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## With emerald ash borer now in every Wisconsin county, City of Tomahawk continues tree removal efforts

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk is continuing its efforts to remove ash trees while the impacts of an invasive species are felt both within city limits and throughout the state.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in July announced that emerald ash borer (EAB) had been detected in Burnett County, meaning the wood-boring beetle has now been found in each Wisconsin county.

EAB kills ash trees by eating the tissues under the bark. Native to northeastern Asia, EAB was first detected in the United States in 2002 and is thought to have been introduced from China through the wood from shipping crates, according to the DNR.

The invasive species was first found in Wisconsin in 2008. The DNR said EAB is expected to kill more than 99% of Wisconsin's white, black and green ash trees, as well as



These ash trees along N. 2nd St. are among those set to be taken down by Foley's Tree Service.

their ornamental varieties.

"EAB larvae bore into ash trees and carve winding, S-shaped galleries beneath the trees' bark, typically starting in the upper canopy and progressing down the tree," DNR stated. "The galleries restrict the movement of water and nutrients to affected areas of the tree, leading to branch dieback, canopy thinning and tree death."

Last summer, City of

Tomahawk Streets Department Leadperson Nick Rosenmeier told the City of Tomahawk Park and Recreation Committee that EAB had been detected in the city. Since that time, city and contracted crews have worked to remove affected trees.

Rosenmeier said last year that EAB will eventually impact every ash tree in Tomahawk, meaning they must all be removed and ultimately replaced with trees

of different species.

In an effort to receive assistance in removing and replacing ash trees, the city applied for and was awarded a 2024 Urban Forestry Grant, administered by the DNR. The \$25,000.00 grant is a dollar-for-dollar match with the DNR.

Late last month, Rosenmeier told the Tomahawk Leader that about 40 ash trees have been removed since last fall, and Foley's Tree Service has been con-



Trees slated to be removed by Foley's are marked with a red "X."  
Photos by Jalen Maki

tracted to remove roughly 50 additional trees that are too large or dangerous for city employees to take down.

Trees that are set to be taken down by Foley's have been marked with a red "X." Under the Urban Forestry grant, the trees must be removed by the end of the year.

Rosenmeier said there isn't a specific timeline for when the marked trees will be removed between now and late December, but he noted that a "worst first" approach is being taken.

Currently, there aren't

any "stone cold dead" ash trees in the city, Rosenmeier said. But, when they get to that point, they become more difficult, hazardous and costly to take down, which has led to a proactive strategy.

"We will be paying more to take trees down that are already dead, than we would if we take them while they're alive, because they're more manageable," Rosenmeier explained. "It's a safety thing."

Going forward, the plan

**Emerald Ash Borer**  
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## Public invited to attend 'Our Dream Park' grand opening ceremony Saturday

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The public is invited to attend the grand opening ceremony for the newly-renovated Washington Square Park, also known as "Our Dream Park."

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the park, located at 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. The park will be open to the public.

The park includes an all-inclusive playground with a base made from rubberized surfacing, a splash pad and a resurfaced basketball area.

Some of the playground features include a duo zip line, a serenity area, a musical component, a multi-user swing and an indefinitely modular play structure for



Photos by Jalen Maki

ages 2-5 and 5-12, as well as a fitness area for those 12 and older.

The splash pad is a "pass through" water system designed with features of the

Northwoods, including an oak tree with a small water dump, spray jets from the

ground, a pine tree, fish, a butterfly and other fun water features. There are play

areas designed for toddlers, families and teens.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, as well as upgrades to infrastructure, lighting, fencing, walkways, seating, shade structures and parking, have also been made to the park.

A release from the City of Tomahawk said the improvements were made possible from generous monetary and in-kind donations from individuals, businesses and foundations.

"The new playground is designed for children of all ages and all abilities," the release stated. "Tomahawk Together worked with a Wisconsin-based company, Lee Recreation LLC, to make this all-inclusive playground not just a 'dream' for Tomahawk, but a reality."

# Lincoln County board designates ARPA funding, approves borrowing for landfill

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
MMC STAFF

MERRILL – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved several resolutions during its Tuesday, Aug. 20 meeting designating the use of the county’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

As part of ARPA regulations, all funds must be obligated (defined as having “an order placed for property and services and entering into contracts,

subawards, and similar transactions that require payment”) no later than Dec. 31, 2024, or the money must be returned.

## Marketing

During the meeting, Supervisors voted 13-6, based on the recommendation of the county’s Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee, to use \$302,182.00 previously earmarked as Marketing Designated ARPA funds

as follows: \$32,500.00 for a one-year contract with Placer AI; \$246,000.00 for a 30-month contract with Discover Wisconsin; \$2,600.00 for advertisement in Trail Tales; and \$21,082.00 in a reservation app and/or other related incidental costs.

The county board has previously indicated the goal of their recent branding efforts are to market tourism and bring visitors to Lincoln County to visit/stay to increase sales tax, and the board felt these expenditures working through professional marketing sources would help effect that goal.

The motion to approve the resolution to obligate these funds was brought by District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings and seconded by District 12 Supervisor and Board Vice-Chair Julie DePasse.

Chair Boyd requested a roll call vote after a voice vote was too close to tally. Supervisors Elizabeth McCrank, Derek Woellner, Andrew Zelinski, Laurie Thiel, Jesse Boyd, Julie DePasse, Alan Bishop, Mar-

guerite Lyskawa, Marty Lemke, Dana Miller, James Meunier, Angela Cummings, and Greg Hartwig (13) all voted in favor of the resolution, with Supervisors Donald Dunphy, Christine Vorpapel, Randy Detert, Ken Wickham, Joseph Dorava, and Eugene Simon (6) voting no.

## River Bend Trail

Supervisors also voted to designate \$75,000.00 of ARPA funds to the River Bend Trail Development Foundation as a Beneficiary (a/k/a River Bend Trail).

The A&L Committee recommended the resolution to continue to develop the River Bend Trail within Lincoln County.

In April, the board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Planning of Wausau to Merrill Trail Corridor Plan, which will extend the walking/biking trail between the two cities. While the Trail Corridor process is still at the Master Plan Stage (final design, property acquisition, development and capital im-

provements to occur later), progress on the trail is contingent on funding, and the board supports continuing the River Bend Trail to both the east and west and believes it will draw additional people to Merrill.

The motion carried on a voice vote.

## Park improvements

Next up, the county board voted to designate \$170,000.00 of ARPA funds for Forestry Park Improvement Projects to further facilitate Lincoln County’s destination branding (“Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins”) and increase tourism by improving Forestry Park Improvement projects “to highlight our unique characteristics and resources in our campgrounds, and increase attractiveness, usage, and increase fee potential.”

Some of the following projects, previously identified as having significant value to increasing park usage, were already completed or begun, but costs exceeded initial estimates, so the ARPA funds would be used to prioritize as possible: an electric pump and shower at Tug Lake; adding a kayak launch to New Wood Park; repair of the New Wood Park bridge, which is heavily used as part of the Ice Age Trail; development of additional trail heads, etc.

The motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

## Gravel acquisition

The board also voted to designate \$250,000.00 of ARPA funds to acquire gravel – either through land purchase within the county or via other gravel acquisition expense – to be used for upcoming road projects in Lincoln County.

The A&L Committee recommended the allocation.

The resolution noted the current cost to produce gravel is \$4.90/yard, in which \$2.72/yard is crushing costs, and purchasing gravel from an outside entity costs \$9.50/yard, and there is an opportunity to purchase land that is expected to have approximately 640,000 to one million usable yards of pit run to produce high-quality road gravel for future use and that having multiple access locations throughout the county also reduces hauling expenses.

Should the purchase of the land not occur, there are other gravel acquisition expenses that would occur.

The motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

## Printing equipment and systems

Finally, the board approved designating \$150,000.00 of ARPA funding to procure, configure and deploy the county’s outdated print equipment and related systems and services, which are seven to 10 years old.

“Whereas, the capital improvement fund may not be able to cover the cost of an outright equipment purchase,” the funds

will be used “to offset the capital expense and labor to replace aging print equipment in the upcoming budgetary cycle and capitalization of the print equipment upfront will continue to limit the operational costs of printing and copying throughout all County departments to mirror current low costs of operation due to outright ownership.”

The “funding will be spent in its entirety on print equipment and related ancillary services in order to reduce costs by eliminating equipment needed or improving efficiencies” and could include but is “not limited to, electronic secure fax, paperless document management process mapping and solutions, backlog scanning of physical records and applying proper retention schedules and traditional mail services” the resolution said.

The motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

## Board approves borrowing up to \$4,030,000.00 for landfill

In the final resolution of the meeting, the board voted unanimously to borrow up to \$4,030,000.00 to pay the cost of landfill expansion projects, acquisition of equipment and other capital improvement projects and to issue general obligation promissory notes for this expense.

The interest rate on the borrowing shall not exceed 4.50% and repayment of the borrowing is anticipated to take place over the next five years, resulting in an increase in the tax levy to Lincoln County residents in the years 2024 through 2029 for the payments due in the years 2025 through 2030.

“I just need everyone to understand that this is not optional. The DNR is telling us this is what you will do,” said Angela Cummings, District 20 Supervisor and Finance and Insurance Committee member, during discussion about the landfill expansion expenses.

Board members discussed and explained that even if the county opted to close the landfill, they are required to hold money in trust in the unlikely event that the liner should fail at some point in the future, to cover cleanup costs.

Solid Waste is already looking at tipping fees and adjusting those accordingly and is minimizing outside counties bringing garbage in, and they are making efforts to best utilize their resources. However, that just isn’t enough money to cover the costs of the needed equipment, closing one landfill cell and opening a new one, and there are no other resources to tap into to generate the required funds.

“We really don’t have much choice here,” said Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor and Chair of the Finance and Insurance Committee.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote.



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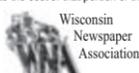
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# Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department among WPS Foundation grant recipients

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Foundation recently awarded \$75,000.00 in grant funds to area public safety agencies.

A release from WPS said the grants will be used to purchase lifesaving equipment.

The funding is part of the WPS Foundation's Rewarding Responders Grant Program, which supports first responders across northeast and north central Wisconsin.

"The Rewarding Responders Grant is part of the ongoing commitment of WPS to safety for its employees and communities," WPS stated.



Among this year's grant recipients is the Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department, which will use its funding allocation to purchase two thermal imaging cameras and retractable lanyards to assist firefighters with situational awareness at emergency scenes.

Other grant recipients and the equipment they will purchase are as follows:

- Crandon Fire Department — Water rescue suits.
- Minocqua Police Department — Upgraded

emergency response kits for officers.

- Oneida County Public Safety Dive Team — Face masks for rescue divers.

- Rhinelander Police Department — Aerial drone with thermal imaging camera.

- Sugar Camp Fire Department — Automated external defibrillator (AED).

- Vilas County Sheriff's Office — Thermal imaging device.

- Woodruff Fire Department — Gas detectors.

"We are honored to support the brave individuals who work tirelessly to keep our neighborhoods safe, secure and welcoming," said Beth Straka, President of the WPS Founda-

tion. "From helping children safely get to school to providing critical medical care, these grants give first responders the invaluable tools they need to serve our communities."

Including this year's grants, the WPS Foundation has awarded more than \$600,000.00 to help police, fire and emergency medical services agencies strengthen public safety in their communities.

The WPS Foundation offers its Rewarding Responders Grant annually. Since the program began, the grants have helped 211 individual agencies acquire lifesaving equipment or vital training to enhance safety in their communities, ac-

ording to the release.

Eligible emergency response agencies can apply for up to \$2,000.00 in funding through the grant program.

Agencies may receive a grant if they operate in the WPS service area; did not receive a grant during the previous year; complete an online grant application; and demonstrate the equip-

ment or training they will acquire is part of a well-planned effort to improve public safety.

Grants also may be put toward unique, safety-related projects that are one-time efforts, WPS noted.

Learn more about the grant at [www.wecenergygroup.com/community/wps-rewarding-responders-grant.htm](http://www.wecenergygroup.com/community/wps-rewarding-responders-grant.htm).

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### THS Class of 1964 reunion

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### Donations to cover student lunch debts being accepted

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### Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

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**Jeannie M. Zimmer**, 67, Menasha, passed away surrounded by family on Friday, August 23, 2024. She was born on April 23, 1957, in Neenah, the daughter of Gerald and Evelyn (Hansen) Rausch. Jeannie lived in Tomahawk from 1990 to 2011 and moved back to be closer to her family. She enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, four wheeling, traveling, and playing Bingo. She will be missed greatly by her friends at Short Branch Saloon, Neenah who she visited

for bingo every Wednesday. Jeannie loved spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's events. Jeannie is survived by her 2 children: Michael (Amber Krueger) Rausch and Jessica (Shawn) Street; 5 grandchildren: Eve and Donovan Rausch, Alexis Krueger, Cady and Cecelia Street; 3 siblings: Patrick (Mary) Rausch, Susie (Roger) Klenke, and Jerry (Karen) Rausch; lifelong friend and father of her children: Daniel Wideman; special friend: David Davis; her fur baby Zeus; many nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her parents; husband: James Zimmer; fiancé: Thomas Ryan; and siblings: Cheryl (Leo) Checkai and Julie Rausch. Memorial service was held at 11:00 am, on Friday, August 30, 2024, at the Wichmann Funeral Home, Laemmrich Chapel, 312 Milwaukee St., Menasha, WI 54952. Visitation was Friday at the Laemmrich Chapel from 9:00 am until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin.

We will always miss you so much. We love you more. The End. We Win!



**Patricia (Pat) B. Alberg**, 98, passed away peacefully on August 28, 2024 and is now resting in eternal Heaven with her beloved husband, Duane. Pat was born to the late Emerson Ball and Ann O'Connell on September 17, 1925 in Tomahawk, WI. She graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1943. She was married on June 1, 1946 at St Mary Catholic Church shortly after Duane returned home from WWII and had almost 70 joyous years together. Together, Duane & Pat had two children - Mark & Lois.

Pat loved to spend time with her family - she was in attendance at all of their activities - from dance recitals, sporting events and theater shows. She loved to be out at the lake, golfing, sewing, knitting, crocheting and dancing with Duane & with friends. Pat was a faithful member of St. Mary Catholic Church. She volunteered for many duties associated with church - money counting, scheduling, Calvary Cemetery Secretary, Renew Bible study group and the American Red Cross blood mobile.

Pat worked during senior year of high school on weekday afternoons and weekends as a stenographer for the Wisconsin Conservation Dept for 5yrs. She then changed jobs to work at Owen's Illinois Paper Mill doing Secretarial and Computer Operations until she retired on December 31, 1983.

Pat is survived by her son, Mark (Jackie); her daughter, Lois (Dave) both of Tomahawk. Six loving grandkids, Danielle Engel (Jeff Kuhn) Monona, WI; Stacy Hilgendorf Gales (Mark) Franklin, WI; Andy Alberg (Sarah), Michelle Nelson (Nate), Melissa Kahle (Jason) all of Tomahawk & Shawn Alberg (Erica Shelter) of Black Earth, WI. She is also survived by 22 adoring great-grandchildren and a sister, Joan Ball of California.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brothers, Jim & Howard Ball, her sister, Mary Ann Timm.

