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Robert Eisenman and Jeanie Crass were recently recognized for their 20 years of volunteer efforts with the ADRC-CW. Photos courtesy of Katie Denton

20 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer efforts of Crass, Eisenman recognized by ADRC-CW

BY ERIN WELLS
ADRC-CW DIRECTOR OF AGING AND WELLNESS

TOMAHAWK – Retirement can be a time of transition for many: time to travel, be with family, work part time, start a new venture or time to make a positive impact in the community.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW) celebrated two Tomahawk residents who have dedicated 20 years of their retirement to making that difference.

Jeannie Crass and Robert Eisenman started volunteering 20 years ago for programs that at the time were run by the Commission on Aging and are now provided under the ADRC-CW.

When asked how she got started, Crass shared that she retired in 2004 and came to the Tomahawk Senior Center to participate in an exercise class. She saw a friend with an apron and a hairnet and her friend said, “Jeannie, you should be doing this!” So, she did.

Crass has had many roles with the nutrition program throughout the years, but she has always helped in the

kitchen, including packaging meals for the Meals on Wheels program.

After retirement, Robert Eisenman started volunteering for Meals on Wheels because his brother, Mark, was a volunteer driver. He decided that he could help as well.

Eisenman delivers Meals on Wheels to older adults who struggle to get out, grocery shop and prepare meals.

The ADRC-CW Meals on Wheels program serves approximately 250 meals to older adults Monday through Friday. Meals are picked up and a route can take an hour to 1.5 hours.

What has kept them coming back for 20 years?

Crass shared that it is the friendships and the people. She is a people person and enjoys helping others. People and food are a natural fit for Crass and she laughs that “food is a way that I show my love!”

Eisenman also comes back because of the people. Throughout his life, Eisenman shared that he could be a bit of a loner at times, but volunteering for Meals on Wheels was an opportunity to help others and that connection to the customers has

kept him coming back.

“People really look forward to seeing you when you arrive with the meal,” Eisenman said.

Both Crass and Eisenman have made and continue to make a positive impact on those around them – with meals, smiles and showing others that they care.

“We are extremely grateful for Jeannie, Robert and all our volunteers,” said Heather Rigney, Nutrition Site Manager with the ADRC-CW. “Without our volunteers, we couldn’t achieve even a fraction of what we do in the Tomahawk area.”

Thank you to both Jeannie Crass and Robert Eisenman for the gift of your time and skills over the last 20 years and counting!

As cold weather sets in, the ADRC-CW has seen an influx of new Meals on Wheels customers. If you are interested in learning more about the programs or volunteering to help with meal packaging, serving meals at the dining site or delivering meals throughout the community, please contact the ADRC-CW at 888-486-9545, visit www.adrc-cw.org or email adrc@adrc-cw.org.



On Tuesday, Oct. 15, Milestone Senior Living residents Dorothy and Wayne Kramer celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with family and Milestone friends. Photos courtesy of Julie Thompson



Fall Fest



Tomahawk Main Street Inc. hosted its annual Fall Fest in downtown Tomahawk on Saturday, Oct. 26. The event featured family activities, trick-or-treating at downtown businesses, pumpkin decorating, wand making, a magic show, balloon twisting, Halloween games, cookie decorating, a blow-up slide and more. **Photos courtesy of Jennifer Turkiewicz**



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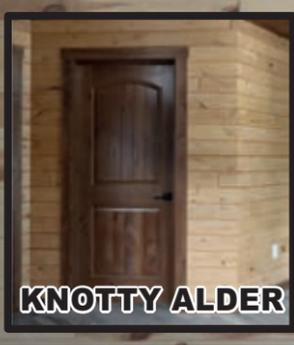
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Maureen M. Newborg, age 85, of Tomahawk, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, surrounded by her family, at Riverview Health Services under the care of Moments Hospice. Maureen was born in Tomahawk to the late Charles and Hilga (Kall) O'Rourke on June 1, 1939. She was married to Norman Newborg on Aug. 21, 1958; he passed away on Jan. 31, 1997.

Maureen was a 1957 graduate of the Tomahawk High School. After high school, she entered the workforce where she was the produce manager at various grocery stores including Kall's IGA, Jack's Super, and Lee & Jan's. Maureen was an avid Wisconsin sports fan, following her favorite teams, the Brewers, Packers, and Badgers. She enjoyed her visits to the casino and loved shopping. In her younger years, she spent time bowling and playing golf. Maureen cared deeply for the many dogs she owned during her life, especially her Labradoodle, Bailey.

Survivors include her daughter, Dana (Jason) Thompson; her grandchildren, Dustyn (Holly) DuPlayee, and Jayleigh Thompson (fiancé Dawson Scholz); her great-granddaughter, Adelaide DuPlayee; the Sundquist family, Lynne, Terri (Bob), David (Adrienne - and their daughter, Eva), and Mike (Jenna), who became her family and she loved them as such; her very special friends, LouAnn, Jane, and Sharon; along with extended relatives and friends.

Maureen was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Hilga; her husband, Norm; her brother, Donald (Rona) O'Rourke; and her nephew, Dan Newborg.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Aspirus Tomahawk, NP Fidelis, Dr. McCool, the staff at Riverview Health Services, and the nurses with Moments Hospice, Kelly, Cassie, and Holly. Lastly, thank you to Lynne...her selfless dedication and love in taking care of both Norm and Maureen has made a significant impact in our lives.

