeking \$1.2 million per year for four years, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year.

Preliminary results showed that roughly 825 voters (about 45%) were in favor, while just over 1,000 voters (approximately 55%) were opposed.

Lincoln County voters in the Town of Somo opposed the referendum by a 53 vote (about 61%) to 34 vote (roughly 39%) margin, according to preliminary results.

The funds would have been allocated towards "non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including student programming, facility maintenance and staff salaries and benefits," according to the referendum question.



Taking a rest

This buck was spotted in the City of Tomahawk last week. The buck was bedded down in a yard on Rice Ave.

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TOMAHAWK – 2024 Hometown Christmas mugs are now available to purchase at several downtown businesses and online.

The white, 15-ounce ceramic mugs featuring green speckles and lettering can be purchased at Associated Bank, Honeycomb L.O.F.T. and the Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) office, with more businesses to be added.

The mugs can also be purchased online at www.tomahawkmainstreet.org/online-store.

Mugs are \$10.00 each, or \$12.00 when gift-wrapped. All proceeds will benefit the Hometown Christmas event, slated to be held in downtown Tomahawk on Friday, Dec. 13.

For more information, or to arrange for a mug to be mailed out or wrapped, contact TMS at 715-453-1090 or director@tomahawkmainstreet.org.



One-act play state-bound

For the ninth-straight time, the Tomahawk High School (THS) Drama Department's one-act play will compete in the State competition. The students punched their ticket by performing at the Sectionals competition last week. They will perform at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee later this month. A performance will be held at the THS auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but freewill donations will be accepted, benefiting the Drama Department.

Photo courtesy of Michele Balda

Tomahawk, several other Aspirus hospitals recognized by WHA's CheckPoint Program

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Aspirus Health last week announced that several of its hospitals, including its Tomahawk location, have been recognized as Top Performers in the Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) CheckPoint program.

In a release, Aspirus said the hospitals earned recognition for their efforts in patient safety, quality improvement and delivering high standards of care.

"This honor underscores Aspirus' ongoing commitment to enhancing patient outcomes and improving



health care services across the region," Aspirus stated.

Aspirus explained that the WHA CheckPoint program (www.wha.org/CheckPoint), established in 2004, is the first statewide, voluntary hospital quality reporting initiative in the United States.

"It serves as a critical tool for benchmarking clinical performance and sharing best practices among Wisconsin hospitals," Aspirus said. "Aspirus Health's recognition through this

experience, Readmissions and Infection Control," Aspirus stated.

"Our recognition as Top Performers is a direct result of the dedication and teamwork across our system," said Lisa Rowe-Peplinski, Aspirus Vice President of System Quality and Nursing Integration. "We remain focused on providing the best possible care to our patients, and this acknowledgment is a testament to those efforts."

For more detailed information on specific hospitals and their performance, visit the WHA CheckPoint website at www.checkpoint.wa.org/?state=wi.

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Price County Sheriff's Office asking for public's help in death investigation

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

PRICE COUNTY – The Price County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help with an investigation into the death of an individual found north of Prentice.

According to the Sheriff's Office, on Sunday, Nov. 3, at approximately 8:56 p.m., a deceased person was dis-

covered near the area of State Hwy. 13 and Whitby Rd. in the Town of Hackett.

There is no known threat to the community, and the investigation is ongoing, the Sheriff's Office said.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the Sheriff's Office said it is "continuing to follow up on any and all leads" pertaining to the case and is ask-

ing for assistance from the public.

"If you were traveling on State Hwy. 13 near Whitby Rd. on Nov. 3, 2024, between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. and noticed anything suspicious, or if you were travelling on State Hwy. 13 near Whitby Rd. and your vehicle is equipped with a dash camera, you are asked to contact the Price County Sheriff's Office at 715-339-3011," the Sheriff's Office said. Agencies assisting the

Sheriff's Office with the investigation include the Prentice Fire Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the Price County Coroner's Office, the Vilas County Sheriff's Office and the Rhinelander Police Department.

No further information had been provided by the Sheriff's Office as of press time on Monday, Nov. 11.

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Nut-Zee's Bar & Resort donates to TFD

Nut-Zee's Bar & Resort recently donated \$2,500.00 to the Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD). The funds were raised through the establishment's annual car show, held in July. In a Facebook post, the City of Tomahawk said TFD "genuinely appreciates the generosity of our community and the local businesses," noting that the department uses money raised through community fundraisers to purchase specialized fire and rescue equipment that "helps better serve the community."

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OBITUARIES

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Elaine Carol (Bockholt) Ulrich, age 90, of Ogema, Wisconsin, went home to be with the Lord on October 30, 2024. Elaine was born March 2, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late John and Lucille Bockholt was the oldest of six children. After graduating from Rib Lake High School, Elaine married Merlin Frank Ulrich on May 2, 1953.

Elaine was a loving wife and mother of 7 children, 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She loved spending time with her family—especially camping. Elaine worked as a cook at Ogema Elementary school for 29 years and served as janitor at Ogema Baptist Church for 30 years. Elaine also enjoyed her many friendships developed through her involvement in Bible studies, the Homemakers group, teaching children's programs at church, participating in many 4-H activities, and working at Spirit-Hill-Ogema Fair and Price County Fair, as well as cooking for the Ogema Lion's Club. Elaine is survived by her husband Merlin Frank; children Ed (Mary Jo) of Ogema, Bill of Ogema, Gene (Hope) of Ogema, Sharon (David) Scott of Fifield, Bonnie Nerison of Phillips, Pat (Renita) of Wausau; son-in-law David Seemann of Ogema; and sister Donna Kelley. She is preceded in death by her parents, four siblings (Jack, Don, Marge & Jim), daughter Cindy Seemann and great-granddaughter Kennedy. A Celebration of Life for Elaine and her daughter Cindy Seemann will be held at Ogema Baptist Church on November 16, 2024. There will be a Visitation 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Service at 2:00 p.m. followed by fellowship & luncheon until 4:00 p.m.



Cindy Sue (Ulrich) Seemann, age 68, of Ogema, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2024, surrounded by family.

Cindy was born on February 27, 1956, to Merlin (Frank) and Elaine Ulrich. Cindy graduated from Prentice High School in 1974. She entered the workforce working at Phillips Plastics, Town of Ogema and then PCA (Tomahawk Papermill) where she retired in February 2020. Cindy met the love of her life

David Seemann 20 years ago. They spent many years enjoying their love for the outdoors together. They married on February 27, 2020. Cindy took every opportunity she could to hunt, fish and go camping. She shared her passion with others, mentoring her grandkids, nieces and nephews and their children. Cindy was devoted to her family, loved making memories and welcomed every opportunity to spend time with them. Family meant the world to her.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her granddaughter Kennedy. She is survived by her husband David (aka Horsefly); parents Merlin (Frank) and Elaine Ulrich; son Brian (Bobbi) Ulrich; stepdaughters Cheri (Michael) Miller, Laurie (David) and stepson Scott (Colleen) Seemann; her grandchildren Noah Ulrich, Keyton (Anna) Ulrich, Tessa Ulrich, Mckenzi (Andy) Franz-Kaliska, Madi Randolph, Amanda (Kyle) Rens, Brant (Topanga) Rens, Derek (Anna) Johnson, Jordan (Marissa) Johnson, Morgan (Adam) Nelson, Jared (Kenna) Seemann, Mackenzie (Joey) Seemann; great-grandchildren Harley Mae, Beckham, Kennedy, Cal, Hans, Beau, Isla, and Wesley; siblings Ed (Mary Jo) Ulrich, Bill Ulrich, Gene (Hope) Ulrich, Sharon (David) Scott, Bonnie Nerison, and Pat (Renita) Ulrich, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Cindy has touched the hearts of many through her kindness and generosity. She will be truly missed.

