

# 94-year-old pastor retires, commuted 250 miles each Sunday

BY KATHY TOBIN

TOMAHAWK – To say Pastor John Miskimen, age 94, of First Congregational Church in Tomahawk was a traveling pastor would be an understatement.

For 20 of his nearly 26 years leading the congregation, he traveled approximately 250 miles round trip from Cadott every Sunday morning. That pilgrimage came to a close May 4 as he officially retired.

Special praise and closing music was performed by “The Branches,” which features his wife, Cheryl. The congregation held a special celebration afterwards.

Pastor John had a successful business career in the oil industry with Standard Oil, and upon retiring from that career, he had a calling to enter the ministry. First Congregational Church of Tomahawk (the oldest church in Tomahawk) called him to be their pastor in 1999. Living in Tomahawk at the time, he also served as pastor of the Log Church in Tripoli for many years. He would have an early service in Tripoli and then drive back to Tomahawk for that service. Later he changed the order, concluding the service in Tomahawk and then driving to Tripoli.

The first year or two, he and Cheryl, also a pastor, lived in the home just east of the Congregational church on Washington Ave. They then moved to the home just north of the church, before moving permanently to Cadott in the mid-2000s. It was at that time the lengthy commute began.

Pastor John’s closing message was based on a closer look at the lines of the song, “In the Time That You Gave Me, Did I Do All I Could Give?” and tied them to scripture, telling members of the congregation to

watch for opportunities to share the gospel.

He queried: “In the time that you gave me did I give all I could give? Did I love all I could love? Did I live all I could live? Was my faith in your grace strong enough to save me? Did I do all I could do in the time that you gave me? ... If today is the day you should decide to take me, did I do all I could do in the time that you gave me?”

He encouraged congregation members to keep those questions in mind.

“John always enjoyed telling others that he enjoyed having three retired pastors attending his church. He never had to worry about finding pulpit supply,” observed Dennis and Wendy Mannering, two of the retired pastors who are church members.

Pastor John’s sense of humor became evident when he shared that he traveled the first leg of this last service’s 250 miles with a granddaughter who had forgotten her phone. They actually carried on a conversation, he laughed.

Reflectively, he continued, “I loved every moment of it,” he said of preaching in Tomahawk, “because I love you people and I felt the same thing in return. And for that I thank you. I am so grateful.”

First Congregational Church, at the corner of E. Washington Ave. and 5th St., was founded in 1887. Unfinished buildings were initially used to hold services. Pews were wooden planks laid across nail kegs. The congregation was incorporated on April 10, 1888, and work began on erecting the church at its present location. Now, 137 years later, the historical structure still stands, and members have begun their search for a new pastor.



Pastor John Miskimen, 94, retired earlier this month after 26 years with First Congregational Church in Tomahawk.

Photos by Kathy Tobin



Pictured are Pastor John and his wife, Cheryl Miskimen, who is also a pastor.



Members of the congregation attended a special celebration for Pastor John.



## Skilled Nursing Home Week

Residents and staff at Tomahawk Health Services celebrated Skilled Nursing Home Week earlier this month. Amanda Scholz, Director of Nursing at Tomahawk Health Services, said the week started with clown and face painting on Monday. On Tuesday, 40 6th grade students from Tomahawk Middle School stopped by to play carnival games outside with the residents and enjoy the beautiful weather. “(On) Wednesday, we were able to cool off with an ice cream social,” Scholz stated. “The fun didn’t stop there, because Thursday we joked around with pie in the face – residents pieing staff and staff pieing residents, followed by live music. Friday was a blast, with a petting zoo bringing all sorts of animals for the residents to enjoy.” Scholz noted that residents and staff enjoyed carnival-themed meals throughout the week. “Of course, we have popcorn each day,” she added.

Photos courtesy of Amanda Scholz



## TFD introduces newly formed Auxiliary

The Tomahawk Fire Department (TFD) last week introduced the newly formed Tomahawk Fire Department Auxiliary. TFD said the group of volunteers will support the department through fundraising and other efforts. The auxiliary held a free-will donation bake sale at TFD during the Main Street Memories Car Show on Sunday, May 25. T-shirts were also available. Pictured, back row, from left: Laneen Lueck, Pam Hoff, Baylee Randall, Jullie Powers, Mindy Young; front: Kathy Galloy, Karen Bethel, Rebecca Nick, Rachael Budzynski, Melinda Krueger. Not pictured: Christi Lobermeier, Amanda Oelke, Heidi Winter.