The family will hold a private celebration of life gathering at a later date.

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



Mary Jane Schoen Leder of Gleason, aged 92, passed away October 26, 2024 at Pride TLC in Weston while under the care of St. Croix Hospice services. We are grateful for the Medicare safety net, the staff at Pride TLC, and the comforting care provided by nurses of St. Croix Hospice service.

Mary was the third child of Leonhard and Amanda (Grosskopf) Schoen of Caroline WI, she had two older sisters, and three younger brothers. Born on March second 1932, she took great pleasure trying to confuse medical receptionists by stating 32 - 32 when asked her birthdate.

Mary graduated from Marion High School in 1950, and subsequently worked briefly in Wausau as an insurance filing clerk.

She married Herb Leder, November 12, 1955 and moved to the Milwaukee area where Herb worked as a carpenter. They moved back to Herb's hometown, Gleason, in the early 60's to accommodate Herb's maple syrup passion with five children under 8 years old in tow. Two more children were added to the family after the death of daughter Debra in December 1966 as the result of a car accident returning home from church.

Mary was a member of the SDA Church, attending regularly with her brood in tow. She was a kind, caring, nurturing mother who was an amazing cook and homemaker. She canned countless fruits and vegetables, as well as made all sorts of jelly and jam from the berries Herb picked in the wilds around Gleason. Additionally, every spring Mary would cook lunch meals for Herb's maple syrup crew of 6 to 10 men. Not liking commercially made bread, she baked bread for the family, even while she had all those little ones under foot. We estimate that she made over 35k loaves of bread, baking past her 90th birthday.

Mary was an avid reader, as a child if she was unaccounted for, her mother would usually find her somewhere with her nose in a book. Two of her favorite subjects were flowers and birds, so it's not surprising she relished reading Birds and Blooms. Mary enjoyed watching the birds at her feeder. She was quite vigilant about protecting the birdseed for the birds, shooting any squirrels that attempted to steal the seed. Her initial weapon was a .22, which was replaced by a .410 shotgun after she shot through the wall of the garage and broke a couple of syrup bottles. That incident did not instill much caution, as she later shot out the kitchen window with the shotgun. She had a green thumb, nurturing many houseplants and flowerbeds about her home.

Mary is survived by her brother Dennis "Tater" Schoen; son, David (Laurel) Leder; son, Robert (Penny) Leder; daughter, Nancy (Richard) Camara; son, Mark Leder; son, Karl (April) Leder; daughter, Carol (Keith) Acker; 11 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter Debra Leder; sisters, Jeanette Bielke and Joyce Strelow; husband, Herbert Leder; her beloved Boston Terrier "Korky"; and brothers; Jerome and William Schoen.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service Monday, November 25, 2024, at the Shepherds House Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 223900 Co Rd KK, Wausau, WI. Visitation will be from 9am to 11am, with a service and meal to follow. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Audubon Society.



Jeannette Barbara Longtin Hodge Gregory, born on September 6, 1924, in Tripoli, Wisconsin to Alfred and Minnie Longtin, passed away peacefully on October 26th in Louisville, Colorado, leaving behind a legacy of love and resilience. She lived a vibrant life across several states, including Illinois, Florida, and Wisconsin where she created lasting memories with family and friends.

Jeannette was preceded in death by her twelve siblings and her beloved husbands, Chris Hodge and Donald Gregory. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Rohn Abbott; special friend Robert Kangas; grandchildren Bruce Abbott and Jeannette Torrents; great-grandchildren Marc and Emma Torrents; and many dear nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Jeannette was proud to have served as a Girl Scout leader, instilling a love of the outdoors and adventure in young girls. She had a passion for dancing, often bringing joy and laughter to gatherings with her tapping toes and infectious smile.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date, where those who loved her can come together to share stories and honor her memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice in Jeannette's name, reflecting her compassionate spirit and love for giving.

Rest in peace, dear Jeannette. Your love and joyful spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know you.



Douglas L. Keintz, 67, of High Peak Rd., Rhinelander, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 26, 2024 at his home.

Doug was born June 30, 1957 in Tomahawk to Doc and Lucille (Deering) Keintz. He attended Tomahawk Schools and following graduation he went to work for Exxon of America as a site manager in mineral exploration. He later worked for Noranda and following retirement he worked for A1 Septic.

Doug enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling and was an avid Wisconsin sports fan. Doug was an incredibly organized person and enjoyed his alone time. Doug Keintz is survived by his brother, Steve (Marty) Keintz, Tomahawk; two nieces, Megan Keintz, Tomahawk; and Mackenzie (Ben) Keintz, of Omaha, Neb. He is further survived by his aunt, Jan Nelson, Tomahawk and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marshall Keintz.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held at a later date. Krueger Nimsgerm Funeral and Cremation Service is assisting the family. You may view the obituary and share condolences and memories at www.nimsgermfuneral.com.



Carol Grace Vander Voort, 78, of Tomahawk, passed away Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. Carol was born Feb. 10, 1946 in Tomahawk, the daughter of Hans and Helen (Rzeszutek) Vander Voort.

Carol enjoyed gardening, crafting, and most of all her dogs. Surviving are her sister, Janet Vander Voort, Tomahawk; nieces and nephews, Daniel Crowell, Erin Hester, John Vander Voort, Richard Vander Voort; great nephews, Wyatt Hester and Seth Hester; and very special friends, Bill and Carrie Dalgetty and family.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024 at Tripoli Log Church, Tripoli, with Pastor Don Rhody officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to time of service. Burial to follow at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Harrison.