Mass of Christian Burial for Pat will take place at 11:00a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Aloysius Anthony officiating. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, September 4, from 4:00p.m. to 7p.m. at Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral Home with vigil service at 7:00p.m. Visitation will continue at the church on Thursday from 9:00a.m. until time of Mass at 11:00a.m. Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery, Tomahawk.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed, and very dear." - Anonymous

# PUBLISHER'S LETTER

## The Saints In Our Midst

Dear Reader,

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the quiet acts of kindness and the unwavering strength of character that some individuals exhibit. These rare souls, who we might call the "saints in our midst," embody virtues that transcend the ordinary. They remind us that sainthood is not a distant, unattainable ideal but a tangible reality that can manifest in any of us, regardless of our circumstances.



We all strive for sainthood at times, in our own ways and within the limits of our capabilities. When we choose to do the right thing, despite adversity, we are tailoring ourselves to be the best versions of who we are. It's in these moments of moral clarity and strength that we brush against the essence of what it means to be saint-like. Whether it's standing up for what is right, offering a helping hand to someone in need, or simply showing love and patience in difficult situations, these acts define our potential for greatness.

Every now and then, we encounter an extraordinary person whose strength of character and capacity for love shine through. These individuals are rare, but their impact is profound. They inspire us not through grand gestures or ostentatious displays, but through their consistent, quiet commitment to virtue. In a world where money and power often dominate, they remind us that true integrity lies in the purity of our actions and intentions.

In recognizing and celebrating these saints, we also acknowledge our own potential for goodness. We may not all be destined for sainthood in the traditional sense, but we can all strive to embody the virtues that define it. By doing so, we contribute to a world that is a little kinder, a little more just, and a lot more compassionate.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
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## Pastor's Corner

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Words of Gold

I was thinking today about how much the words Gospel and gossip are alike.

We can use our words for good or for evil. Proverbs is full of advice on speaking softly and truthfully. Martin Luther spoke of the eighth commandment about bearing false witness against our neighbor, but said, "speak well of them."

How critical it is to speak well of each other. But sometimes our fallen nature causes us to want to believe things about others that aren't true. King Solomon wrote, "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts." (Proverbs 18:8)

"A word spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Proverbs 25: 11). The right words at the right time has encouraged many a depressed person. The ability to speak golden words comes as we grow in wisdom.

We all need encouragement, but none of us needs to hear discouragement. St. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4: 29, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Proverbs 18: 21 says the "tongue has the power of life and death." That may seem rather extreme, but I think of those kids entering school who may be bullied or made fun of. They need God's encouragement more than ever.

An abusive tongue can cause death in a relationship or in a family. Gossip spread can cause the loss of friendships, even in our church family. The adage 'talk is cheap' is absolutely wrong when it hurts someone. Talk can be very costly.

God wants us to take responsibility for our words and actions, intentionally encourage one another, care and protect those wounded by what others have said, and clear up misunderstandings.

Comparing ourselves to others leads to envy and jealousy. Here we need to do a heart check. Am I jealous of someone else? What are my motives for talking about someone else? Does someone else have greater material, physical or relational success? If so, ask God to forgive you. Contentment doesn't come from getting our own way. Contentment comes from accepting what God has given us as His best.

We all share one thing. We all sin. We all have needs. We all need respect and approval. From time to time we slip up, say the wrong thing or even hurt someone. But we can take it to God and ask for forgiveness. We can correct a misunderstanding and set things right again.

Kind words do not cost much. They never hurt, but they can make an imprint on the hearts of others.

**Pastor Carolyn**  
Associated Clergy of  
Tomahawk

## 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 what it means to have *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*. For today we shall look at James 4:1-8 and a further explanation of *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*.

James is writing to people who already claim to believe in Jesus, but they had problems with each other, and therefore problems in their relationship with God. James explains what their problem really was.

According to verses 1 through 3, these people wanted *things*, and when they could not get them, they became jealous of those who had those *things*. So, claiming to be believers, they began to ask God for the things the others had. But God would not answer their prayers for those *things*. James explains that God did not give them those things because they were behaving like selfish people and praying like selfish people – God will not encourage such behavior.

In verse four, James reminds them that even though they claimed to believe, they were being unfaithful to God in their selfish life style. Where God tells us what is right and what we should do, by their desire for *things*, they exposed the fact that it really was not God they were believing in, but the world and its philosophy and priorities – the *world* being the *culture* they were living in. As Jesus said in Matthew 6:24, we cannot serve both God and the world.

In verse 5 James reminds us of the Bible's warning that in our sinful condition it is very easy for us to envy those who have the *things* we want but don't have. It is a condition we all struggle with. So, what should we do?

In verse 6, we read that God gives to us the grace we need to overcome our selfish nature. James also reminds us that God does not give His grace to just anyone; those who are behaving in a selfish way (proud) God will fight against (resists), but those who are humble, He gives them His grace. In the Bible, the humble are those who know their need for God, are not focused on themselves, and value what God teaches us in His Word. In verses 7 and 8, we are told how we can become the kind of people God will give His grace to.

First, we must make it our priority to obey God and quit being selfish – behaving like the devil. And second, we need to, on purpose, change our ways and work at obeying God in all that we do – this includes changing how we think about things so that we really do obey God. (quit being *double minded*). If we draw near to God in this, then we will know His grace.

**Pastor Charles Scheele**  
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**FCCLA National Leadership Conference**

Tomahawk High School (THS) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students Emma Hoff, Morgan Kretzschmar, Caylie Swan and Riah Petta recently took part in this summer's FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Wash. More than 8,000 FCCLA students from across the country participated in the conference, which provided attendees with the opportunity to explore career opportunities while instilling real-world skills, advocacy and service. Roughly 45 groups competed in a variety of categories. Hoff took 9th place in Chapter in Review, Kretzschmar placed 33rd in Professional Presentation, and Swan and Petta placed 18th in Sports Nutrition. The School District of Tomahawk said the students' "remarkable achievements reflect their hard work and determination." Photo courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

**EMERALD ASH BORER**

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is to replace the ash trees with numerous species to diversify the city's tree population. Although Rosenmeier said there aren't any specific plans regarding replacement species at this time, he noted that species will be "(intermingled) throughout the block," so in the event another invasive species impacts the city, an entire block's worth of trees won't have to be taken down.

"We're not going to have a whole block of maple," he stated.

Rosenmeier added that although an ash tree has been removed, a new tree might not necessarily be planted in that same spot. For example, if a block already has one ash tree and several other trees, and to plant a new tree would further crowd the block, a new tree likely won't be planted there.

"Now, if you have three ash trees in a row on your block, you're probably getting at least two of them replaced," Rosenmeier stated, adding that the goal is to ultimately get as close as possible to replacing the quantity of trees taken down.

The ash trees on Somo Ave. will not be replaced because the road is slated to be reconstructed within the next five years, according to Rosenmeier.

Rosenmeier noted that the city is not responsible for ash trees on private property. He suggests keeping an eye on ash trees in yards and said that although they could be treated, they will die eventually, so being proactive and having them removed sooner rather than later is likely the best option.

"I would highly recommend people start thinking, planning, saving, whatever it takes, to have their (ash) trees either removed or treated in the next couple of years," he stated.

Rosenmeier said the city plans to apply for a 2025 Urban Forestry Grant. Although there's no guarantee the city will be awarded a grant two years in a row, the possibility remains due to the city's ongoing battle with EAB.

Looking ahead, city crews will continue to identify trees they can't take down themselves and continue to remove ash trees as time and ability allow. And, Rosenmeier said, he foresees a push to begin planting new trees next year.

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## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Aug. 26:

On 08/20/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on E. Main St. and S. Memorial Dr. in the City of Merrill for lane deviation and speed. When the deputy made contact with the driver, a Mosinee woman, 28, they noticed signs of impairment. As a result, the woman was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which she refused to do. The woman was then placed under arrest for OWI 1st offense. She was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she was also booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and bail jumping.