A visitation for Cindy will be held November 15, 2024, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Ogema Baptist Church.

A Celebration of Life for Cindy and her mom Elaine Ulrich, who sadly joined Cindy just 6 short days later, will be held November 16, 2024, at Ogema Baptist Church with Visitation 12:00-2:00 p.m. Service at 2:00 p.m. followed by fellowship & luncheon until 4:00 p.m.



Mark A. Anderson, age 75, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Seasons of Life Hospice in Woodruff, WI. Mark was born in Rhinelander, WI, on November 10, 1948, to Glen E. and Helen (Kelley) Anderson. He was married to Peggy Riley on August 24, 1968; she survives.

Mark grew up in Rhinelander where he attended St. Mary's Catholic School through sixth grade, then went to the Rhinelander Junior High, and

was a 1967 graduate of Rhinelander High School. He attended the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point from 1967 to 1971. Mark started work at Fletcher's Barbershop as a shoeshine boy from 1960 to 1961. He then worked at Holiday Gas Station from 1964 to 1967 and was a summer college worker at the Rhinelander Fire Department from 1967 to 1968. While in college, he worked for UPS, Del Monte, and drove school bus for Whiting Bus Co. Mark later worked for Triumph Twist Drill (1971-1972), Daniel's Packaging of Rhinelander (1972-1979), Hammerblow Corp. of Wausau (1979-1980), Fiesta/C-Way Corp. of Colby (1980-1984), and the DOD Defense Contract Management Service of Rockford, IL, and Antigo (1984-2010). Mark served many years as an officer with the Killarney Lake Association and served one term as the Town of Little Rice Supervisor. Mark loved playing baseball and was a baseball coach, umpire, and officer in many leagues. He enjoyed his family and friends, fishing and hunting, going on walks, and woodwork-ing.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy; his daughters, Angela Marie Petroski (Larry Seidel), of Wausau, WI, and Patricia Lynn (Terry) Cota, of Wausau, WI; and his son, Michael Devon Anderson (Nikki Guthu), of Coolidge, AZ. He is further survived by his brother, Kevin Anderson, of Tomahawk, WI; his sister, Kathy Kennedy, of Rhinelander, WI; his grandchildren, Jessi Petroski (James Butts), Amanda Petroski, Matt Demeuse, and Megan (Jack) Forseth; and his great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Xavier, Noah, and Shailley Butts, and Melanie Mazsk. He was preceded in death by his son, Jon Edward, in 1976; his granddaughter, Samantha Jo Petroski, in 1991, and his grandson, Daniel Petroski, Jr., in 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the American Cancer Society. Your support and prayers during his illness was very much appreciated.

A memorial service for Mark Anderson was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the Nokomis Town Hall, at 11:30 AM. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Mark's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.



The Pastor's Corner

What a fine time of the year to walk in nature! To feel the crunch of leaves under your feet and breathe in the crisp clean air without having to swat bugs. When my dog Daisy and I go walking in the woods sometimes we come home with an unwanted attachment- burrs. Those prickly balls from the burdock plants that stick to fur or clothing. Burrs have those spiny ends with tiny hooks can be quite a pain to get out of a dog's fur!

The way the burrs stick to us reminded me of the grudges that we can hold against other people. Grudges where we hold onto a strong feeling of anger or dislike for someone who we feel has treated us wrongly. Grudges like burrs, can make things uncomfortable and it is hard to separate ourselves from them. When we allow grudges to stay with us, we are more negative and feel less joy. Grudges hurt our relationship with God and with others, and it can affect our health and well being when we are angry for a time.

Forgiveness is the way to detach grudges from our lives. Christ forgave us by his death and resurrection, and he calls us to forgive others as he has forgiven us. Giving grudges to Jesus means that we can stop carrying around the anger and the need to retaliate or judge the other person. We ask Jesus to help us forgive and let go of hurt so that we can live joyfully and freely in Christ.

The elections in our country have brought out grudges that we are stuck in when we are deeply divided by political views. Grudges where people with differing views are seen as enemies. Isn't it time to ask Jesus for help in releasing our grudges and living into forgiveness with each other?

God's Peace,
Pastor Julie Sinkula
Grace Tomahawk

"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." (Col 3:13)

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I really appreciate your courtesy. Thank you so much!

Bob Brennan
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News Briefs

STAR Foundation 20th anniversary celebration

The Tomahawk STAR Foundation, which has made hundreds of thousands of dollars in charitable grants and donations to local organizations since its inception, will hold a 20th anniversary celebration at Pine Tree Supper Club, 115 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., in conjunction with the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce's Quitting Time event. For more information, contact Kathy Rankin at 715-966-3758. To learn more about the STAR Foundation, visit www.tomahawkstarfoundation.org/.

Log Church Hunters Weekend Bake Sale

A Hunters Weekend Bake Sale will be held at the Log Church of Tripoli, W11225 U.S. Hwy. 8, Tripoli, on Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Baked items and refreshments will be available.

Tomahawk United Methodist Church Bazaar, Luncheon and Bake Sale

Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., Tomahawk, will host a Bazaar, Luncheon and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barbeque, egg salad, soup, pie, bake sale items and drinks, as well as new and used holiday décor, will be available.

Kinship seeking items for Christmas party

Kinship of Tomahawk is seeking items for its upcoming Christmas party. Undecorated cutout cookies, wrapping paper, large gift bags, tissue paper, gift tags, small trinkets, lotion, perfume, cologne, notebooks, journals,

coloring books, crayons, decks of cards, kids' card games, candles, small toys and new or gently-used stuffed animals can be dropped off at the Kinship House, 27 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, before Monday, Dec. 2. For more information, contact Kinship at 715-453-1910.

National Wreaths Across America ceremony

A National Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at Northwoods National Cemetery, 4520 Lakewood Rd., Harshaw, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. The program will include the Ceremonial (Branch of Service, POW/MIA, Organization) Wreath laying, followed by grave-specific wreath placements by family and friends and remaining wreath placements. A complimentary hot sandwich and dessert social will be held at Rondele Ranch, 8959 County Rd. K, Harshaw, after the ceremony. Group ceremony sponsors are American Legion Riders District 11 and Veterans Ceremony UGC Inc. For information on group sponsorship, sponsoring a wreath for a veteran's grave and/or to volunteer to place a wreath, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC or contact Location Coordinator Mary at 715-612-2196. If your organization would like to place a wreath during the ceremony, contact Mary no later than Friday, Dec. 6.

Donations to cover student lunch debts being accepted

A Park City Credit Union account established to cover student lunch debts at the School District of Tomahawk is continuing to accept donations. To contribute to the account, visit Park City Credit Union.

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.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Reflecting on Our Blessings This Thanksgiving

Dear Reader,

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as individuals and as a nation. This is a special time of year when we gather with family and friends, sharing a meal and reflecting on all for which we have to be thankful.



When you think about it, our country is the greatest in the world, built on the foundations laid by our forefathers and strengthened by each generation, including our own. We have much to celebrate and even more to protect and cherish.

Take a moment to think about the family you have and the family from whence you came. The love and support that surround us during this season are invaluable. Our families are our anchors, providing us with strength and comfort through the highs and lows of life.

Consider, too, the opportunities we have in our work and careers. With unemployment at a low rate, many of us are fortunate to have jobs, and for those seeking employment, opportunities are still out there. It's a time to appreciate the security and stability that employment brings, enabling us to provide for ourselves and our loved ones.

This generation has contributed to our nation's ongoing greatness, each of us playing a part in shaping our community and our country. As we look to the next generation, we see incredible potential—a future filled with hope, innovation, and progress. It is our responsibility to nurture this potential, ensuring that the blessings we enjoy today will be passed on to those who follow.