Krueger-Nimsgerm Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.nimsgermfuneral.com.

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REDUCED: W6595 Hwy 64 & 107, Merrill: Live, play, roam, and hunt all in one spot. This quality-built ranch style home has a great mud room entry and very comfortable living space throughout. The living room is spacious and has a gas fireplace for those chilly days. The entire home has room to stretch in, with over 1700 square feet on the main level. Plenty of kitchen cabinets, built in cabinetry throughout, main floor laundry and a beautiful sunroom that you will love. The basement is partially finished with a family room and office. With a two-car attached garage, plus huge workshop/garage, insulated and heated in the back yard. The 40 acres is mostly wooded, and a man-made pond brings in the critters. Come take a look. **\$389,900**

REDUCED: W8844 Hwy 47 Antigo: Look at this totally updated country home in Antigo, WI. The main level features a large living room with plenty of natural light, perfect for entertaining, and an open concept kitchen and dining room. Enjoy your primary suite with an updated bathroom including a tile shower and a walk-in closet. The main bathroom even has a tile floor and shower. This home also offers a spacious 2-car garage on a 2-acre lot. A brand-new roof was also just installed. This property will have a new survey, it's part of a new split. **\$199,900**

REDUCED: 101 N Park St, Merrill: This could be anything: a single family, a duplex, or a 3 unit. Currently has a 2 bedroom unit on the main floor, and 2 one bedroom unit upstairs. Interior needs remodeling but this one has a newer roof, and vinyl siding. Nice parking off alley and ready for your handyman ideas. **\$84,900**

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Nov. 13	4:13AM	9:24AM	3:22PM	9:51PM

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Veterans Day facts

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

UNITED STATES – Each November, individuals across the United States gather to remember and honor the brave men and women who devoted their lives to maintaining the freedoms U.S. residents continue to enjoy.

Veterans Day is celebrated on Nov. 11 and pays tribute to all American veterans – including the living and deceased – but especially thanks the living veterans who served honorably during war or peacetime, according to www.history.com.

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was established to commemorate the end of World War I. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day in an effort to recognize all veterans. That name change is just one of many interesting facts about Veterans Day.

Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of the “war to end all wars,” even though the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended World War I, was signed

roughly seven months later on June 28, 1919.

While Veterans Day is an American holiday, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and France also honor the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near Nov. 11. Canada celebrates Remembrance Day, while Britain observes Remembrance Sunday each year on the second Sunday of November.

Data from the Department of Veterans Affairs says there are around 19 million U.S. veterans as of 2021.

Arlington National Cemetery

outside of Washington, D.C., holds an annual memorial service on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. That cemetery is home to the graves of more than 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

Gulf War-era veterans now account for the largest percentage of all U.S. veterans, surpassing the number of Vietnam War-era veterans by almost two million, according to the VA.

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who died in battle or from wounds

suffered in battle. However, Veterans Day honors all of the people who served their country, including both living and deceased veterans.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates women make up approximately 10% of the veteran population. By 2025, that number is expected to climb to 12%.

In 2016, President Barack Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. At 3:11 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) on Veterans Day, a moment of silence is

observed and continues for 120 seconds.

The last living American WWI veteran died in 2011. His name was Frank Buckles.

In 2021, 37% of veterans were age 70 and older, according to Pew Research. An additional 36% of veterans were between the ages of 50 and 69.

The U.S. Census Bureau indicates the percentage of the American population with military experience is on the decline. In 2018, about 7% of U.S. adults were veterans, down from 18% in 1980.

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Trick-or-treaters visit Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill

BY HANNAH DAVIS-REID
WXPR

MERRILL – Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill was busy on Thursday, Oct. 31, as trick-or-treaters collected candy from residents for Halloween.

Diana Zimmerman's father John Sladek is a resident at the nursing home.

"It's such a nice thing that the Pine Crest nursing home does, they open it up and people donate candy throughout the whole community, and then they let it open up for the

kids to come through. It's entertainment for the residents that live here, and then also all the kids can go around collecting candy," she said.

Her father talked about the benefits of trick-or-treating at the nursing home.

"They all could be in one

place. Don't have to worry about them going off by themselves, and you never know what street they're going to go on this way, they're all here. They're watching, they're taken care of, and they get all the candy they want," said Sladek.

One trick or treater explained that her mom works at Pine Crest and every year, she trick-or-treats here with her family.

"I'm dressed up as a clown," she said.

Another trick-or-treater was dressed up as Sully from Monsters Inc.

"We will go to have candy," he explained.

One family was dressed up like the family from the Incredibles, Violet and Jack-Jack included.

"It's been in the community for a while, so we like to come here, especially when it's gross outside," said a trick-or-treater.

Last Thursday night, the temperature was in the 40's



and rainy, so many trick-or-treaters said they were finding respite from the bad weather at Pine Crest.

"We're gonna stop here for our last stop and hopefully get a couple more pieces of candy before we melt in the rain," a trick-or-treater said.

Rose Wendorf is a member of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and brought her therapy dog, dressed as a triceratops, to visit family and trick-or-treat.

"It's a little more crowded than I figured it was going to be," said Wendorf.