On 08/22/2024 a deputy was sent to the area of STH 17 and Gross Ln. in the Town of Russell for a vehicle in the ditch. After arriving on scene, the deputy tracked the vehicle owner down to his home address. The deputy made contact with the Gleason man, 62. In making contact with the driver, the deputy detected signs of impairment. As a result, the deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, which the man refused to do, resulting in the deputy placing him under arrest for a first offense of OWI.

On 08/23/2024 the Oneida County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with a disturbance on North Rd. in the Town of Nokomis. ONSO reported that they had an open line to an address in that area and all they could hear was yelling in the background. Upon arrival on scene, the LISO deputy encountered the two suspects, one being a man, 58, and the other being a man, 25, both of Tomahawk. After making contact,

the 25-year-old man attempted to flee on foot, which resulted in a short foot pursuit. The LISO deputy was able to take the subject into custody and then turned them over to ONSO deputies. The investigation was then completed by ONSO.

On 08/23/2024 a deputy was called to the area of Echo Valley Rd. and Echo Point Rd. for a shots fired complaint. The R/P reported hearing a series of gunshots, followed by what he described as an animal crying in pain. A short time later, the R/P reported that a female party was observed in the area calling for her dog. Investigation revealed that the dog was outside when it ran off after some deer. A very short time later is when the gunshots were heard, and the dog never returned home. Based on information provided by the dog owner, the deputy located a suspect who was believed to be responsible for shooting the dog. The suspect admitted to shooting at that time but denied shooting any dog. The suspect allowed the deputy the opportunity to look around and no evidence of the dog was located. This case remains under investigation.

On 08/24/2024 deputies were sent to investigate a reported vehicle in the ditch on S. Pier Lake Rd. in the Town of Wilson. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the driver, a Tomahawk woman, 53. When making contact with the driver, the deputy noticed signs of impairment, resulting in the deputy asking the driver to complete some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for 4th offense OWI. During the investigation, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office

notified LISO that they were investigating a hit and run crash that occurred in their county prior to this incident. All information, along with pictures, were sent to ONSO for their investigation. The driver was then transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital for medical clearance before being transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

On 08/25/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of the Tripoli gas station in the Town of Somo for a male subject that had been acting disorderly and threatened to kill the R/P. As the first deputy arrived on scene, he located and made contact with the suspect, a Wausau man, 37. The deputy attempted to talk with the suspect, who was un-cooperative. The suspect attempted to walk away from the deputy and enter a home, at which point the deputy advised the suspect that he was being detained and the deputy searched the suspect for weapons. The suspect physically resisted the deputy's efforts to take him into custody. The deputy was able to get the subject under arrest. However, the suspect continued to resist until backup deputies arrived. The suspect was eventually transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was booked for bail jumping, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest. No injuries were reported as a result of this contact.

Deputies conducted 45 traffic stops and 22 security checks. Deputies responded to four car vs. deer crashes. Driving complaints: 12. The 911 Center took three hang-up calls and 11 nuisance calls.

## Nicolet College announces fall Learning in Retirement schedule

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Nicolet College in Rhinelander is inviting area seniors to explore the Learning in Retirement (LIR) program this fall.

A release from Nicolet said there are nearly 50 LIR events and courses designed to bring fun, diverse and culturally-enriching programming to Northwoods retirees.

Nicolet said LIR will feature an exciting fall 2024 lineup, beginning with the Fall Kickoff event and New Member Orientation on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Nicolet College campus, located at 5364 College Dr., Rhinelander, according to Nicolet.

LIR members will have the opportunity to attend engaging presentations, such as "Issues in Cardiology-Valvular Heart Disease," presented by Dr. Joel Furda, and a screening of the documentary film Living in Shadows with videographer Susan Reetz, who will shed light on the complicated lives of the children of drug addicts, according to Nicolet.

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- 1:00pm-3:00pm Mad Dog & Merrill Midwest Grill'n LIVE
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- Official Fall Ride merchandise sales

**Friday, September 13th: 9:00am to 5:00pm**

- Community Blood Drive - 9:00am-1:30pm (Friday Only) Call The Community Blood Center at (800)280-4102. You may also visit communityblood.org/donor.
- Live Music - Northwoods Bassist 10:30-1:30
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**Saturday, September 14th: 9:00am to 5:00pm**

- Live Music JERF 10:30am-1:30pm
- Live Music Blue Max Band 1:30-4:30pm
- Wa Wui Ltd Bike Show 9:00am to 12:00pm Judging starting at 12:00 Bike Show trophy presentation and Raffle Bike Drawing to follow

**Friday, September 13th: Thunder Parade Line up @ 5:00pm**

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# Aspirus locations, including Tomahawk, utilizing autonomous lawn mowers

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently introduced autonomous lawn mowers at six locations in its system, including Tomahawk.

A release from Aspirus said the autonomous lawn mowers support the health system's environmental sustainability efforts.

The battery-operated, self-propelled mowers are managed through an application and operate on electricity rather than gas.

Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, as well as Aspirus's Merrill, Portage, Rhinelander and Wausau locations, are currently utilizing the autonomous lawn mowers.

"We are always looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint and contribute positively to the health of our environment and the communities and patients we serve," said Andrew Miller, Director of System Facilities Management and Security for Aspirus Health. "Switching from gas-powered mowers to these autonomous mowers at locations that can currently support the technology was an easy choice. These autonomous mowers help reduce the environmental impact of



Photo courtesy of Aspirus Health

our lawn maintenance and deliver a higher value to our landscape operations and campuses."

Implementation of the mowers was completed in July.

"The autonomous mowers use navigation technology, sensors and programming to move about lawns, mow grass at the desired height and pattern and return to a docking station for recharging,"

Aspirus said. "They can operate rain or shine, night or day."

The release noted that Aspirus Inc. Corporate Office maintenance teams built solar charging stations for the mowers to support the initiative and minimize electrical usage and costs.

"Mower performance has been strong, and we are running them right through all the recent

rainstorms," Miller stated. "The mowers are getting a great response from our patients and employees, too."

"The benefits of the autonomous mowers extend well beyond just entertaining onlookers," the release said. "The autonomous mowers reduce air and noise pollution. They produce zero direct emissions during operation unlike gas-powered mow-

ers that emit pollution and greenhouse gases. They are also virtually silent, dramatically cutting down on noise pollution."

Aspirus said other benefits of the autonomous mowers include electric motors that are more efficient than combustion motors and require less energy and maintenance to operate; lightweight bodies that don't compact soil, allowing soil to

absorb more water and reduce storm water runoff; and sharp blades that neatly cut grass, mulching it back into the ground and minimizing the need for fertilizers and chemicals.

"Not only do these autonomous mowers help reduce our carbon footprint, but they are also creating efficiencies for our grounds and landscape teams, making our landscaping maintenance more cost effective, enhancing the look of our campuses and allowing maintenance staff who also provide grounds services to focus more heavily on critical assets and preventive maintenance programs within our facilities," Miller stated.

Aspirus purchased the autonomous mowers from Power House Lawn and Leisure in Merrill.

"We appreciate the collaboration we've shared with this local central Wisconsin business in making our autonomous mower initiative a reality," Miller said. "We're grateful to them for being such an excellent partner to us."

Plans are being developed to roll out autonomous mowers at other Aspirus Health locations in the future, according to the release.

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# Felzkowski receives WCA's Outstanding Legislator Award

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) last month received the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)'s Outstanding Legislator Award.

A release from WCA said Felzkowski was recognized for her "exceptional work on behalf of county government during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session."

"Senator Mary Felzkowski was one of two authors who spearheaded what could be described as the most important piece of legislation in generations in our state – the shared revenue bill," said WCA President and CEO Mark D. O'Connell. "Because of her leadership in working alongside our team and other local units of government, as well as with both sides of the aisle and the administration, this new law provides much needed funding to counties and the entire state moving forward."