So, as you gather with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, take a moment to reflect on the abundance in your life. Share your blessings with those around you and offer a prayer of thanks for the goodness we experience daily. In a world that often moves too fast, let this day be a time to slow down, appreciate the present, and give thanks for all that we have been given.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

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

Ask the PASTOR



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

Last week my article was on the Reformation of 1517 that greatly altered western civilization not only in religion, but also in science and politics. Last week I said we would look at the Bible's teaching on human nature.

The Bible's teaching on human nature that encouraged the changes in science and politics, is the same teaching I have found important for people to accept if they want solutions when they come to me for counseling. That teaching is this; *We are sinners with a sin nature.* One set of verses from the Bible that I believe best states this is Romans 3:9-12, which we will begin looking at today.

Verses 9 and 10 start with this statement: *What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.* This is a summary statement of what is said in Romans 1:18 through 3:8 about why God is angry with us and will judge us for our sins, and why we need the Savior, Jesus Christ – we are *under sin*, and none of us are what we should be (*righteous*).

So, what does it mean to be *under sin* that has made us *unrighteous* before God? It is that we are sinners, and our sinfulness has affected every area of our person: our will, purpose, intellect, emotions, even our physical health (we all die). In the Bible, our sinfulness is defined as selfishness. In Ephesians 2:1-3, we have a description of this sinfulness.

Verse 1 says that we are dead because of our sins. The idea is that, in our sinful state, we have no relationship with God. Ephesians 1 teaches that we can only have a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ, but without Christ we are dead in our sins.

Verse 2 explains *how* we are *dead in our sins*; we spend our life trying to fit in with the crowd – we are unconcerned with what God says about us, but concerned about what others say about us. The problem with this is that we are following the example set by the devil. Verse 3 then explains *why* following the crowd is ultimately *following the devil*.

Verse 3 says that in following the crowd, we live to please our self, making choices based on our own opinions that we think will make us feel good, which is how the devil lives. Satan does not care if we do right or wrong (1 Corinthians 11:14), all he cares is that he gets his own way. In our selfishness we are following the devil's example. The Bible teaches that this sinfulness has affected every area of our person (Romans 3:9-12).

It was this understanding of human nature that led to the creation of the modern scientific method, and led politics into embracing some form of democracy. We shall continue this next week.

Pastor Charles Scheele

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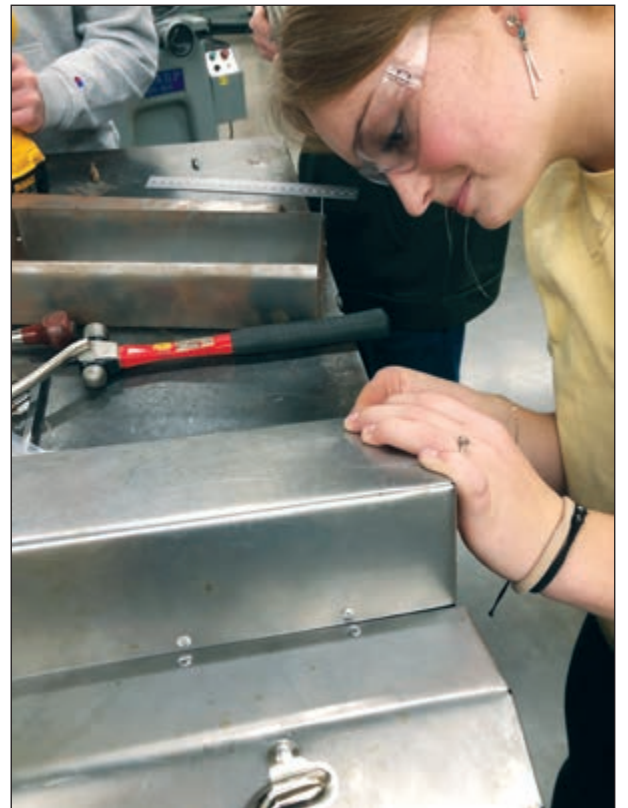
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After some carburetor and recoil work in the Tomahawk High School (THS) Small Engines class, this outboard was ready for the test.



When the clip broke on Mr. Schiltz's lobby broom, students sprung into action. It was a unanimous decision that the best person for this job was none other than Brock, pictured here presenting the designed and 3D printed replica of the broken clip.



General Metals students used cleco fasteners as they secured the hinge and accessories to their toolboxes with blind rivets.



Automotive Technology students recently worked on a trailer axle replacement and an overhaul on rear license plate lights.



Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz

Felzkowski elected Senate President

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) will serve as Senate President in the upcoming legislative session.

A release from Felzkowski's office said she was elected by her Senate Republican colleagues. In the role, Felzkowski will preside over the body and serve on the GOP caucus leadership team.

Felzkowski said she is "honored to have the support of (her) colleagues for this role," noting that she "(looks) forward to the challenge that lies ahead."

"The Senators in our caucus represent 18 vastly different areas of the state, and each have their own unique perspectives on the challenges that face Wisconsin," Felz-



Felzkowski

kowski stated. "From rural to suburban, north to south, and everywhere in between. This lends incredible strength to our caucus, and we'll utilize it to our full advantage. My focus this session will be continuing to promote successful conservative policies that will enrich the lives of the people of Wisconsin."

The 107th session of the Wisconsin State Legislature begins in Jan. 2025.

FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Nov. 13	4:13AM	9:24AM	3:22PM	9:51PM
Nov. 14	5:37AM	10:18AM	3:47PM	---
Nov. 15	7:04AM	11:15AM	4:17PM	---
Nov. 16	8:29AM	11:45PM	4:56PM	12:16PM
Nov. 17	9:49AM	12:47AM	5:47PM	1:19PM
Nov. 18	10:54AM	1:50AM	6:50PM	2:21PM
Nov. 19	11:46AM	2:52AM	8:01PM	3:21PM
Nov. 20	12:23PM	3:48AM	9:14PM	4:15PM

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GUN DEER SEASON

FROM PAGE 7

This hunting season, the DNR is hoping to get more samples from Lincoln and Oneida counties as well as parts of Vilas, Forest and Langlade counties.

Wisconsin Deer Herd Health Specialist Erin Larson says hunters can find CWD sampling drop off and carcass disposal sites on the DNR website at www.tinyurl.com/3ksf4t7d.

"We do want to avoid having hunters move deer far away and then put that carcass waste out on the landscape in a new area," said Larson.

The DNR is also looking for deer samples from ones harvested in the Stella area of Oneida County. That area of the county has been dealing with high levels of PFAS contamination. Interested hunters will need to submit sections of muscle and liver from the deer.

Safety reminders

The DNR is reminding hunters the four basic rules of firearm safety, TAB-K:

- T – Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- A – Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- B – Be certain of your target, what's before it and what's beyond it.
- K – Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

Hunters must ensure at least 50% of outer clothing above the waist is blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Hats or head coverings, if worn, must also be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained clothing is unsafe and should be replaced.

Additionally, anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.

Learn more about safe hunting in Wisconsin and register to take a hunter

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

HUNTERS HELP MONITOR CWD AND REDUCE RISK OF SPREAD

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a contagious neurological disease which has been found in wild deer and captive deer/elk in Wisconsin. It is caused by a misfolded protein (prion) and is always fatal. Infected members of the deer family can spread CWD in their saliva, urine, feces, and even after death as their bodies decompose into the soil.

Hunters can help monitor CWD and reduce risk of spread by:

- Continuing to hunt, especially in areas where CWD has been detected.
- Properly disposing of their deer carcass waste.
- Following baiting and feeding rules and choosing not to bait deer where it is allowed.
- Having their deer tested for CWD.

To learn more, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/cwd.