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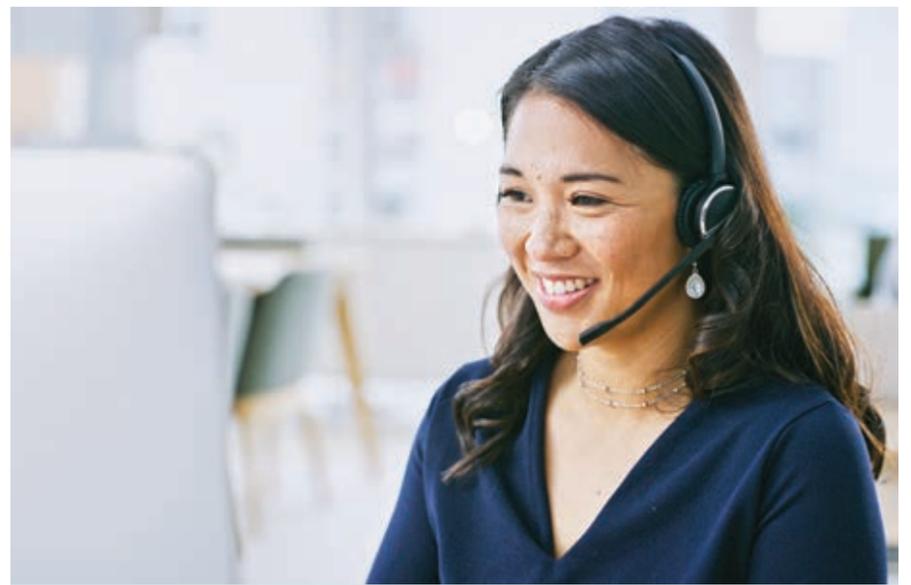
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lincoln County supports Operation Green Light

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans Day, calling on the nation to “solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and

enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.”

Now more than ever, our veterans and their families need our support. That’s why Lincoln County will once again participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans, a national initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our veterans.

Lincoln County will illuminate county buildings in green

throughout the month of November to remind the veterans and their families in our community that we are here for them.

We encourage individuals and businesses to join us by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your home or business to a green bulb. By shining a green light, you let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

While this event is

focused on the week of Veterans Day, we encourage individuals to continue to shine the light year-round.

This Veterans Day, join us in shining a light of hope and support for over 2,000 veterans who call Lincoln County home. Join Operation Green Light, and let’s turn Lincoln County green this Veterans Day.

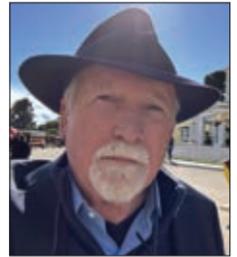
Matthew Pultz
Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Better Half

Dear Reader,

In the first half of life, many people are driven by a desire for achievement, status, and wealth. Their energy is focused outward, fueled by ambition, competition, and the pursuit of tangible rewards. They define success in terms of material gain and recognition from others—feeding the body and self-image, often in a restless quest for more. Their essence becomes intertwined with the identity they construct through aggressive actions and societal expectations.



But as they enter the second half of life, the tide shifts. The outer world, with its demands for money and power, loses its grip. These individuals have achieved much—perhaps too much—and now they begin to hear the quieter call of the soul. It’s a transition from external striving to internal reflection, a shift from “doing” to “being.”

In this phase, the emphasis on material things, titles, and accolades fades. They realize that no matter how much they accumulate, it can never fully satisfy the deeper hunger for meaning and fulfillment. So, they turn inward, seeking to nourish the soul instead of the body, shifting their focus to things of lasting value—relationships, legacy, inner peace, and wisdom.

Like travelers who have returned from an epic journey, they no longer feel the same urge to conquer new territories. Instead, they are content to “be” in the moment, to observe and reflect rather than to push and assert. They are less concerned with leaving a mark on the world, for they have come to understand that true contentment lies not in the chase but in the arrival.

They may still seek adventure, but it’s a different kind—one that nurtures the soul rather than the ego. This phase of life is not about acquiring more, but about letting go, about finding peace in simplicity and embracing the richness of the present moment. The second half of life is about becoming whole, about uniting the outward success with inner serenity. They are no longer climbing the mountain; they are sitting on the summit, taking in the view.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



‘Ghost Story’

The Tomahawk Community Theater (TCT) held its third production, “Ghost Story,” at the Tomahawk High School auditorium late last month. TCT said the production was a “haunting comedy” that was “the perfect play to start off the Halloween season.”

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CITY OF TOMAHAWK Senior Center Director

The City of Tomahawk is accepting applications for a Senior Center Director. A position description can be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 23 North Second Street or on the City’s website (www.cityoftomahawkwi.com). Applications and/or resumes will be accepted through December 9th at 4:00pm or until the position is filled. Applications must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Salary is \$15.00 DOE. Application and/or resume should be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office, PO Box 469 Tomahawk, WI 54487 or emailed to: abartz@tomahawkwi.gov

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confidence building and professional etiquette,” Ahrens stated.

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Jesus: “For I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me.” Matthew 25: 43

I visited a friend yesterday. Her name is Leah (not her real name). She has lived in a group home for adults most of her life. Her mother, who died in 2015, was my best friend. Since then I have tried to care for Leah as best as I could. I use to be able to take her out, but I can’t any longer because she is confined to a wheelchair. She lives in a group home nearby with three other women.

I found her in good spirits, but she was upset because I couldn’t take her out. Leah has down syndrome. The other women ignore her. They don’t eat together, and Leah misses her friends at her former group home. She had hip replacement surgery a year ago and spent over 6 months in rehab at a nursing care facility. She was placed in a memory care unit because she doesn’t speak well. There too she was alone with no friends.