The release said the WCA Outstanding Legislator Award is handed out biennially to a select group of



In her State Capitol office on Tuesday, Aug. 20, Felzkowski (left) was recognized with her WCA Outstanding Legislator Award from WCA Government Affairs Associate Chelsea Shanks.

Photo courtesy of WCA

legislators who have represented county interests in both the legislature and in their districts.

"These legislators have demonstrated leadership for counties on key issues, legislation and the state budget," WCA stated.

"The work of Senator Felzkowski can be felt not just in Senate District 12, but throughout our state," O'Connell said. "We are incredibly proud to present

her with this award and are grateful for her dedication in advancing sensible public policies that keep in mind the taxpayers of Wisconsin."

### About WCA

WCA represents the interests of county government both on the state and federal levels and is located in Madison, Wis.

For more information, visit [www.wicounties.org](http://www.wicounties.org).

# Hazelhurst man killed in Town of Cassian ATV accident

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF CASSIAN – A Hazelhurst man was killed in an ATV accident in the Town of Cassian last week.

According to a release from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 6:12 p.m., a call was received reporting an ATV vs. telephone pole accident on Lakewood Rd. near Sand Lake Rd.

Deputies' initial investigation determined that the ATV failed to negotiate a curve and struck a telephone pole, according to the release.

Witnesses attempted lifesaving measures, but the operator of the ATV, identified by the Sheriff's Office as Jay T. Zeivel, 66, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Sheriff's Office said the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is completing the accident report.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the DNR, Cassian First Responders, Oneida County EMS, the Minocqua Police Department and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Department.

## FALL SCHEDULE FROM PAGE 6

LIR President Mary Dean said there is a wide variety of learning opportunities that focus on the environment, health, history, science, technology and more.

"Join us this fall for a new semester to learn new things, reunite with LIR members, meet new friends and enjoy being retired," Dean stated.

Nicolet said this fall's lineup will also include the empowering presentation, "The Gift of Sight – The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW)," featuring Anne Otter, LEBW Outreach Ambassador.

"(Otter) will share the work of this organization and explain how local Lions, funeral directors, nurses, physicians and technologists contribute to this important work,"

Nicolet stated.

As always, Nicolet noted, the popular Ced Vig Nature Series, in collaboration with LIR, will feature several expert speakers at Nicolet, with an option to join virtually on Zoom.

Nicolet said this series includes thought-provoking and interesting courses, such as "Threats to Wildlife Health in Wisconsin" with Gavin Cotterill, PhD, of the U.S. Geological Society; "Salamanders of the Northwoods" with Naturalist Hannah Gargrave from the North Lakeland Discovery Center; and "Owls of the Northwoods" with Troy Walters of the Northwoods Land Trust.

"Beyond the classroom, LIR offers exciting excursions," Nicolet noted. "Tour the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport Fire Station, the Northwoods Community Garden, Northern Waters Dis-

tillery and the WXPR Studios. Don't miss the 'Lunch Bunch,' a social gathering for those who enjoy trying new restaurants in the area."

LIR is a membership-based program offering short-term learning experiences for retired and semi-retired Northwoods residents.

"For a nominal annual fee of \$50.00, members gain access to a wealth of engaging opportunities," Nicolet stated. "Members can join anytime and choose from the diverse course offerings each fall and spring."

Classes are held at the Nicolet College campus, the Minocqua Library, virtually on Zoom and at various locations throughout the district.

For a complete list of upcoming LIR classes, events and membership information, visit [www.nicoletcollege.edu/lir](http://www.nicoletcollege.edu/lir).

## 'Walk to End Alzheimer's' to be held in Rhinelander

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The Alzheimer's Association is inviting the public to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" later this month.

The event will be held at the Hodag Dome, 863 Hodag Dome Dr., Rhinelander, on Saturday, Sept. 21. The event opens at 8:30 a.m., with the Opening Ceremony at 9:40 a.m. and the Walk at 10 a.m.

"The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's



largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said. "Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Now, the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's."

"We walk not only to honor those we've lost and those currently battling Alzheimer's, but also to build a hopeful future for the next generation," said Jim Brust, Walk to End Alzheimer's – Rhinelander Chair. "This event brings our community together,

### Walk

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Court, whose address is Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Suite 205, Merrill, WI 54452, and to the Plaintiff's attorneys, Shane J. VanderWaal and Arthur M. Scheller III, whose address is VanderWaal Law, S.C., 226411 Rib Mountain Drive, Suite 2, P.O. Box 1343, Wausau, WI 54402-1343. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 15th day of August, 2024. VANDERWAAL LAW, S.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Dan E. Obermann Electronically Signed by Attorney Shane J. VanderWaal Shane J. VanderWaal State Bar No. 1020149 Electronically Signed by Attorney Arthur

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M. Scheller III Arthur M. Scheller III State Bar No. 1115973 ADDRESS: 226411 Rib Mountain Drive Suite 2 P. O. Box 1343 Wausau, WI 54402-1343 (715) 845-9401 shanev@vanderlaw.net ams@vanderlaw.net Published August 21, 28, September 4, 2024 WNXALP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION LINCOLN COUNTY SERVIS ONE, INC. D/B/A BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES Plaintiff vs. NATHANIAL FABBRI; AMANDA FABBRI; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Case No. 2024CV000040 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 26, 2024, in the amount of

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\$95,921.37, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: TIME: September 30, 2024 at 10:00 am TERMS:

- 1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff. 2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances. 3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price. 4. Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.

PLACE: MAIN LOBBY OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1110 E. MAIN STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452

Property description: THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE LOT FIVE (5) AND ALL OF LOT SIX (6), BLOCK 8, OF H. STREETERS ADDITION OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN Tax Key No.: 251-3106-123-0357 Property Address: 700 E. 3RD STREET, MERRILL, WISCONSIN 54452

Shannon K Cummings State Bar No. 1033710 Attorney for Plaintiff 633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 408 Milwaukee, WI, 53203 Phone: 312-541-9710 Mailing Address: 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, IL 60664 Email: WisconsinPleadings@johnsonblumberg Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published September 4, 11, 18, 2024 WNXALP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

First Federal Bank Plaintiff, vs. Antonia R. Montes a/k/a Antonia Montes and The United States of America Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 24-CV-000041 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 2, 2024 in the amount of \$139,387.49 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: October 3, 2024 at 10:00 am TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances. PLACE: Inside the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Merrill. DESCRIPTION: LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4), BLOCK ONE (1), KINZEL LUMBER COMPANY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 701 W Main St Merrill, WI 54452-2237 Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy

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Notice To Creditors 7735

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN D. STRANDBERG DOD: 7/15/2024

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024 IN 27 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/29/1966 and date of death 7/15/2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 192, Tomahawk, WI 54487. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11/29/2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, Probate Office. DATE SIGNED: August 19, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Form completed by: Randy L. Frokjer Frokjer Law, LLC 199 Oneida Drive, Suite A. Tomahawk WI 54487 715-224-3411 Bar # 1010644 Published August 28, September 4, 11, 2024 WNXALP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sandra B. Slagoski

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024IN29 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 01-06-1948 and date of death 04-14-2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N11338 County Road YY, Tripoli, WI 54564. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12-03-2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Register in Probate Office. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: August 21, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Form completed by: Tracy Slagoski 2004 Webster St., Apt. 10 Merrill, WI 54452 715-409-8158 Published September 4, 11, 18, 2024 WNXALP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE V. RAUNIO

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24-IN-30 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth March 1, 1948 and date of death August 16, 2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W9343 State Highway 86, Tomahawk, WI 54487. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 13, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main

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Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. DATE SIGNED: August 28, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Form completed by: FRANCIS U. SEROOGY PO BOX 327 TOMAHAWK, WI 54487 715-453-2158 Bar #1007903 Published September 4, 11, 18, 2024 WCAN

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School District of Tomahawk 407711

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 (FUND 20), DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUND 30), CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUND 40), FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50), AGENCY FUND (FUND 60), EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND (FUND 72), COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80), PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND (FUND 90), and BUDGET PUBLICATION, Proposed Property Tax Levy - 2024-2025.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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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.