VENISON: WHAT HUNTERS SHOULD KNOW

Cooking does not deactivate CWD prions. CWD prions can be found in the muscle tissue in late-stage deer with the disease.

There have been no reported cases of CWD in people. As a precaution, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommends that hunters do not consume or distribute venison to others until test results show that CWD was not detected in the harvested animal.

Recommendations to hunters to reduce potential exposure to CWD while processing and handling venison:

- If you have your deer or elk commercially processed, ask that it be processed individually to avoid mixing meat from multiple animals.
- Keep venison from multiple animals separate and label it before freezing.
- For more information on human prion diseases, call the Wisconsin Department of Health Services at 608-267-9003.
- For recommendations on the safe handling of venison, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/carcass.

USE GO WILD TO SUBMIT YOUR CWD SAMPLING DATA ONLINE

Save time by using the online CWD form. Find a link to the form in your registration confirmation email or in your Go Wild harvest history when submitting your sample at a CWD sampling location. Submitting your deer for CWD sampling does not fulfill the registration requirements. Register first, then submit for sampling.

LOOKING FOR CARCASS DISPOSAL OR CWD SAMPLING LOCATIONS?

To find both a map of carcass disposal and CWD sampling locations, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/register/sample. Some locations will have both sampling and disposal available.

CHECK YOUR DEER'S CWD TEST RESULTS

Check your deer's CWD test results online! Log into your Go Wild account and navigate to your harvest history or go to dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/results/html.

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Register in person: Find a station that offers a phone or computer for registration at dnr.wi.gov and search "registration stations."

Have your deer harvest authorization number available to enter at the start of the registration process.

You will receive a 10-character confirmation number for your records once your deer has been successfully registered. For white-tailed deer, all confirmation numbers begin with "W" and are issued in the format W12-345-6789.

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2024 gun deer season: What you need to know

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – Wisconsin's 2024 gun deer hunting season will be held from Saturday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 1.

Deer season and bag limits

Unless otherwise specified under "Special Restrictions," the bag limit for all seasons is one buck deer per unused buck deer harvest authorization valid statewide and one antlerless deer per unused antlerless deer harvest authorization valid for use in the specified zone, deer management unit (DMU) and land type (public access or private).

Licensing requirements

What you need to hunt deer:

- Gun deer license, to harvest deer with a firearm or airgun; or
- Archery license, to harvest deer with a bow and arrow; or
- Crossbow license, to harvest deer with a crossbow and arrow; and
- A valid, unfilled harvest authorization. Note: The purchase of upgrade is required with either an archery or crossbow license in order to use both weapon types.

Harvest authorizations

Harvest authorizations are issued with each deer hunting license.

The number and types of harvest authorizations issued with a deer hunting license may vary based on where in the state you are hunting. Some harvest authorizations are valid only during certain open seasons or when hunting in certain locations.

Each harvest authorization allows the harvest of a single deer of the type specified. The following information outlines the types of harvest authorizations and weapon you may use to fill them, along with where and when they are valid.

Gun buck deer harvest authorizations:

- Issued with a gun deer

license and valid in any DMU statewide.

- Authorizes the harvest of one buck deer with any legal weapon type.

- Valid during any firearm deer season except in any DMU where an antlerless-only hunt is taking place. (Visit www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/military.html for military exceptions and page 14 for disabled hunter exceptions).

Junior antlerless deer harvest authorizations:

- Issued to hunters ages 17 and younger with each gun or archery license.

- Valid for taking one antlerless deer in any DMU statewide.

- May be used during any open deer season with the weapon authorized by that license.

• May be filled ONLY by the authorization holder

Bonus antlerless deer harvest authorizations:

- Sold on a first-come, first-served basis with a purchase limit of one per person per day.

- Authorizes the harvest of one antlerless deer per authorization.

- Valid only in the zone, DMU and land type (public-access or private) specified on the authorization.

- May be filled with any weapon during any season with the correct license for the method of harvest and season.

Bait placement

It is illegal to:

- Place a baiting site within 100 yards of another baiting site.

- Hunt within 100 yards of more than two gallons of bait on the same parcel of land.

- Place a baiting site within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public or within 100 yards of a roadway having a posted speed limit of 45 mph or more.

- Place feed at a deer feeding site that is known to be used by bear or elk.

Timing

It is illegal to:

- Place, use or hunt over

2024 DEER SEASON STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT ZONES

2024 Deer Season Structure
 Statewide: Bucks plus antlerless by harvest authorization*

- *Buck only county: No antlerless harvest authorizations available for purchase. Junior antlerless harvest authorizations remain valid.
- Holiday Hunt: Antlerless only. Dec. 24 - Jan. 1**
- Holiday Hunt: Antlerless only. Dec. 24 - Jan. 1** and Extended Archery Season: Jan. 6 - 31, 2025
- ▨ Metro Sub-unit: See regulations for detailed boundaries
- Non-quota area: No harvest authorizations issued by the DNR

**Note: Counties participating in the Holiday Hunt do not have an open buck season during those dates regardless of weapon type.

Updated June 25, 2024

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bait or feed for hunting purposes during the closed deer season, except bait may be placed starting at 12 a.m. the day prior to the archery deer season opener.

- Baiting must stop at the close of all deer seasons.

- Hunt over bait or a feeding site that is in violation of these regulations unless the area is completely free of bait or feed material for

at least 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, pursuing animals or dog training.

Note: Removal of unlawful placed bait or feed material does not preclude the issuance of a citation for the original placement of unlawful baiting or feeding material.

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Neopit man arrested after high-speed pursuit in Oneida County

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The report of a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 17 at Chick-A-Dee Peek Rd. northeast of Rhineland on Monday, Nov. 4 led to a high-speed pursuit involving Oneida County deputies.

The chase led to Rhineland schools being placed on administrative lockdown.

According to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, a caller stated the driver of a vehicle stuck the caller's vehicle while attempting to pass in a no-passing zone. Once the vehicles pulled over, the



Thunder
Photo courtesy of the Oneida County Sheriff's Office

striking vehicle reportedly hit the caller again, with the caller indicating the driver of the striking vehicle was attempting to

start an altercation.

The driver of the striking vehicle was later identified by the Sheriff's Office as Daniel Thunder, 51 of Neopit.

Oneida County deputies responded and observed Thunder's vehicle leaving the accident scene. When deputies attempted to stop the vehicle, Thunder accelerated, and a pursuit was initiated.

The Sheriff's Office said Thunder committed several traffic offenses, including reaching speeds of over 100 MPH while continuing to travel south on Hwy 17 N. Thunder then turned onto

Stevens St. and continued into the City of Rhineland at a high rate of speed. Thunder also failed to stop for stop signs and traffic signals, operated in the oncoming lane of travel and passed on the right.

Thunder turned onto Oneida Ave. and then onto U.S. Hwy. 8 west, where, a short distance later, an Oneida County deputy successfully performed a pursuit intervention technique. However, Thunder drove out of the ditch and continued west on Hwy. 8.

Thunder continued east on Kemp St. and turned north on Oneida Ave. He

continued to Frederick St., then onto Baird Ave., then east on Timber Dr. Thunder went east on Timber Dr., and as he crossed Hwy. 17, an Oneida County deputy rammed his vehicle.

Thunder continued down County Hwy. C. He then drove north onto the east end of Camp Brynn Afron Rd. Thunder then turned down a logging road and was taken into custody without incident.

Thunder is facing more than two dozen charges related to the incident, including resisting or obstructing, criminal damage to property, flee/elude officer,

second degree recklessly endangering safety, physical abuse of elder person – intentionally cause bodily harm, hit and run, drive vehicle without consent, all with repeater modifiers; operating while intoxicated; disorderly conduct-use of a motor vehicle; improper parking/standing of a vehicle; and multiple speeding charges.