Now Leah has always been a social person. She loved to laugh and dance. She loved music and art. I saved stickers for her to paste, and she used to be eager to draw and color. She doesn’t know why she cannot go out. She is a three year old in a 57 year old body. It hurts to see her confined to a wheelchair overweight and without social interactions.

So why am I telling you about my friend? There are thousands of group homes across the country, and even more men and women like Leah. Parents who have a handicapped child find it overwhelming to care for their handicap children and find the help they need through government assisted programs. Some of them have learning disabilities and cannot go to a regular school. Most are non verbal. They cannot read or write. Some have no family and others can go home for holidays. Leah has no family.

Jesus was concerned about those who are forgotten. He told his listeners that if you visit others, you visit me. If you feed the hungry and clothe the poor, you feed and clothe me.

Sometimes we do forget. Many of us have a relative or a friend in a group home or nursing facility or in prison. We pray for them, think of them, and on occasion visit them. That is a good thing. It’s good because Jesus said it was good. We are his replacement. We are acting in his place. We are all he has..

But on further thought...it seems we are all forgotten from time to time. We all feel lonely, needy, forlorn and depressed from time to time. We all need social interaction. We all need someone to talk to. We all can use a friendly face, a cup of coffee or encouragement.

There are many elderly in this community that live alone, who are not confined to a senior housing facility who could use a meal or a goodwill visit. Many have lost their spouses or have no grown children nearby. Some need rides or groceries or other help.

Let us remember the words of our Savior who watches over the poor and needy. He asks us, His disciples, to act on His behalf. He is watching over us. Who is that someone in your life? Let them not be forgotten.



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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Atlas Michael, was born to Emily Richards Londo and Calvin Londo, Tomahawk, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024. He was born at 12:34 p.m., weighed six pounds, 8.4 ounces and was 19.25 inches long.

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 Thursday, October 31, was *Reformation Day*. I suppose you wonder, *What is Reformation Day, and what is that about?*

On October 31, 1517, a Roman Catholic monk named Martin Luther, nailed his 95 theses document to the front door of the *All Saints’ Church* of Wittenberg, Germany. He listed some Catholic doctrines he felt were unscriptural – he wanted to reform the church to a more Bible based foundation. His attempt to reform was rejected by the Roman Catholic Church, which resulted in the Reformation and new Christian denominations. There were five doctrines that marked the movement: 1) the *Bible is the sole authority* for Christian faith, doctrine, and practice; 2) salvation is a *gift of the grace of God* and not a reward for human merit; 3) salvation is found *only through faith in Jesus Christ* and not in religious works; 4) salvation is found *only in Christ* and what He did for us on the cross; and 5) salvation is *solely a work of God for His glory and purpose*. The Reformation not only affected western civilization religiously, but also socially in two ways.

First, the Reformation affected the political scene, promoting democratic reforms in the countries that embraced the Reformation. Where before there were *absolute monarchies* (the king made all the laws), there arose monarchies limited by a constitution of sorts, who shared their power with an elected legislature (parliament). The more extreme form of democracy was established in Geneva, Switzerland, under the guidance of the reformer, John Calvin, in 1541. There, they developed a democratic republic with regular elections of its leaders, based on the clear teachings of the Bible about human nature.

In 1787 when America was writing our constitution, James Madison and the delegates of Virgin put forth the *Virginia Plan*, which was essentially the democratic republic John Calvin established in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1541. This plan was adjusted with the *Connecticut Compromise*, which divided the legislature into the Senate and the House of Representatives. Our government a the result of the Reformation.

Second, the Reformation saw the development of modern science. Before the Reformation, science was rooted in philosophy going back to the Greek philosopher, Aristotle (384-322 B.C.). Based on the Bible’s clear teachings on human nature, science was removed from the realm of philosophy to the development of the *scientific method*: 1) observe, 2) theorize, then 3) try to disprove or prove the theory through experimentation. This changed and greatly advanced western science to where we are today.

The Bible’s teaching on human nature that encouraged these changes in science and politics will have to wait until next week.

Pastor Charles Scheele
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF TOMAHAWK, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Tomahawk, a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the **PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET** of the Town of Tomahawk, Lincoln County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the town clerk's home by appointment. Telephone 715- 254-4651.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF TOMAHAWK, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024, Immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 budget which begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Tomahawk, a special meeting of electors is called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes by the Town Board for the following purposes will be held:

1. To approve the total 2025 highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of Wisconsin Statutes.
2. To adopt the 2024 Town Tax levy to be paid in 2025 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The monthly town meeting will be held following the above-mentioned items being completed.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2024.
Jesse Hoffman, Clerk

Published October 30, November 6, 2024

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDER'S PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY

LINCOLN COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN OCTOBER 31, 2024

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Department, Merrill, WI will accept completed Bidder's Proof of Responsibility forms for construction projects to be performed in 2025, 2026, and 2027 at the Lincoln County Sanitary Landfill (LCSL), Merrill, WI.

The completion of the Statement of Bidder's Proof of Responsibility form is **required** prior to submitting a bid for future construction work at the LCSL. Project bids submitted for new construction projects without previous submittal of the Bidder's Proof of Responsibility Form **and** notification of successful standing will be rejected from consideration.