Photo courtesy of TFD





Community Service Project Day

The Tomahawk High School (THS) Class of 2025 volunteered their time and efforts to make a positive impact in the community during their recent Community Service Project Day. Groups of students helped maintain yards of local veterans, cleaned and organized at VFW Post 2687, beautified areas downtown, spent meaningful time with residents and staff at Milestone Senior Living and tackled various improvement tasks around the school building and grounds. “This day wasn’t just about lending a hand,” said Instructor Brian Schiltz. “It was about giving back to the community that has supported these students throughout their journey. It served as a reminder that even small actions can create lasting change, and that being an active, caring citizen is a vital part of growing into adulthood. The pride and teamwork shown by the Class of 2025 highlight the power of service and the importance of investing in the place we all call home.”

Photos courtesy of Brian Shiltz



Spring roadside cleanup

On Sunday, May 4, Boy Scout Troop 548 teamed up with American Legion Post 93 for their annual spring cleanup of County Rd. S from the Lincoln County garage to U.S. Hwy. 51 southeast of Tomahawk. The Scouts and Legion also conduct a cleanup of the four-mile stretch of road in the fall.

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BUILD Moto bike races in short track event

The Hatchet Choppers, a group of Tomahawk High School students taking part in a statewide motorcycle building contest, earlier this month had their project bike compete in a race. The Hatchet Choppers' BUILD Moto bike was ridden in the Atwater Short Track Event near Weston on Saturday, May 17, taking 8th place out of 14 teams. “A huge congratulations to all the teams that participated in BUILD,” said Makayla Schiltz of the Hatchet Choppers. “Seeing everyone’s creativity and commitment in action was truly inspiring. This experience not only brought our vision to life, but also strengthened our team as we worked together toward a common goal.” The Hatchet Choppers thanked Ryan Soroko for riding their motorcycle in the race.

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# THS announces Class of 2025 scholarship recipients

## FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

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Scholarships recipients are as follows.

Claire Albert, \$300 Edgewater Country Club, \$500 Ties That Bind Us, \$1,000 Tim Herman Memorial Sponsored by Crossbridge, Community Bank, \$500 PCA University, \$500 THS Varsity Club, \$2,500 Hatchet Booster Club, \$500 Northwoods Community Realty, \$2,000 Leila Kohl Memorial Trust.

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Zachary Jonesi, \$750 Somo Fish and Game Club, \$500 Tomahawk Board of Education.

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## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Monday, May 19:

On 5/14/2025 the Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call of a one-vehicle crash with injuries on CTH C in the Town of Schley. When deputies arrived on scene, they made contact with the driver, a Wausau man, 63. In speaking with the driver, he was unable to recall what led to the crash or the crash itself. He was transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospital for treatment.

On 5/16/2025 the Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call of a motorcycle crash with injuries on USH 51 near USH 8 in the Town of Bradley. When deputies arrived on scene, they made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 21. The man reported that while he was traveling on USH 51, his motorcycle began to wobble and he was unable to recover from that, causing him to be ejected from the bike and ending up in the median. Deputies also spoke to a witness who confirmed the driver’s story, and they indicated they thought the wobble might have been caused by a gust of wind. The driver denied medical treatment.

On 05/17/2025 a deputy on patrolling on CTH K near Lincoln Dr. in the Town of Merrill located a vehicle stopped on the side of the road. When the deputy investigated the vehicle, they found the driver, a Merrill man, 54, slumped over the wheel. The deputy was able to wake the man and also observed signs of impairment. The deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, which he agreed to do. As a result of those tests, he was arrested for a second offense of OWI. He was also booked for carrying a concealed weapon and going armed while intoxicated.

On 05/18/2025 the Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call of a car crash with injuries on STH 17 in the Town of Harrison. When deputies arrived on scene, they made contact with the driver, an Eagle River man, 22. In speaking with the deputies, the driver was unable to recall how he crashed. He stated he had been drinking, but the deputy was unable to see signs of impairment. The driver did have what appeared to be a head injury. He was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Rhinelanders Hospital.