Thunder is scheduled to appear in Oneida County court on Monday, Dec. 2.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Rhineland Police Department during the pursuit.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Tuesday, Nov. 5:

On 10-28-24 deputies were dispatched to the area of STH 64 and CTH W for a two-vehicle crash with unknown injuries. Upon arrival, the first deputy made contact with the drivers to inquire about the crash. It was reported that one vehicle was slowing in traffic when they were struck from behind by the second vehicle. Apparently, the driver of the second vehicle was possibly suffering some form of a medical emergency when he struck the first vehicle. In speaking with the second driver, he advised that he didn't remember anything about the crash. Both drivers only suffered minor injuries; however, the second driver was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital for his medical issue. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by officers of the Merrill PD.

On 10/31/2024 deputies were dispatched to the Lincoln County Jail for two inmates that were involved in a fight. The fight was between a Wausau man, 40, and a Wausau man, 20. According to the investigation, the two inmates were having a discussion that eventually turned into a physical fight. During the course of the fight several punches were thrown, and the fight continued until broken up by corrections officers. The investigating deputy was able to speak with the victim of the fight, while the suspect/primary aggressor elected not to speak with the deputy. The suspect, being the 20 year old, will have charges for four counts of felony bail jumping, battery, disorderly conduct and strangulation filed against him.

On 11/01/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle at CTH J and CTH H in the Town of Birch for an equipment violation, where the vehicle had a defective headlight. The deputy made contact with the driver, a Gleason man, 20. When stopped, the driver advised the deputy that a Tomahawk police officer had stopped him for the same violation earlier in the night. At the time of the stop with Tomahawk, the officer had warned the driver that his driver's license was suspended and that he was not permitted to drive. As the deputy spoke with the driver, she could smell the odor of burnt marijuana. The deputy asked the driver about smoking marijuana, and the driver advised that he had smoked approximately three hours prior to the stop. The driver was asked to perform sobriety tests, which he agreed to do, and as a result of those tests, he was arrested for a first offense of OWI. The driver was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was also booked for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Deputies conducted 19 traffic stops and 34 security checks.

Deputies responded to 14 car vs. deer crashes and one car vs. bear.

Driving complaints: Nine.

The 911 Center took four hang-up calls and four nuisance calls.

Dr. Bobbi Fields tapped as Nicolet College's new VP of Academic Affairs

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College last week announced that Dr. Bobbi Fields has been named its new Vice President of Academic Affairs.

A release from Nicolet said Fields brings more than 20 years of experience in the Wisconsin Technical College System, including positions as faculty member, associate dean and dean. Her career also includes work in the private healthcare sector.

"Dr. Fields brings a wealth of experience, both as an educational leader and a former technical college student," said Nicolet College President Kate Ferrel. "Her journey, which began at Moraine Park Technical College with an Associate of Arts and Science degree in Supervisory Management, gives her an invaluable perspective. She understands the student experience firsthand and is a servant leader committed to community and lifelong learning."

"Dr. Fields, who earned her Doctor of Education with an Emphasis in Educational and Community Organizations with high honors from the American College of Education, is excited to join the Nicolet College community," Nicolet stated. "She sees her role as an opportunity to further the college's commitment to excellence and collaboration."



Fields
Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

"As the new Vice President of Academic Affairs, I am eager to work with faculty, staff and students to foster a collaborative and inclusive campus culture, through the development of shared goals important to achieving academic success," Fields said. "I am honored to serve Nicolet College in this capacity."

Dr. Fields said her goals and priorities are centered on fostering strong connections and creating meaningful pathways for students.

"I will focus on three priorities: strengthen community engagement, develop new academic programs and credentials and create innovative learning opportunities across academic programs by enhancing initiatives that already exist and developing new initiatives," she stated. "One of my primary goals is to develop academic programs and credentials that cater to students at every stage of their educational

journey. This includes creating flexible learning options and support systems to help all students succeed. Additionally, I plan to work closely with our kindergarten-12th grade partners to ensure a seamless transition for students moving into higher education. Initiatives like high school academies will be pivotal in preparing students for college-level work or the workforce. Strengthening transfer and articulation agreements with four-year universities is also a key priority, ensuring that our students can continue their education smoothly and without losing credits."

"Dr. Fields is an influential and strategic leader with demonstrated higher education experience and a strong commitment to quality, research and results," Ferrel noted. "She brings experience and expertise in teaching, curriculum development, regulatory compliance and accreditation, and her hands-on approach will be invaluable as we continue to focus on academic excellence and student success."

Nicolet said Fields plans to expand credit for prior learning programs, which recognize students' previous experiences and allow them to progress more efficiently toward a degree. She also plans to expand experiential learning opportunities, such as internships and service-

learning projects, to help students gain practical skills and improve employability, while also growing enrollment.

Dr. Fields' philosophy of community engagement aligns closely with the college's dedication to supporting its local community, Nicolet noted.

"Our engagement with community organizations and the public is vital for addressing local needs and fostering a sense of community," Fields explained, with Nicolet adding that she is "committed to building strong partnerships that support both students and the entire community."

"Research shows that students who pursue higher education locally are more likely to stay and contribute to their communities post-graduation," Nicolet stated. "Dr. Fields aims to leverage this data by fostering a sense of belonging and purpose for students within their community, thereby encouraging them to remain in the Northwoods."

"Through collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to service, we can make a lasting impact," Fields said. "By providing high-quality education and fostering strong community connections, we support local economic growth and community development."

Dr. Fields officially began serving as Nicolet College Vice President of Academic Affairs in August.

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A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at www.co.price.wi.us, by emailing a request to hroffice@pricecounty.wi.gov or by calling 715-339-5131.

Resume and completed applications must be received by the Price County Office of Administration by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

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SVDP's annual Fund Drive underway

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MERRILL – The annual Fund Drive for St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conference of Merrill is currently underway, and the conference is seeking public support to help those in Lincoln County who need emergency assistance.

Helping to jump start the Annual Matching Fund Campaign, corporate sponsors have provided a total of \$60,000.00, according to a release from SVDP. The list of corporate sponsors includes The Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross, the family of Nick and Kathy Laphen, Our Way Inc. and the Merrill Community Foundation.

“We are honored to have the support of the corporate sponsors; all gifts will double in value to benefit those in need,” SVDP stated.

This past year, SVDP was able to help 415 adults and 287 children in many ways, the release said, not-



Pictured are Kathy and Nick Laphen.

Photos courtesy of Russ Mancil

ing that the SDVP Outreach Program has provided \$125,169.00 in assistance to 370 households during the past 12 months.

The SDVP Thrift Store in downtown Merrill, which contributes all store profits to the Outreach Program has provided over \$8,415.00 worth

of clothing, furniture and other items to those in need.

For more information or to donate, call SVDP Director of Operations Sue Norenberg at 715-539-2666 or send a tax-deductible donation to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 503 S. Center Ave., Suite 2, Merrill, Wis., 54452.



Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross

Pictured, back row, from left: Sister Dorothee Halbach, Director of Operations Sue Norenberg, Sister Linda Songy, Conference President Pete Mueller, Conference Secretary Sister Dorothy Niemann, Sister Kather Wiesneski, Sister Kathy Lange; front: Sisters Pam Hodgson, Pat Cormack and Celine Goessl.