The type of work to be performed generally consists of the following:

- Clearing and grubbing.
- Landfill subbase excavation.
- Landfill clay borrow excavation and transportation.
- Landfill subbase grade stabilization.
- Landfill compacted clay liner construction.
- Landfill geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) installation.
- Landfill geomembrane installation.
- Landfill leachate collection/management system.
- Manhole construction.
- Landfill select granular fill installation.
- Landfill piping and submersible pump installation.
- Sedimentation basin/outlet structure construction.
- Electrical resistivity testing for landfill construction.
- Support of electrical resistivity testing subcontractor for landfill construction.
- Landfill gas management system (extraction wells, header & lateral piping, blower, condensate management features)
- Installation of erosion stormwater control products for landfill construction.
- Waste excavation.
- Soil excavation and hauling.
- Perimeter ditch reconstruction.

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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NOTICE OF 2025 BUDGET HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF NOKOMIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 65.90(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes that on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. the Town Board of the Town of Nokomis will meet at the Nokomis Town Hall for the purpose of hearing any citizen or taxpayer on the proposed town budget for 2025. The public has a right to provide written and/or oral comments on the entire budget. A summary of the proposed budget is published herewith and copies of the complete proposed budget in detail are available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk in the Town Hall in the Town of Nokomis, Wisconsin from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and second Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to 10:00 a.m.

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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Leader Sports & Nature

Lady Hatchet runners wrap up season at State meet

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – On Saturday, Nov. 2, the Tomahawk High School varsity girls' cross country team headed south to Wisconsin Rapids to compete at the WIAA Division II State Cross Country Meet.

This marked the 50th year of WIAA girls cross country. Since 1975, the Tomahawk girls have competed as a team at the state meet 25 times, the sixth most state qualifications of any Wisconsin school.

This particular state meet was a cold, but sunny day that saw a total of the 16 best Division II teams in the state compete against the Hatchets for the WIAA State Championship. The Division II race included two of the fastest runners in the entire state, including Divisions I & III, as Emerson Drobac of Deerfield/Cambridge ran the course in 17:38 and Ciara Hartman of Bloomer covered the course in 17:43.

The Division II race kicked off at 12:40 p.m. The primary objective of the girls' team was to get out early in the race and push themselves while also experiencing the course for the first time. The girls did just that, and in the first mile of the highly competitive race, they were in 13th place. After the mile, however, the girls dropped placement and remained in 15th for the rest of the race.

The Lady Hatchets scored 315 points, finishing ahead of Prescott. Leading the team with an exceptional time on the challenging course was senior Alli Palmer, taking 66th in a time of 20:42 in her final high school cross country race of her career.

Unfortunately for the girls, there was a sizable gap between Alli and the rest of the team, which led to the lower placement, but nonetheless, the girls banded together and finished with a good pack

running effort. The pack included sophomore Elise Gibeault with a seasonal best time of 21:39 for 103rd, sophomore Abbie Rosenmeier with a time of 21:42 for 108th, freshman Ellie Micke in a time of 21:45 for 111th and junior Lydia Shaney in a time of 21:53 for 115th.

Rounding out the girls' great effort were sophomore Norah Mann in a time of 23:04 for 137th and junior Faith Derleth with a time of 23:57 in 146th.

There were 151 runners in the girls' race, with finishing team results as follows: University School of Milwaukee-60, Bloomer-80, Mount Horeb-108, Lancaster-138, New Berlin Eisenhower-158, Little Chute-163, Kiel-212, Saint Croix Central-223, Shorewood-237, Watertown Luther Prep-237, West Salem-275, Berline-290, Shawano Community-294, New Berlin West-300, Tomahawk-317, Prescott-349.

Other Great Northern Conference performances included the Rhinelander boys taking 14th in the boys' Division II race. Antigo's Lillian L'Esperance took 53rd in a time of 20:26. Medford's Lindsay Kahn took 69th in a time of 20:43. Lakeland sent two individuals, with Stella Meza taking 77th (20:54) and Ashton Bremer taking 34th (16:57).

"The girls ran the game plan and got to experience the state course," said coach Connor Ahrens. "Though we anticipate our girls' team to continue to improve for next year, this state appearance should not be taken for granted. Even though this was the Tomahawk girls' 25th state appearance in school history, the stiff competition at the state meet clearly showcased just how much running talent there is in the state of Wisconsin."

"This is the first time Tomahawk has qualified a state team since 2019, so it was great to be back at



Photos courtesy of Connor Ahrens



the state meet with a talented group of girls who raced their hearts out," said coach Steph Ahrens. "We greatly look forward to what the future has in store for this group."

"With the end of the state meet, this wraps up the 2024 Tomahawk cross country season," said coach Connor Ahrens.

"The team and coaching staff would like to thank the entirety of the school staff, parents and community for their support. The team's success is a result of so many supportive and helping hands throughout their journey, and we couldn't have had the success we did without all of your help. Thank you!"



Fishing Report: One last push for fall

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – As fall continues, the days are shortening quickly, and we can start to feel the approaching winter – albeit with some strangely warm days and nights mixed in.

Evening fishing time is almost a thing of the past. Water temps are dropping despite the warm days, and color is basically done up here. Hunters are happy with the improved sight lines in the woods. We are sincerely hoping for a cold and snowy winter up here!

