

— News photo by Ollie Fink

Rusk supervisor loses life in tragic accident

Rusk County's District 18 Supervisor Richard H. Jonas, 55, of New Auburn, died Thursday morning, Oct. 14, 2004 at Sacred Heart Hospital after being struck by a truck while jogging in Eau Claire.

The Eau Claire Police Department reported he was jogging along the 900 block of Short street about 10 a.m. Thursday.

A dump truck exiting a driveway struck him, the police reported.

Jonas had been the owner and operator of Arbor Freight in Eau Claire, for 30 years.

He had built the company, which carries food for customers like Nestle and Land O'Lakes, up to 100 employees and 80 trucks.

Jonas served on the Rusk County Board of Supervisors for 5 years.

He was most recently chairman of zoning, personnel, recy-



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cling, and land information committees.

He also served on the tourism committee.