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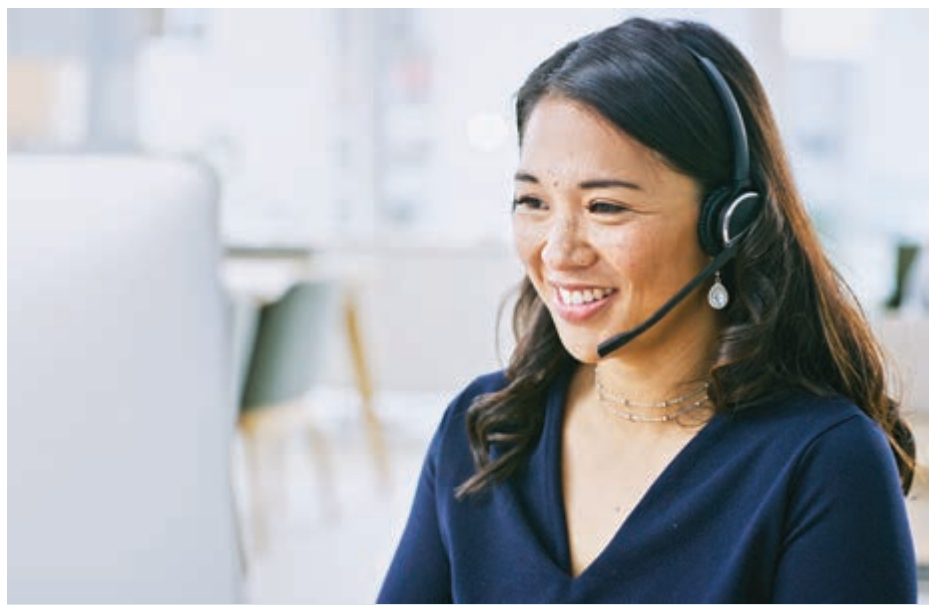
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General Fund	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	% Increase Decrease
Revenues:			
General Property Tax	\$ 601,069	\$ 611,781	2%
Intergovernmental	190,309	241,655	27%
Licenses and Permits	4,300	4,100	-5%
Public Charges for Services	9,400	10,300	10%
Intergovernment Charges-Gas HY	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	26,298	26,298	0%
Income used from savings for Park	-	-	-
Income used from saving for Large Equipment	-	-	-
Income used from savings for Building Projects	83,966	-	-
Income used from savings for Road Projects	-	-	-
Total Revenues	915,342	894,134	-2%
Expenditures:			
General Government	139,166	133,708	-4%
Public Safety	151,922	151,650	0%
Public Works	355,189	304,053	-14%
Health and Human Services	15,384	16,761	9%
Culture, Recreation and Education	17,029	16,842	-1%
Conservation and Development	-	-	0%
Capital Outlay	236,652	271,120	15%
Total Expenditures	915,342	894,134	-2%
Total Tax Levy			#DIV/0!
Transfer to Large Equipment Purchase Fund		\$ -	
Transfer to Future Building Process			
FUND BALANCE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ -	\$ -	

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The Bidder's Proof of Responsibility Form may be obtained by accessing the Lincoln County, WI website at: <https://www.co.lincoln.wi.us/solid-waste-landfill/bids-rfp/bidder-proof-responsibility> and by selecting the Bidder's Proof of Responsibility item. Overnight mailing of form to prospective bidders will not be provided.

The completed form and supporting information are required to be submitted to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Department at keith.cohrs@co.lincoln.wi.us (in PDF format only) no later than December 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. C.S.T.

After the forms have been received, Lincoln County will acknowledge the receipt of the information, review the completed forms, and notify the applicants via email of their status with either a successful or non-successful standing. A reference number will be included with the notification for insertion on the bid forms for construction projects in 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 5:30 PM
District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Present: W. Quesinberry, R. Huseby, J. Lauber, S. Bolder, S. Woodall, M. Schommer, J. Sample, B. Susa, a representative from WJQJ and (1) community member

I. Call to Order: R. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call: Present: L. Calhoun, D. Huseby, S. Kirsch, K. Kissinger Wolf, D. Long, B. Skubal, A. Swenty, D. Velleux, R. Zimmerman Absent: None

IV. Declaration of a Quorum: R. Zimmerman declared there was a quorum.

V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by D. Huseby to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Committee Chair Updates: Referendum Committee: D. Long updated the Board on the Referendum Committee's status. No official action was taken.

VII. District Administrator Report: W. Quesinberry presented the monthly District Administrator's report. No official action was taken.

VIII. Approve additional PBIS Coach at the High School Level, above-pay position:

Motion by A. Swenty and seconded by D. Long to approve an additional PBIS Coach at the High School Level, an above-pay position. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Consent Agenda Items
A Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 13, 2024

B Approve the Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on August 21, 2024

C Approve the Minutes from the Personnel Committee Meeting on August 27, 2024

D Approve the minutes from the Closed Sessions in the Regular meeting on August 13, 2024 and the Executive Committee meeting on August 21, 2024

E Approve the Invoices from August 2024

F Employment/Contract Adjustments
1. Replacement Staff:

Cody Lewison Speech and Language Pathologist
Brianna Lundquist Elementary Special Ed. Paraprofessional

Renee Heinrich 3rd Grade Teacher
Samantha Mayer High School Special Ed. Paraprofessional

Bridgett Beatty Middle School Special Ed. Paraprofessional
Megan Zimmerlee Middle School LMC Paraprofessional

2. Resignations
Hannah Jarvensivu 3rd Grade Teacher

Garth Gerstenberger High School Head Golf Coach
Kari Smith High School Special Ed. Paraprofessional

Pam Albrecht Middle School/High School

3. Retirement
Nettie Knudson Elem. Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional, at the end of the 24-25 school yr.

Becky Koth-Elem. Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional, at the end of the 24-25 school yr.

4. Above Pay
Denise Peissig PBIS Coach, Elementary

Katie Pritzl PBIS Coach, High School
Molly Kollath High School Forensics Head Coach

Michele Balda High School Forensics Assistant Coach
Cayla Kerschbaum High School Science Club Advisor

Elizabeth LaVaque National Honor Society Advisor
Allison Ewart Class Advisor - Freshman

Annabelle Dick Class Advisor - Freshman
Billy Jelinek Class Advisor - Freshman

Jacob Seelig Class Advisor - Freshman
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Andy Peissig Class Advisor - Junior
Molly Kollath Class Advisor - Junior

Nichol Feltes Class Advisor - Junior
Garrett Raith Class Advisor - Junior

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Cooper Kelley Class Advisor - Senior

Amanda Johnson Class Advisor - Senior
Cayla Kerschbaum Class Advisor - Senior

Brian Schiltz Class Advisor - Senior
Katie Pritzl Class Advisor - Sophomore

Jerrett Flynn Class Advisor - Sophomore
5. Volunteers

Apryl Cerkas Middle School Cross Country Volunteer Coach
Rachel Hand Middle School Volleyball Volunteer Coach

Samantha Perkins Middle School Volleyball Volunteer Coach
Katie Mackin Middle School Cross Country Volunteer Coach

Rhonda Zorn Middle School Cross Country Volunteer Coach
Motion by D. Huseby and seconded by L. Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Staff Reports: Brett Susa presented the Annual School Resource Officer Report to the Board. No official action was taken.

XI. Approve the addition of "Certified Trainer" to Appendix E in the Employee Handbook. Motion by K. Kissinger Wolf and seconded by D. Long to approve the addition of "Certified Trainer" to Appendix E in the Employee Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Presentation of the 2024-25 Strategic Planning Calendar: W. Quesinberry presented the 2024-25 Strategic Planning Calendar. No official action was taken.

XIII. Presentation of the 2024-25 District Strategic Planning Scorecard: W. Quesinberry presented the 2024-25 District Strategic Planning Scorecard to the Board. No official action was taken.

XVIII. Approve permission for the Superintendent to sign the Donovan Group Communications Services contract for referendum communication services. Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by L. Calhoun to approve permission for the Superintendent to sign the Donovan Group Communications Services contract for referendum communication services. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. Approve permission for the Superintendent to sign the Donovan Group Communications Services contract for referendum communication services. Motion by B. Skubal and seconded by L. Calhoun to approve permission for the Superintendent to sign the Donovan Group Communications Services contract for referendum communication services. Motion carried unanimously.