Walleye fishing is as good and the fishing on the Chain is great now. The fish are moving to the holes and deeper water for the winter now. You'll be able to find them on your electronics in each hole. Jigs and minnows

are the way to go for the rest of the fall. We also know of some anglers who have had success jigging Rapalas in the holes. Large fatheads are best, or bigger sucker minnows if you're going for size. On the bigger lakes, the fish are also in deeper water off the breaks. Use 1/8 ounce jigs, unless the wind forces you to go bigger to keep in touch with the bottom. The fish in these lakes will be either on deeper rock bars or off the breaks in water as deep as 35 feet.

Panfish action is getting good for crappies on the Chain right now, as the crappies start to school in the holes. They are hitting minnows or those smaller Rapala jigging minnows with abandon in those holes, and are tightly schooled. This is a great

pattern for those anglers willing to panfish at this time of year. Some perch are also being caught in the weeds on minnows.

Bass fishing is slowing now, and very few anglers are even trying for large-mouth. Smallies are still hitting in deeper water on Ned Rigs or jigs and minnows. Look for deeper hard bottom areas for these fish. On clear water lakes you can get them as deep as 30 feet.

Northerns are hitting everywhere, with some concentration in the weeds. They will feed off the weeds in deeper water if the bait fish are out there also. Jigs with sucker minnows or pike chubs, or Mepps are the best way to fish these guys.

Musky action has been good, starting from the shallows all the way up to

as deep as you can go. Suckers are working, but we're seeing a ton of action on artificials, too. Jerk baits and divers are leading the pack. These fish are starting to respond to the temperature drop and the change in light, with their annual feeding binge before winter arrives. They're just generally hunting right now for anything that will fill their belly – and this provides the best action of the year for big fish. Suckers are working fine and are not hard to get this year, but there's nothing like casting and getting a hook into a nice, big and feisty fish.

We've got one last push for those monsters through the fall, then time to put the boats away and get ready for ice!

Good luck and good fishin'!

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 207

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 206 question: Where did Jim Olson play basketball after graduating from THS: UW-Superior, Northland College or UW-Stevens Point?

Week 206 answer: Jim Olson played basketball at Northland College.

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



Nokomis Food Pantry donation

Members of the Ozaukee Guzzlers North M.C. recently presented a donation of \$2,500.00 to Bette Stillman with the Nokomis Food Pantry.

Photo courtesy of Scott Honey

News Briefs

Pool tournament to benefit Never Forgotten Honor Flight

A 20-team scotch doubles (man and woman) partner double-elimination pool tournament will be held at VFW Post 2687, Cockatiels and Floyd's Timber Tavern on Saturday, Nov. 9. Half of all registration fees and raffle proceeds will be donated to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Although the tournament is already full of participants, the public is encouraged to attend. Food will also be available for free will donations. Games will start at noon. For more information, contact Misty Bergsrud at 608-780-2290.

Grace Lutheran blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcross-blood.org. A photo ID or a Red Cross ID is required.

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.



Crisis intervention training

Last month, four Lincoln County Sheriff's Office employees attended a 40-hour training course focused on crisis intervention. Deputy Bartch, Telecommunications Officer Spoehr, Deputy Vogel and Sgt. Investigator Orzech each took part in the training, which "taught the skills needed to help those in our community that are experiencing a mental health crisis," the Sheriff's Office said.

Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office



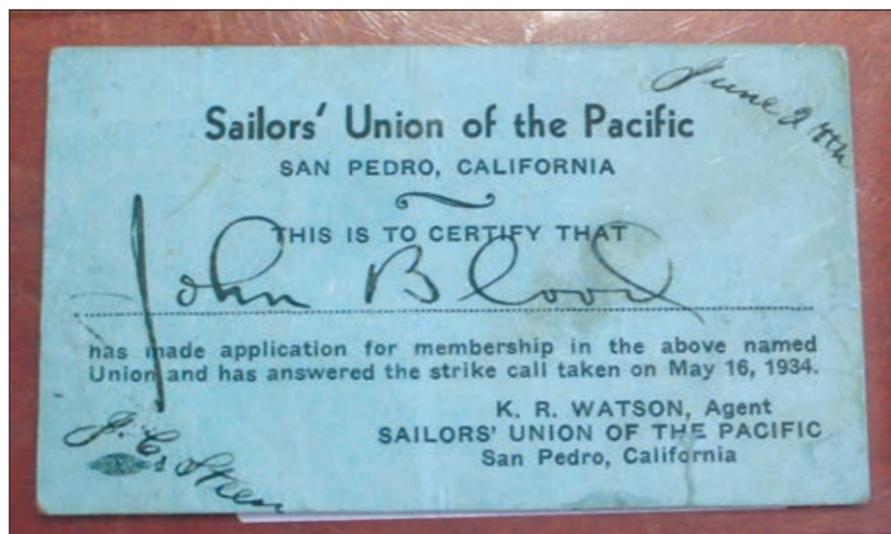
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UNPACKING History



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). Pictured is former Packers player/coach Johnny Blood's Sailors' Union of the Pacific card. A corresponding longshoreman certificate of discharge lists Blood's discharge date as June 26, 1934, in San Francisco, just a little over a week before what became known as "Bloody Thursday," when longshoremen on strike battling over wages and hours clashed with police. The strike led to the unionization of West Coast ports. During the July 5, 1934 clash, hundreds of residents and officers were injured and two people were shot - one died, and the other was wounded in the head. For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. MMC also publishes the Tomahawk Leader.

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More than \$138 million in quarterly transportation aid payments allocated to Wisconsin municipalities

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) last week announced that municipalities across the state received more than \$138 million in the fourth quarter of 2024 for General Transportation Aids, Connecting Highway Aids and Expressway Policing Aids.