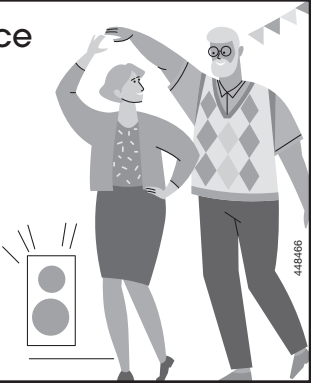
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The School District of Tomahawk will host presentations, sponsored by the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office, on internet crimes against children and sextortion in the district auditorium today (Wednesday, May 28). The middle school presentation will be held at 1 p.m., followed by the high school presentation at 2:10 and the families/parents presentation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The presentations will be suitable for all ages.

**LCVSO holding Tomahawk visits through end of year**  
Lincoln County Veterans

Service Officer Matthew Pultz will be available at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St., on Thursday, May 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pultz will also be available at City Hall two Thursdays per month through the end of the year. Upcoming dates include Thursday, June 12; and Thursday, June 26. To schedule an appointment, call 715-539-1083.

**Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library book sale**  
Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library will host a book sale at the library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., Tomahawk, on Wednesday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Books, magazines, CDs, tapes, puzzles and

some rummage items will be available for donations. No items will be priced. All proceeds will go to the library. Donations of books not older than 10 years will also be accepted.

**Historical Society seeking volunteer greeters**  
The Tomahawk Area Historical Society is seeking volunteer greeters for its two historical museums on E. Washington Ave. in Tomahawk. Museum hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from mid-June through mid-August. Shifts are two hours. Knowledge of local history is not necessary. For more information, contact Historical Society President Pat Pietila at

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Implications of Telling a Lie

Dear Reader,

Let’s consider what it means when someone tells a lie. Whether it’s told to one person or many—depending on the liar’s available platforms—the essence remains the same: they knowingly state something untrue. They don’t believe it themselves because they know it’s false. Yet, they say it anyway.

What are the implications of knowingly spreading falsehoods? Does it reflect on the person’s integrity and diminish our ability to trust them in the future? Trust is often hard-earned and easily lost. If someone repeatedly speaks falsehoods, does it reveal something about their character—about who they truly are?

And what happens when the lies multiply? What if the person telling them holds a position of authority or influence? Do their lies carry more weight, affecting not just individual relationships but entire



communities or societies?

As a society, we often wrestle with how to respond to liars. Do we simply tolerate them, resigning ourselves to the noise of their falsehoods? Or do we take a stand—choosing to distance ourselves, challenge their statements, or even remove them from our lives altogether?

The act of lying is never a neutral one. It leaves a mark, not only on the deceived but also on the deceiver. It erodes trust, fractures relationships, and undermines the fabric of any community. Yet, each of us has a choice in how we respond: to confront lies with truth, to rebuild trust where it has been broken, or to protect ourselves by stepping away.

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**“Pastor’s Corner”**

GLORIFYING LOVE

In the movie, Fiddler on the Roof, the main character, Tevia, asks his wife if she loves him. She responds by saying, What? I cook your meals, wash your clothes, clean your house. That should be proof enough. Not exactly a satisfactory answer. Then there was the woman who asked her husband if he loved her, and he replied, “Look, I told you I loved you when we got married. If that ever changes, I’ll let you know.” Again, not the answer his wife was hoping for. My sister-in-law, Natalie, gave a better, more sincere answer. When as we were saying goodbye for possibly the last time before she passed, I told her I loved her. She replied by holding my face between her hand, one on each cheek, saying, “I REALLY love you.”

There is so much overuse of the word love in this world that love has lost its impactful meaning. It’s power and meaning has been cheapened by movies that promote erotic love; by soap operas that use the words “I love you” as a tool to manipulate; by the world much more impressed with those who hold power than those who love unconditionally, even claiming that kind of love is “foolishness.”

In the Gospel of John, he writes extensively about love, but it is about love that glorifies God. My Life Application Bible suggests that, because of John’s own experience of Jesus’ love that was so strong and personal, John was sensitive to the words and actions of Jesus that illustrate how **the one who is love**, loved others. Regardless of why, John chose to write a book much different than the other three Gospels who reported on Jesus’ actions on earth. Instead, John tells us who Jesus is. “In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God and **the Word was God**.... made flesh dwelling among us...the light that shines in the darkness. And what is that light? God’s Light of love in the world.

