

THS forensics team wraps up season at State competition

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

DEFOREST – The Tomahawk High School (THS) Forensics team wrapped up its season at the 129th annual State competition in DeForest on Friday, April 19.

Coach Michele Balda said the Hatchets returned to Tomahawk with lots of hardware and noted that she and fellow coaches, Nancy Herbison and Shirley Derleth, are very pleased with the team's results.

"Many had their best scores of the season, and the judging at state is always tougher," Balda said. "Participating in public speaking, something so many people rate as a number one fear but is needed even more in this day when most use technology to communicate, and doing so not only in a competition setting, but also for fun, these students have been



Photos courtesy of Michele Balda



Pictured are gold medalists Cedar H., AJ S. and Alena C.

hard at work since early January, practicing weekly with their coaches, as well as on their own amid school work, jobs and other extracurricular activities. We are so proud of them."

Earning perfect scores and gold medals were AJ S., Farrago; Cedar H., Poetry Reading; and Alena C., Prose Reading.

Silver medalists were Aubrey G., Mariah S. and

Kambyl M., Group Interpretive Reading; Sadie R., Payton L. and Jayden D., Group Interpretive Reading; Sarah K., Delilah S., Landon P. and Tamara S., Group Interpretive Read-

ing; Galen S., Prose Reading; and Madeline L., Prose Reading;

Capturing bronze were Arawen A., Izzy L., Trey M., Murphy K. and Xan S., Group Interpretive Read-

ing; Phoebe H., Poetry Reading; Magdalene L., Prose Reading; and Julia M., Radio News Reporting.

"Great performances by all," the coaches said. "Thank you for a great season."

DNR highlighting new regulations ahead of inland fishing season opener

Bag, length limit changes in Lincoln, Price, Vilas, other counties

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding anglers that the 2024-2025 general inland fishing season will open on Saturday, May 4.

Fisheries biologists expect anglers to find success on opening day.

No matter where anglers decide to fish, all Wisconsin residents and nonresidents over the age of 16 are required to purchase a fishing license. Anglers can buy licenses through Go Wild (www.gowild.wi.gov/), the DNR's license portal, or from a license agent.

This year, new fishing regulations (www.tinyurl.com/bde2snyu) are in effect, including a new small tournament registration requirement and a statewide daily

bag limit of three walleye/sauger per day on all inland waters.

There are also bag and length limit changes for fish species in the following counties: Lincoln, Brown, Chippewa, Dane, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iowa, Iron, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Oconto, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, Walworth, Waukesha and Waushara.

The full 2024-2025 hook and line fishing and trout fishing regulations are available online at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations and in print in English, Spanish, Hmong and large print versions.

As anglers head out to their favorite fishing locations, the DNR is reminding them to:

- Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by

removing plants and animals from their boat before and after launching, draining all water from compartments and never moving live fish away from any waterbody.

• To prevent the spread of fish diseases, remove all water, aquatic vegetation and/or mud from fishing equipment before leaving their fishing location. All fishing equipment, including boats, trailers, boots, waders, nets and float tubes, should be thoroughly cleaned and dried completely before being used again.

• Practice responsible catch and release if they are letting their catch go.

• Follow safe boating procedures and always wear a life jacket.

Those looking to fish one of Wisconsin's 13,000 miles of trout streams can use the recently updated Trout Regulations and Opportu-

nities User Tool (TROUT) (www.dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=TROUT) to learn regulations and find locations of DNR fishing easements, public lands and classified trout waters.

For anglers looking for spots with easy access, try one of the several ponds

stocked with catchable trout (www.tinyurl.com/zjxkdpsh) in the area.

With more than 15,000 inland lakes, 42,000 miles of perennial streams and rivers, 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and 260 miles of the Mississippi River, Wisconsin offers anglers of all skill lev-

els a variety of places to cast a line.

Discover new places to fish, launches, fishing locations and other fishing information on the DNR's fishing webpage at (www.tinyurl.com/yc5pnks9) or by contacting your local fisheries biologist.



The 2024-2025 fishing season will open on Saturday, May 4. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, April 22: On 04/16/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of STH 17 and CTH D in the Township of Harrison for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. The R/P indicated that the driver of the vehicle, a Gleason woman, 49, appeared to be intoxicated. It was also reported that she had shallow breathing and a weak pulse. Investigation revealed that the subject was operating on STH 17 when, for unknown reasons, she crossed the center line and entered the ditch on the west side of the highway.

Once in the ditch, she struck a group of trees before hitting a pole. The woman was transported to Aspirus Rhinelander hospital by ambulance. Charges of OWI 1st offense and bail jumping will be submitted to the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office. The extent of her injuries is unknown. On 04/17/2024 deputies were dispatched to an address on Doering Rd. in the Town of Merrill for a domestic dispute. It was reported that a Merrill man, 23, got into a heated argument with his sister, 18, and his mother, 54. According to officers, the dispute

did involve some pushing and shoving, as well as the 23-year-old man punching a hole in his bedroom door. The suspect was arrested for two counts of domestic disorderly conduct. He was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he was turned over to corrections staff. No injuries were reported. Deputies conducted 33 traffic stops and 38 security checks. Deputies responded to one domestic and three car vs. deer crashes. The 911 Center took four hang-up calls and 11 nuisance calls.

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