For calendar year 2024, local governments will receive more than \$536 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-related projects, according to the release.

The 2023-25 budget signed by Evers provided a 2% increase for general transportation aids for municipalities and counties in both calendar years 2024 and 2025.

A release from Evers's office said the investments in the 2023-25 state budget resulted in the largest amount of funding for the program

in the state's history, and total funding for all local programs makes up almost one-third of the state transportation budget.

General Transportation Aids help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction.

Connecting Highway Aids reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities.

Expressway Policing Aids help the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department with the costs of patrolling expressways within the county.

The fourth quarter payments, made on Monday, Oct. 7, totaled \$138,679,743.01 and included:

- General Transportation Aids – \$134,164,941.83 to local units of government.
- Connecting Highway Aids – \$4,258,826.18 to 116 eligible municipalities.
- Expressway Policing

Aids – \$255,975.00 to Milwaukee County.

The release said Evers has "made fixing Wisconsin's roads a top priority, and the Evers Administration has improved more than 7,400 miles of road and 1,780 bridges since 2019, including over 900 miles of road and over 200 bridges last year alone."

"I'm proud our biennial budgets have consistently made investing in our state's infrastructure a top priority," Evers stated. "Our last state budget made historic investments in bolstering local roads and infrastructure, including for the General Transportation Aids program, as we continue working to ensure our local communities have the resources they need to repair and maintain roads.

Whether it's filling potholes, fixing our rural roads or rebuilding bridges, together with local partners, we're building the safe and reliable transportation infrastructure Wisconsinites

need, expect, and deserve."

"The work we're doing in partnership with local governments to improve local infrastructure is crucial to making our economy work and helping to build a transportation network that serves everyone," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "The first and last mile traveled by our residents, businesses, and industry are essential to robust and resilient transportation infrastructure."

Quarterly payments for cities, villages, and towns are made in four installments on the first Monday in January, April, July, and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25% of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January; 50% on the first Monday in July; and 25% on the first Monday in October.

A complete list of the fourth quarter aid payments is available at www.tinyurl.com/4pkkrw8u.

Local aid data

Municipality	GTA	CHA
Lincoln County	\$312,333.70	
Oneida County	\$278,597.60	
Price County	\$193,871.79	
City of Tomahawk	\$75,663.77	\$10,372.59
City of Merrill	\$220,056.51	\$37,524.05
City of Rhinelander	\$195,157.82	
Town of Birch	\$18,618.94	
Town of Bradley	\$53,893.99	
Town of Cassian	\$61,836.26	
Town of Corning	\$66,320.02	
Town of Harding	\$23,122.82	
Town of Harrison	\$39,848.05	
Town of Hazelhurst	\$34,386.90	
Town of Hill	\$21,557.59	
Town of King	\$23,642.28	
Town of Knox	\$25,517.50	
Town of Little Rice	\$31,502.53	
Town of Lynne	\$55,199.46	
Town of Merrill	\$45,616.79	
Town of Nokomis	\$36,287.03	
Town of Ogema	\$40,032.61	
Town of Pine River	\$44,304.47	
Town of Rock Falls	\$25,617.58	
Town of Russell	\$28,085.03	
Town of Schley	\$36,751.81	
Town of Scott	\$25,874.59	
Town of Skanawan	\$16,246.81	
Town of Somo	\$14,264.66	
Town of Spirit	\$20,805.74	
Town of Tomahawk	\$24,216.42	
Town of Wilson	\$17,115.82	

Data courtesy of WisDOT.

Flu, COVID-19 vaccines available at LCHD Security Health Plan commercial insurance now accepted

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) is continuing to offer regular and high-dose flu vaccines, and Moderna COVID-19 vac-

cines are now available. The flu vaccines are available at LCHD's Walk-In Wednesday clinics, held at LCHD, 607 N. Sales St., Merrill, each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointments are needed.

Supplies of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are limited, according to LCHD. TO schedule an appointment, call LCHD at 715-536-0307 or email LCHHealth@co.lincoln.wi.us.

"Please let us know if special accommodations

are needed," LCHD said. Security Health Plan commercial insurance is now accepted by LCHD. Medicare Part B, Security Health Medicare Advantage and Railroad Retirement are also accepted.

LCHD is unable to bill any other Medicare Advantage Plans, private insurance (Humana, United Health Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield, etc.), or Medical Assistance. "Please bring your insur-

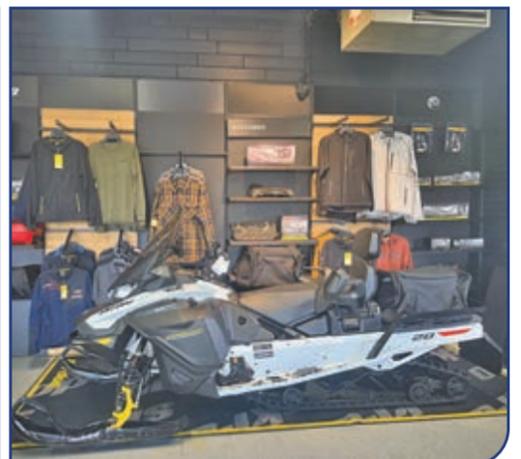
ance card," LCHD stated. "If you don't have these insurance plans, cash, checks or credit cards are accepted." For more information about the flu, COVID-19 or immunizations, contact LCHD.

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