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NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

'Light Up the Night' event slated for next week

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER - To better support the path to recovery, partners in Oneida County are working to reduce substance use stigma by growing awareness through a celebration of recovery and building connections to local recovery support services.

The public is invited to attend the annual "Light Up the Night for Recovery" outdoor event in the Hodag Park Amphitheater in Rhineland on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The event is being held as part of National Recovery Month.

The free, family-friendly evening will include a community resource fair, games, refreshments, raffle prizes and a time for story-sharing.

A release from the Oneida County Substance Use Coalition said the event is a

"time to celebrate recovery, remember those who were lost and connect with recovery support."

"Mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities, people from all walks of life, and all age groups," the release stated. "Every September, National Recovery Month celebrates communities who are proud and stand together in recovery. It reminds us that 'Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.'"

"A substance use disorder can happen to anyone," said Tekia, Program Coordinator and Instructor at Nicolet College. "Some individuals are at higher risk of developing a disorder. Risk factors include difficulty coping, a person's social environment, untreated behavioral issues and, for some individuals, genetics. It has nothing to do with a person's charac-

ter or will power. Recovery is real when people receive the support they need when they need it. As a community, we can support one another by creating an environment where resources are available and people feel safe seeking help."

"It can be hard to understand substance use disorder," said Jenny Chiamulera, Community Health Specialist at the Oneida County Health Department. "The Light Up the Night for Recovery Event embraces local speakers as they share their stories. Lived experience is valuable and storytelling is a powerful tool used to provide information and help us understand what substance use disorder really is. This year, we are excited to welcome Tom Farley, the brother of beloved actor Chris Farley, as he shares his story of Growing up Farley: A Story of Addiction, Love, and Forgiveness."

In his presentation, Farley talks about how we all play a first responder role to our friends and loved ones experiencing substance use and mental health concerns. He chronicles his lifelong journey with his brother, Chris Farley, touching on lessons learned and the impact substance use had on his family.

"People with substance use and mental health disorders need community support on their pathway to recovery," the release stat-

ed. "Remember, with the right treatment, support and resources, recovery is possible."

Available resources include:

• Tri-County Crisis Number (Forest, Oneida, Vilas counties): 1-888-299-1188

• American Indian Quitline: Call 1-833-9AL-QUIT (1-833-924-7848)

• Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line: Text READY to 200-400 or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)

• Dial 211: local resources

and referrals

• Text or call 988 for 24/7 crisis support

• Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)

If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately.

For more information on the Light up the Night event and other initiatives happening in Oneida County, contact Jenny Chiamulera at jchiamulera@oneidacountywi.gov or 715-369-6186.

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7. Reciprocal of an ohm
10. God of the sea
12. A way to disfigure
13. Positioned
14. Tall tropical American tree
15. Large deciduous trees
16. \_\_\_ and ends
17. Part of a machine
18. Brews
19. One who leads prayers in a mosque
21. Indian state
22. Partisans
27. Top lawyer in the land
28. Former Dodgers MVP
33. Title for women
34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool
36. Copycat
37. Sounds
38. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba
39. Part of (abbr.)
40. Hateful
41. Collide
44. European football heavyweight
45. One who works for you
48. Song
49. Ancient marvels
50. Bridge building degree
51. Delivery boys

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Continent
2. Submissive
3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
4. Sun up in New York
5. Court decision \_\_\_ v. Wade
6. Finish line
7. Young women
8. Hives of activity
9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
10. Eastern U.S. river
11. Popular cooking ingredient
12. Greek mythological princess
14. Scent for men
17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
18. Once more
20. Irate

- 23. Triangular spaces above a door
24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
25. Atomic #58
26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Natural logarithm
30. Talk incessantly
31. Went by
32. Strives
35. Fall back
36. Manila hemp
38. Not easily explained
40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers
41. Mollusk
42. Capital of Togo
43. Letter of Semitic scripts
44. Founder of Babism
45. Indicates near
46. Family of regulator genes
47. Indicates before

Partial crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

# Leader Sports & Nature

## Hatchet harriers kick off season with Bond Falls camp, Alumni Scrimmage

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

BOND FALLS, MICH. – The Tomahawk High School cross country team's 2024 season is now underway.

### Bond Falls camp

The Hatchet runners began the season once again up in Bond Falls, Mich., with the team's cross country camp and Alumni Scrimmage.

Tomahawk had 33 high school student-athletes attend the season-starting cross country camp near Paulding, Mich. This is the 29th annual camp since 1995. Student-athletes exceeded a 30-mile week by running two times daily while bonding and enjoying a variety of camp team-building games and activities.

### Alumni Scrimmage

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Hatchet harriers hosted their 23rd annual Alumni Scrimmage at the entrance to Bradley Park, where the 2024 Hatchets competed against former alumni and local TARA (Tomahawk Area Runners

Association) members. The race takes runners through the main loop of Bradley Park several times and once through the imposing "Hog's Back" trail by Mirror Lake.

Leading the alumni in the 5,000-meter men's event was third-year high school head coach Connor Ahrens in a time of 18:54 (class of 2012-2nd). Other alumni finishers were: middle school head coach Justin Lund (class of 2000-6th), Trey Miller (class of 2020-7th), co-high school assistant coach Jerett Flynn (class of 2019-15th), Owen Dickrell (class of 2024-20th), Anthony Ierulli (class of 2020-21st), Brad Montag (TARA-23rd) and Jacob Miller (class of 2018-24th).

The high school team was led by senior Sam Zastrow's 18:39, first-place finish. Other high school finishers were Beau Stromberg (3rd-19:36), Dominic Boos (4th-20:01), Jeremiah Johnson (5th-20:01), Drew Voermans (8th-21:12), Nathan Rosen-



The Hatchet runners began their season with cross country camp in Bond Falls, Mich.

Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens



On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Hatchet harriers hosted their 23rd annual Alumni Scrimmage at Bradley Park.

meier (9th-21:30), Joe Zastrow (10th-22:23), Dawson Jones (11th-22:24), Luke Morrison (12th-23:05), Mason Riebe (13th-23:34), Will Boneck (14th-23:34), Bruce Peetz (16th-23:56), Karson Hanse (17th-24:02), Elliot O'Connor (18th-24:09), Ryan Montag (19th-24:14), Gerard Gorell (22nd-25:32) and Cayden Shepler (25th-28:15).

Making it through their first high-mileage week of training, the boys high school team handily won the scrimmage against the alumni with an unof-

ficial score of 21 to the alumni's 50.

The alumni women's team was led by Charlee Lund (TARA), who took 5th overall with a time of 23:58. Other alumni finishers were Kate Reilly (class of 2022-7th), high school volunteer coach Carmi Pietila Cleary (class of 2003-8th), Meagan Berg (class of 2020-12th), co-assistant high school coach Stephanie Ahrens (class of 2013-17th), Amanda Koshak (class of 2012-18th), Elizabeth Lee (class of 2024-19th), Robin Schmidt (class of 2024-20th), Halle Derleth

(class of 2024-21st), Kambyl Mattke (class of 2024-22nd) and Shirley Derleth (class of 1987-24th).

The high school girls were led by the first female finisher, senior Alli Palmer, who ran the hilly course in a time of 22:38. Other Hatchet finishers were Lydia Shaney (22:57-2nd), Norah Mann (23:38-3rd), Ellie Micke (23:46-4th), Faith Derleth (25:43-6th), Elizabeth Arnett (26:38-9th), Abbie Rosenmeier (26:41-10th), Reese Molitor (27:04-11th), Reagan Gorell (28:33-13th), Jennie Frederickson

(28:50-14th), Aliyah Nelson (28:54-15th), Abi Micke (31:28-16th) and Summer Gaedtke (34:35-23rd).