XX. Board Referrals: A. Swenty acknowledged B. Stiff's service to the District. D. Huseby mentioned the WASB Online Learning Platform, would like this to be an agenda item in October. No official action was taken.

XXI. Adjourn: R. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:12 pm

Board Clerk

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

A Approve permission for the Superintendent to sign the Donovan Group Comprehensive Services to take place after the referendum agreement. Motion by D. Long and seconded by S. Kirsch to table this agenda item to the October 8, 2024 meeting.

XIX. Public Comment: There was none.

XX. Board Referrals: A. Swenty acknowledged B. Stiff's service to the District. D. Huseby mentioned the WASB Online Learning Platform, would like this to be an agenda item in October. No official action was taken.

XXI. Adjourn: R. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:12 pm

Board Clerk

Notice to Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH RUTH ZEHNER

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24-IN-43

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth October 22, 1935 and date of death August 16, 2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5894 Muskellunge Lake Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 28, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

DATE SIGNED: November 7, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

Form completed by:
FRANCIS U. SEROOGY
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WisDOT releases online archive of Wisconsin Aeronautical Charts

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) recently released an online archive of the Wisconsin Aeronautical Chart that highlights the past 56 years of aviation in the state.

The first edition of the chart was printed in 1967 for public distribution as an aid to safety and air navigation, according to a release from WisDOT.

The chart now serves as an aid to safety and to promote public-use airports and air travel across the state, but is not intended for in-flight navigation.

"We have a rich history of aviation in the state of Wisconsin, and we're excited to highlight that in this new online resource," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "Aviation plays such a vital role in our economy and how we get from point A to point B. We invite everyone to time travel through Wisconsin history and explore the changes that have occurred over the last 50-plus years."

WisDOT said the first chart came out after the 1967 merger of the Aeronautics Commission with the Highway Commission, Department of Motor Vehicles and State Patrol to form what is now WisDOT. Before 1967, the Aeronautics Commission published the Wisconsin Pilots Guide (1951-1964), which included an Official Wisconsin Airport Map



Northern Wisconsin as depicted on the 1967 Wisconsin Aeronautical Chart.

showing select airports and seaplane bases.

"Wisconsin's aeronautical chart has been unique for the aviation community, as it shows the entire state on one map," WisDOT stated. "The current version of the map was rebuilt using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), making future updates and data sharing quicker and easier. The chart also provides more details for Wisconsin airports, weather planning, air mileage, flight planning, as well as aviation safety information."

Previous editions boast birds-eye views of Wisconsin state airport facilities and surrounding landscapes and highlights of air travel for business or pleasure, WisDOT noted. The latest edition includes tourism activities at Wisconsin airports, aviation events, aviation education, safety tips and other lines of business provided

by WisDOT's Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA).

"Wisconsin's Aeronautical Chart remains a popular item to distribute at aviation events such as BOA's Airport Operations



Northern Wisconsin as depicted on the 2024-2025 Wisconsin Aeronautical Chart. Photos courtesy of WisDOT

and Land Use Seminar and the annual EAA Air-Venture Oshkosh," WisDOT stated.

Visit WisDOT BOA's

Wisconsin Aeronautical Chart website at www.tinyurl.com/yc2vtp3v to view the online archive or order the current chart.

Crossword puzzle grid with 70 numbered squares.

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7. Martens
13. Slags
14. One who scrapes
16. Centiliter
17. White wine
19. Of I
20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
22. Relating to the ear
23. Sandwich shops
25. Victories
26. White (French)
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Genus of parrots
30. Unhappy
31. Talk incessantly
33. Type of Squad
34. Unit of perceived loudness
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Agave
40. Sound units
41. Removes from record
43. Partner to Mama
44. Mythological bird
45. Dash
47. Hair product
48. Two-year-old sheep
51. Signs a deal
53. Conifer
55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia
56. Wife of Muhammed
58. British Air Aces
59. Ears or ear-like appendages
60. Not caps
61. Deep-bodied sea dweller
64. Rural delivery
65. Feeling
67. Study of relations of organisms to one another

- 69. Room to argue
70. Question

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cream puff
2. Road open
3. Stressed syllable
4. Thailand's former name
5. Cologne
6. Recounted
7. Garment of cloth
8. Airborne (abbr.)
9. Reproduced
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. "Westworld" actor Harris
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Unstressed central vowel
15. Lives in
18. When you expect to get somewhere
21. Storage bags
24. One who covers with plastic
26. Cast out

- 27. Automobile
30. Repaired shoe
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Possesses
37. Soda
38. Programs
39. In an unexpected way
42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
43. For each
46. Unbelief
47. Seized or impaled
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50. Especially happy
52. Classic western film
54. Split pulses
55. Frida __: Painter
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66. "The First State"
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Pool tournament raises more than \$8,000.00 for Never Forgotten Honor Flight

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A pool tournament held in Tomahawk this past weekend raised funds for an organization that sends veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials that honor their service.

A 20-team scotch doubles (man and woman) partner double-elimination pool tournament was hosted by VFW Post 2687, Cockatiels and Floyd's Timber Tavern on Saturday, Nov. 9, with half of all registration fees benefiting the Never Forgotten Honor Flight (NFHF).

A total of \$8,200.00 was collected through the tournament and raffle baskets donated by area residents

and businesses.

Rick Running and Tammy Radtke took first place in the tournament, followed by Tim DeBels and Jodi McCumber in second and Mike Meinheit and Lori Rogney in third.

The top three teams received a total payout of \$450.00, much of which was donated to NFHF. Many raffle winners also gave their winnings to the organization.

The funds will be presented to NFHF later this year.

Event organizer Misty Bergsrud thanked the hosting establishments, tournament director Joe Trapp and the community for its support.



Photos courtesy of Misty Bergsrud

2024 THS fall sports summary, part one

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

TOMAHAWK – It is hard to believe that the fall sports season has already come to a close.

Activity Director, 2008 Tomahawk High School (THS) grad Ryan Flynn, the coaches and athletes are to be congratulated on their desire to be competitive each and every time that they represented Tomahawk High School. Tomahawk graduates continue to be a staple in coaching our various athletic teams, and you will note that I mentioned the graduation years of THS grads who have found a way to give of their time and talent in helping Tomahawk athletes to become successful. Thanks to them and all

non-THS grads who work with our youth.

Cross country

Let's start our fall summary with the boys' and girls' cross-country programs.

Coaches for both programs were 2012 THS grad Connor Ahrens in his third year as head coach, and he was assisted by 2012 THS grad Stephanie Ahrens, 2019 THS grad Jerett Flynn, 2008 THS grad Kurt Cordova, Kurt Reinke, 2003 THS grad Carmen Pietela-Cleary and 1986 THS grad Bill Turgeon.

Coach Ahrens and staff did an excellent job of keeping up the fine tradition of a strong cross-country program established over the years.

Members of the boys' program were Elias Albrecht, William Boneck, Dominic Boos, Gerard

Gorell, Karson Hanse, Jeremiah Johnson, Dawson Jones, Jaxon Kaiser, Zach Larson, Julian Lasee, Trae Mattson, Ryan Montag, Luke Morrison, Elliot O'Connor, Bruce Peetz, Mason Riebe, Cayden Shepler, Beau Stromberg, Andrew Voermans, Joseph Zastrow and Samuel Zastrow.