The high school girls yet again dominated their alumni competitors with a score of 16 points, compared to the alumni's 49, increasing the girls' high school victories over the alumni to nine years in a row since 2016.

### Rhinelanders

The Hatchets began the season with their first official invite on Thursday, Aug. 29, at Rhinelanders.

## Fishing Report: With summer winding down, anglers get lakes back for fall season

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – As we head towards fall, we are seeing some of the change that will grow on us into September. We now see some colored ferns on the roadways, a hint of color in some trees. We always look forward to the prettiest season of the year, as it also produces some of the best fishing of the year.

There is usually an edge to the early morning air now, even on warm days. Weeds are now starting to die in the shallows, and water temps have really been up and down in the last couple of weeks. We've seen both upper 70s and upper 60s. So, as has been the case, temps will depend greatly on what the weather has been like for the two or three days before you fish. Look for the deepest green weeds you can find. Panfish are using these weeds for cover, as are the walleye and northern. With schools starting, there is much less water

traffic now, and the anglers get the lakes back for the fall season – to their delight.

Walleye fishing has been slow recently, especially on the Eagle River chain. Again, you should be looking for the deepest green weeds you can locate. Jigs and minnows or leeches are working. Evenings are best, especially on the clear water, deeper lakes, where you should also fish the deeper weed edges. As we've mentioned many times since spring, Keitech paddle tail plastics have been a favorite this year and continue to bring success – when you find the fish.

Bass fishing has been much better than the walleye in the last week or so, with both largemouth and smallies hitting very well. The largemouth are deeper on many lakes now, and plastics are working well on the clear lakes off the weeds and structure. Some big largemouth have been caught on

both wacky worms and frogs. Smallies have also been hitting, as they have moved a little shallower. Plastics are also working nicely for these guys. We have even been catching some of these fish in the weeds near rocks.

Northern pike are moving in the weeds, as usual, and hitting on any bright, flashy lures thrown in the weeds. For live bait, use bigger sucker minnows under slip bobbers for very good results.

Musky action has remained surprisingly good, especially on both the Eagle River and the Three Lakes Chains. The last week, we've seen some nice fish being caught in the area, and in very good numbers also. We've heard from anglers that got frustrated with walleye and switched to musky – and had more success catching the musky! The weeds have been holding a lot of fish, and the action has been consistently good on smaller

bucktails and smaller surface baits. We are also seeing some fish suspended – but they're all seemingly hungry! Evenings have been very active for musky – and it's also quieter on the water.

Panfish action has been ok, with the bluegills hitting well in the weeds. Waxies and worms are working on all lakes for these fish. Move around, and use bigger bait to catch the bigger fish. Crappie action has been good, with the crappies spread out from shallow water to the holes on the Chain. Small jigs have worked well, such as Mini Mites or tube jigs. Perch have also been in the deeper weeds and are getting them on leeches or fathead minnows.

We're looking forward to some of the best fishing of the year coming up here, along with the beautiful fall colors we all love so much. Enjoy!

Good luck and good fishin'!

### TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 198

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@mmlocal.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 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?

Week 197 answer: During the 1979-80 wrestling season, Bob Postl got a 10-second pin in his match against Crandon.

Congrats to Linda Herber for being the first to correctly answer last week's question!

Week 198 question: During the 1979-80 THS wrestling season, Steve Postl defeated Bruce Nelson 4-1. Where was Nelson from: Bruce, Northwestern or Ladysmith?

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# Athletes of the Week



Norah Mann – “Drive and preparation are key ingredients to becoming a great athlete; these are two traits that encompass Norah Mann. The sophomore has worked extremely hard in the offseason to continue her push towards being a vital component of the girls’ varsity squad this fall. Clear evidence was occurring last track season, and even more so was running over two minutes faster this year in the annual Alumni Scrimmage than what she ran in 2023. Her intensity has also been an immense factor in her distance running progression, and the epitome of never being satisfied with where she is at has only continued this constant improvement. The coaching staff certainly believes Norah will be a key element of the Lady Hatchets this season.” **Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens**



Sam Zastrow – “The quiet, stalwart senior captain kicked off his final season of cross country with a first-place finish at the Alumni Scrimmage in a time of 18:39. Sam went about his business this summer, completing the necessary mileage to establish another strong base coming into the fall. Leading the team by example through Bond Falls cross country camp and leading his teammates through the hilly Alumni course has given everyone a small preview of what this season may look like for him. A varsity runner since his freshman year, the coaching staff believes Sam is due for a massive breakout season. Sam has shown great mental and physical strength; now the season’s races will come down to execution and grit – two athletic aspects that Sam has the capability to master.”

## UNPACKING History



The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with The Press Times, published by Multi Media Channels (MMC). The Packers squad was photographed one morning in 1932 as they boarded a Northwestern train for Milwaukee to face the New York Giants. Pictured, front row, from left: Clarke Hinkle, Bob Monnett, Milt Gantenbein, Roger Grove and Buckets Goldenberg; second row: Curly Lambeau, Johnny Blood, Norm Greeney, Lom Evans, Clyde Van Sickle, Jesse Quatse, Arnie Herber, Art Bultman, Hank Bruder, Cal Hubbard and Ben Smith; third row: George Calhoun, Les Peterson, Al Young, Buster Mott; back row: Al Sarafiny, Al Rose, Rudy Comstock, Lavvie Dilweg, Herdis McCrary, Mike Michalske and Wuert Englemann. Pictured is a 1940 Packers team mini-football with player signatures and a doodle by “Charley Schultz.” Charles Schultz was a right tackle for the 1940 Packers and played for the University of Minnesota before getting drafted by the Packers in the 1939 NFL Draft. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit [www.packershofandtours.com](http://www.packershofandtours.com). MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

Photo courtesy of the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame

## New online tool for analyzing water quality of lakes, streams now available

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last week announced the release of the Wisconsin Water Explorer, a web-

based tool that can help Wisconsin residents address concerns about the quality of water in their local lakes or rivers.

The tool is available

**Water Quality**

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Sept. 7	10:21AM	2:31AM	8:14PM	2:52PM
Sept. 8	11:28AM	3:14AM	8:37PM	3:37PM
Sept. 9	12:37PM	4:00AM	9:06PM	4:25PM
Sept. 10	1:45PM	4:50AM	9:44PM	5:17PM
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Solunar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is October 2.

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# Natural Connections: Spilled Pennies

BY EMILY M. STONE  
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"You're in charge, Keir," said Mary Ann Feist, a curator from the Wisconsin State Herbarium and organizer of the Peatland Field Course. "Ok, then I'm just going to walk in until I can't stand it anymore," replied Keir Wefferling, a botanist from UW-Green Bay. He began picking his way over the gnarled trunks of fallen cedars and around black pools of unknown depth. We, a group of about 20 professional and amateur botanists, followed him gingerly into the dark forest, not knowing what to expect.

After only about 20 feet, Keir called out, "I can't stand it! There's incredible diversity right here, we have to stop!" We all gathered in a loose circle, shifting our feet to find solid ground among hummocks of rotten and less-rotten wood and mysterious wet hollows. Each of these surfaces was plush with a carpet of moss.

Keir, who specializes in moss, passed around tuft after tuft of green Dr. Seussian inventions. The scientific names he gave with each sample slipped through my brain in a fog of unspellable syllables. I admired each one eagerly, though, in awe of the kaleidoscope of leaf shapes, textures, patterns, and colors.