The season started with an eighth place of 14 teams at the Rhinelander Invitational. Next came the Marathon Invite, where THS was fifth of 15 teams. The Menominee Invite followed and saw Tomahawk place 12th of 15 teams. At the famous Wausau "Smiley" Invite, Tomahawk was 14th of 24 teams in Divisions 2/3. The Three Lakes Invite saw THS place third of nine teams. THS was then fifth of 16 teams at the Athens Invitational. At their last competition before conference, Tomahawk was second at their own invitational with 51 points, with Rhinelander winning with 29 points.

Results from conference were Lakeland 36, Rhinelander 55, Tomahawk 63, Medford 102, Mosinee 111, Eagle River 137 and Antigo did not have a complete team.

Making All-Conference were Sam Zastrow and Dominic Boos first team; and honorable mention honors went to Joe Zastrow, Jeremiah Johnson and Beau Stromberg.

Sectionals at Colby saw Tomahawk place 7th of 14 teams with 136 points. New London was first with 76, while Rhinelander qualified for state with 86 points. Dominic Boos missed qualifying for state as an individual by one position when he finished 9th overall.

Members of the girls' program were Elizabeth Arnott, Faith Derleth, Liam Dickrell, Jennie Frederickson, Summer Gaedtke, Elise Gibeault, Reagan Gorell, Leni Lange, Norah Mann, Abigail Micke, Ellie Micke, Reese Molitor, Aliyah Nelson, Alli Palmer, Joa Reilly, Abbie Rosenmeier and Lydia Shaney

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Conference saw Tomahawk repeat as conference champions and earn their 22nd conference title in school history. Team results were Tomahawk 44, Medford 63, Rhinelander 63, Lakeland 64, Eagle River 143, Mosinee 145 and Antigo did not have a complete team.

Because of their success Coach Ahrens, and his staff were recognized as GNC Coaches of the Year.

Earning All-Conference honors was Alli Palmer, first team, while Lydia Shaney, Ellie Micke, Elise Gibeault and Abbie Rosenmeier were all second team.

Sectionals at Colby saw Tomahawk earn their 18th sectional title in school history and their 25th trip to state. Tomahawk was first of 14 teams with 67 points, while Shawano was second with 68 points. Placing for Tomahawk was Alli Palmer third, Lydia Shaney 11th, Abbie Rosenmeier 15th, Ellie Micke 16th and Elise Gibeault 22nd.

State at Wisconsin Rapids saw Tomahawk place 15th of 16 teams with 317 points. University School of Milwaukee was Division 2 champions with 60 points. Placing for Tomahawk was Alli Palmer 36, Elise Gibeault 64, Abbie Rosenmeier 69, Ellie Micke 72, Lydia Shaney 76, Norah Mann 98 and Faith Derleth 107.

Next week

Next week, we'll take a look at the football, girls' swimming and volleyball seasons.

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DNR asking public to report black bear den locations for research study

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WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging the public to report any black bear den locations across Wisconsin to help with an ongoing study on black bear reproduction.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey will generate new estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each bear management zone, and these estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used in each zone.

Additionally, researchers are investigating a connection between consumption of human food sources and bear reproduction since diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

The study will be entering its fourth year of surveying occupied dens in the Wisconsin bear range. The research team will take den reports statewide but is looking for more dens to survey in bear management zones C, D and E, which cover central and western Wisconsin.

“It is important for the study that we get collars out in each of the bear management zones,” said Dr. Jennifer Price Tack, DNR Large Carnivore and Elk Research Scientist. “This will allow us to better inform bear population estimates for each zone, which in turn support management decision making.”

The public is encouraged to report as much information as possible about occupied black bear dens without approaching or disturbing them.

Public reporting is essential to this project. Bear dens aren’t frequently found, so it is important that people report them to the DNR when they do. Reporting dens helps the DNR meet the sample size requirements for our study and increases the accuracy of the black bear population estimate.

Helpful information to report to the bear research team includes:

- GPS coordinates
- Photo of the den, ideally showing it in relation to its surroundings, from a safe distance (approximately 30 yards)
- Description of the site and surrounding area
- Any information on the bear(s) and bear activity near the site

Price Tack and her team will work with den reporters and landowners to visit the den before deciding to survey it, determining if it is safe, accessible and in use. Den reporters, landowners and/or land



Cubs cannot yet regulate their temperature and have delicate immune systems, so researchers wear protective gear and keep them warm while staff members fit a GPS collar on the mother bear during den surveys.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

managers are typically invited to help if there is a planned survey for the reported den. The team may not be able to visit every reported den location this season. Dens that are known to be currently occupied will be prioritized.

What data will be collected
DNR staff will collect biological data from these dens, including sex, age, weight and body measurements.

Mother bears, or sows, will be outfitted with a GPS collar, one of the most important pieces for collecting data. Collars help staff learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the following years. Revisiting the sows will help staff determine the reproductive success of each sow, such as her litter frequency, litter size and the survival rates of the cubs.

While surveying, bear health and safety are a top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow’s breathing and heart rate while the rest of the team quickly gathers the needed samples and measurements. Any cubs present at the den are carefully weighed and sexed. Cubs are tucked into staff’s coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature.

Once researchers finish collecting samples and fitting the GPS collar, the sow and cubs are put back into their den. This process can be seen in a recent episode of PBS Wisconsin’s “Wisconsin Life” series (www.tinyurl.com/2p8x9fxs).

Looking ahead
The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey team will continue to survey dens for the next four to five years. Over that time, the team hopes to get 100 collars out across the bear management zones, with approximately 20 collars per zone.

To report a known black bear den, visit the DNR’s black bear den submission form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDSMFZS.

Fishing Report: Final few weeks on the water

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Rain last weekend was welcome – we needed it, and so did the lakes. Water temps remain around 50 in most places as of this writing and have held steady there for the last couple of weeks.

Leaves are down and at this point, we’re all just waiting for winter. A little snow on the ground would make the hunters happy, but the anglers hope for some good ice before we get a big, early winter dump. Although after last winter, any snow will be welcomed.

Walleye fishing has been ok, but not great for the last week or so. The same conditions that are negatively affecting the musky anglers are slowing the walleye down a little. These higher-than-ideal water temps are just not triggering a fall spurt. Check the holes, as that’s where people have been getting the major-

ity of their action. On the big lakes, we are seeing the same pattern. The bite had started to get good in deeper water, but has slowed with the lack of change in the water temps.

Panfish action has been ok, with perch being seen in the 10 feet range and crappie hitting in deeper water. Jigs and minnows are a good choice right now, and many trips that started looking for walleye have been switched to crappies when they started hitting the walleye jigs. The crappies tend to hang out a bit higher in the water column than the walleye.

Little bass action has been reported, but mostly because there are just no anglers targeting those species. Some largemouth have been reported by walleye or musky anglers fishing the weeds.

Northerns are hitting in the weeds, as always. They have even been hitting

musky suckers at times. Any flashy or noisy bait will work for these fish. For live bait, walleye-sized suckers are working quite well right now.

Musky fishing has been ok. We eagerly await a decline in temps before the close of the season, as it would most certainly result in a surge in that action. There have been some fish caught primarily on suckers throughout the area. Those using artificials are reporting that slow retrieves are working best and that follows are deep and late. Your best tactics right now are live bait on quick set rigs, patience and lots of casting. We will continue to hope for cold weather. The more miserable it is on the lakes, the better the fishing will be.

Let’s enjoy what we hope will be these last few weeks on the water before we get some real cold and ice.

Good luck and good fishin’!

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 208

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 207 question: In the 1981 football season, Tomahawk defeated Medford 14-13. How long had it been

since THS last defeated Medford: Four, five or six years?

Week 207 answer: In the 1981 football season, Tomahawk defeated Medford for the first time in six years. Jeff Olson blocked the point after attempt to secure the win.

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

Week 208 question: What member of the 1981 THS golf team was named All-Conference: Tim Stiff, Paul Hagen or Brad Denetz?

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