I was crouched down, ad-



Keir Wefferling, botanist and curator from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, center, explains moss diversity to a group in the middle of a white cedar swamp. **Photos by Emily Stone**

miring the round, glistening leaves of a unique moss sprinkled in a thick jumble across a small bowl between cedar roots, when Keir finally spoke words I recognized. "And here's some spilled penny moss..." I couldn't even see the specimen he held up, but I knew he'd just named my lovely, shiny friend.

A few minutes later, from a different wet spot, Keir lifted another moss with a fun common name: drowned kitten moss. The scientific name of this one is *Sphagnum cuspidatum*, he lectured. The sphagnum part is easy for me to remember, because sphagnum mosses are common in bogs and fens. They have a particular look about them, with a fuzzy head of compact leaves, and then a long stem with drooping leaves. When they are all packed together in a mat, they look quite soft and inviting.

Except for drowned kitten moss. They grow in the lowest, wettest spots and look as bedraggled as their name suggests, especially when you lift them out of the water. Sad as they may appear, this is their preferred habitat – their happy place, if you will – with just the right mix of water, acid, nutrients, sun, and shade. Their dust-like, windborne spores allow them to grow in wet spots around the world. They are found in Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Colombia, and the Northeastern United States.

It took a while for the group to make our way back out of this Northern Wisconsin cedar swamp. Northern white cedars grow where cold, clean groundwater flows horizontally near the soil surface, and plants often create quite a thicket. The trees have the advantage of



Spilled penny moss has distinctive round leaves. We found this beauty growing in a shallow pool of water under cedar trees.

not needing to travel through their own tangled habitat. We all held up forearms to guard our eyes against sharp twigs; several people put a leg through a rotting log; others cautiously found different routes; and then there were the mosses, and flowers, and shrubs, and spiders, and bumblebees, to distract us, too!

After supper, lovingly prepared by a team of Cable Natural History Museum volunteers, and served at the Gatehouse at the Forest Lodge Educational Campus where the course was based, we gathered in the Great Hall to look more closely at the moss samples collected from our field sites.

Keir used a razor blade to cut tiny slices of moss leaves, then placed them onto a microscope slide. Once he brought the specimen into focus, I removed the microscope's eyepiece and replaced

it with a tiny camera hooked up to my computer. Instantly, the delicate line of leaf cells Keir had been looking at popped up on the big screen at the front of the room. We gasped in awe at the delicate beauty.

A chain of clear, round cells was strung on a thread of green. The clear cells were dead, and their job was to soak up water. The green cells were full of chloroplasts, the photosynthesizing, sugar-producing organs of the mosses.

We oohed and ahhed at the macramé-like patterns of moss cells illuminated on the screen. For one species, we zoomed and zoomed in again with the microscope until we could see that the cell walls were lined with tiny protrusions, like goosebumps on your skin.

The interconnected mesh of moss cells was reminiscent of the bigger ecological

web that these little beings inhabit. The glacial history shaped the landscape; our current cool, wet climate provides the water; and the cedar trees protect the mosses with their deep shade. Pools of water in between the cedars' roots shape an even smaller landscape and microclimate.

Sometimes, the mind-boggling diversity of our world makes my brain feel a little like a drowned kitten. More often I feel like I've discovered a world glittering with uncountable pennies that some giant spilled across the landscape in a colossal bumble, sending the tiny treasures rolling into every nook, cranny, hummock, pool, and inside every leaf of moss. Add up all these spilled pennies, and we find ourselves so surrounded by the wealth of wonder that we can hardly stand it.

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is available to purchase at [www.cablemuseum.org/books](http://www.cablemuseum.org/books) and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum is open with our brand-new exhibit: "Anaamaagon: Under the Snow." Our Summer Calendar of Events is open for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and [www.cablemuseum.org](http://www.cablemuseum.org) to see what we are up to.



Taken in Washburn County, Wisconsin.

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online at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/WEx.html](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/WEx.html).

A release from DNR said answering water quality questions requires sophisticated computer software and extensive datasets.

"The Wisconsin Water Explorer tool makes scientific data analysis accessible to the public by automating the process of finding and analyzing data," DNR stated. "The tool provides insights into current conditions and trends through graphs, maps and automated reports."

DNR said the Wisconsin Water Explorer tool also consolidates several water quality tools into one platform. For example, Citizen Lake Monitoring Network volunteers can now access and share automated annual reports summarizing data from their respective lakes.

Paul Skawinski, statewide educator for the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, said he appreciates the Wisconsin Water Explorer tool's ease of use.

"Both volunteers and staff use Wisconsin Water

Explorer to quickly generate and download PDF reports and graphs to understand how a lake's water quality has changed over time," Skawinski said. "It's very easy to print these files or share them with other interested people around the lake."

The Wisconsin Water Explorer includes an updated version of the Wisconsin Lake Modeling Suite to help non-technicians analyze whether a lake adheres to water quality standards, identify likely sources of pollution and determine the necessary level of improvement for restoration.

Those interested in participating in water quality monitoring in their area are encouraged to join the DNR's Citizen Lake Monitoring Network or Water Action Volunteers or to reach out to their local water quality biologist.

For additional information regarding water quality activities at the DNR, visit the Water Quality Bureau's Surface Water webpage at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/surface-water](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/surface-water).

## DNR urges safe ATV/UTV riding

FOR THE TOMAHAWK  
LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging ATV/UTV enthusiasts to always recreate responsibly when hitting the trails.

"That means staying on designated routes, wearing a helmet and seatbelt and keeping their speed in check," DNR stated.

So far this year, 22 people have been killed in ATV/UTV crashes, according to DNR. Most of them were not wearing seat belts or helmets, and alcohol and speed were also noted as contributing factors.

DNR conservation wardens and county sheriff deputies noted that during this year's Think Smart Before You Start campaign, which occurred from Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 4, many individuals were



The Wisconsin DNR is reminding riders to always wear a helmet, watch speeds and stay on routes designated for ATVs and UTVs. **Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR**

observed not using proper safety equipment.

Anyone under the age of 18 is required by law to wear a helmet on an ATV or UTV, whether they're driving the machine or riding as a passenger. All passengers, regardless of age, must wear a seatbelt when riding in a UTV.

"We are continuing to observe young riders and passengers not wearing the safety equipment required by law," said Lt. Warden Jacob Holsclaw, DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator. "These infractions not only result in citations, but they can also mean the difference between walking

away from an accident or not."

"One of the best things ATV and UTV operators can do to operate safely is to take an online safety course," DNR stated.

A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR's Safety Education webpage at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/safetyEducation](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/safetyEducation).

Wisconsin law requires every operator involved in a crash incident to report the incident without delay to law enforcement officials. In addition, within ten days of the incident, the operator must submit a written report to the DNR.

For more information on ATV and UTV recreation in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's ATV/UTV Riding in Wisconsin webpage at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/atv).

## WALK

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uniting us in a shared purpose. Every step we take brings us closer to a world without Alzheimer's, and together, we can make a lasting impact."

As advancements in Alzheimer's treatments continue, the release said, participants are stepping forward to create a brighter future for families affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"They walk to honor their loved ones battling the disease, those they

have lost and to support future generations," the release stated.

The event starts with the touching Promise Garden ceremony, where walkers carry a colored flower symbolizing their personal connection to the disease.

"The Alzheimer's Association is also excited to share that Jeff Levering, a sportscaster covering the Milwaukee Brewers, will be the Honorary Chair for the 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's supporting all 27 Wisconsin walks," the release stated. "Hav-

ing Jeff Levering as our Honorary Chair brings a sense of unity and hope to our efforts, and his involvement inspires our community to come together in the fight against Alzheimer's."

The release said more than seven million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In Wisconsin, more than 110,000 people are living with the disease and serving as unpaid caregivers. In Oneida County alone, more than 1,315 individuals age 65 and older are living with dementia.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit [www.act.alz.org/rhineland](http://www.act.alz.org/rhineland). Pre-registration is encouraged.

For more information, contact Julie St. Pierre, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 715-352-4091.