This kind of love brings glory to God...glorifying love. Jesus’ glorifying love was in his willingness to go to the cross, **not because he had sinned, but for the sins of the whole world.**

Jesus’ unconditional, glorifying love was there even for those who wanted him dead. He silently took the blows the guards meted out before he was nailed to the cross. He then showed us how to love our enemies by praying for those who pounded the nails into his hands and gambled for His robe, praying, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing.”

We see this glorifying love in the world through our sacrificial love for each other. It is in mothers making meals and doing laundry after an exhausting day of work; fathers helping with housework or taking the children out to play after his own exhausting day at work, so Mom can have a break. Or Christians making a meal for a sick friend when they could have done a million other tasks they needed to do.

One of my favorite examples is Pastor Tony Campolo’s story of the very successful college professor, renowned expertise in his field, who suddenly resigned from his post to take care of his wife who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. When asked why he resigned, even when she no longer knew who he was, he replied, “Ah, but I know who she is.”

When we love each other unconditionally, we are glorifying God. When we refuse to speak ill of others, but rather build them up, we are glorifying God. Even in the midst of hate and anger all around us, we can be that Light of love, refusing to let differences separate us. When we love each other in spite of our differences, God is glorified.

We are told in Revelation reading today that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and the end... He is eternal love. He will be there at the end waiting for his loved one to come home to the new heaven and the new earth where we will be glorified with Him.

So God is Love and when we love, even when it’s difficult to love, God is glorified through us. And everyone will know that we are His disciples when we love one another.

Submitted by,  
Wendy Mannering  
Interim Pastor  
1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church  
5<sup>th</sup> and Washington St.

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.

This last Monday, May 26, was *Memorial Day*. Today, we shall take a quick look at the history of *Memorial Day*.

*Memorial Day* first began as a holiday in which to remember the Union soldiers who had died in the *American Civil War*. The first observance of *Memorial Day* took place in Charlestown, South Carolina, where several thousand freed slaves and Union soldiers gathered at the race track, which had been used by the South as a prisoner of war camp and contained a mass grave for soldiers who had died in that prison. That day started with a parade, followed by a picnic, and then the singing of patriotic songs. This was May 1, 1865.

The place that is usually credited as the birthplace of *Memorial Day* observances is Waterloo, New York. On May 5, 1866, the town first observed a day devoted to the memory of Union soldiers who died in the *American Civil War*. The town continued to observe May 5 each year after this.

On another front, General John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of a veteran’s organization called *The Grand Army of the Republic*, issued a call for a day of remembrance to be observed every year in which to honor, by decorating their graves, Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. This was first observed May 30, 1868. They chose May 30 because there was no record of any battles fought on that date in the Civil War. This yearly observance was first called *Decoration Day* because they decorated the soldier’s graves.

Many of the Southern States at first refused to observe the date because of the lingering hostilities, and very few southerners had fought in the Union army. One of the few exceptions to this was the town of Columbus, Mississippi, which commemorated the fallen soldiers of both the North and the South who were buried in its cemetery.

The name *Memorial Day* was first used in 1882, but it was not until after World War II that it was more commonly used. After World War I, *Decoration Day* became a day in which to remember all American soldiers who died in any war.

In 1967, by federal law, the name *Decoration Day* was changed to *Memorial Day*. Then on June 28, 1968, the United States congress passed the *Uniform Holidays Bill* that moved *Memorial Day* from May 30 to the last Monday in May. This law took effect in 1971 at the Federal level. This is how we came to celebrate *Memorial Day* on the last Monday in May. There is value in remembering the price that freedom demands of those who would know its blessings and keep them for future generations.

**Pastor Charles Scheele**  
**Berean Baptist Church, Tomahawk**  
**[bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com](mailto:bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com)**



Leader Sports & Nature



**Sandry signs letter of intent**

Recent Tomahawk High School graduate Kaylynn Sandry last week signed a letter of intent to participate in track and field at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. “I’m excited to be continuing track and field in college,” Sandry said. “It’s an achievement I never saw myself reaching, but here I am. I’m more than thankful for my coaches, Kurt Cordova and Paula Flynn, in coaching me throughout my years in track, and my family for giving me rides, for the late nights and paying for my journey. A big thank you to my grandparents Kathy and Paul Sandry for always trying to make every track meet, no matter the distance. Go Blue Devils!” Pictured are Sandry and her family.

Photos courtesy of Ryan Flynn



Cordova, Sandry and Flynn



Sandry and her teammates

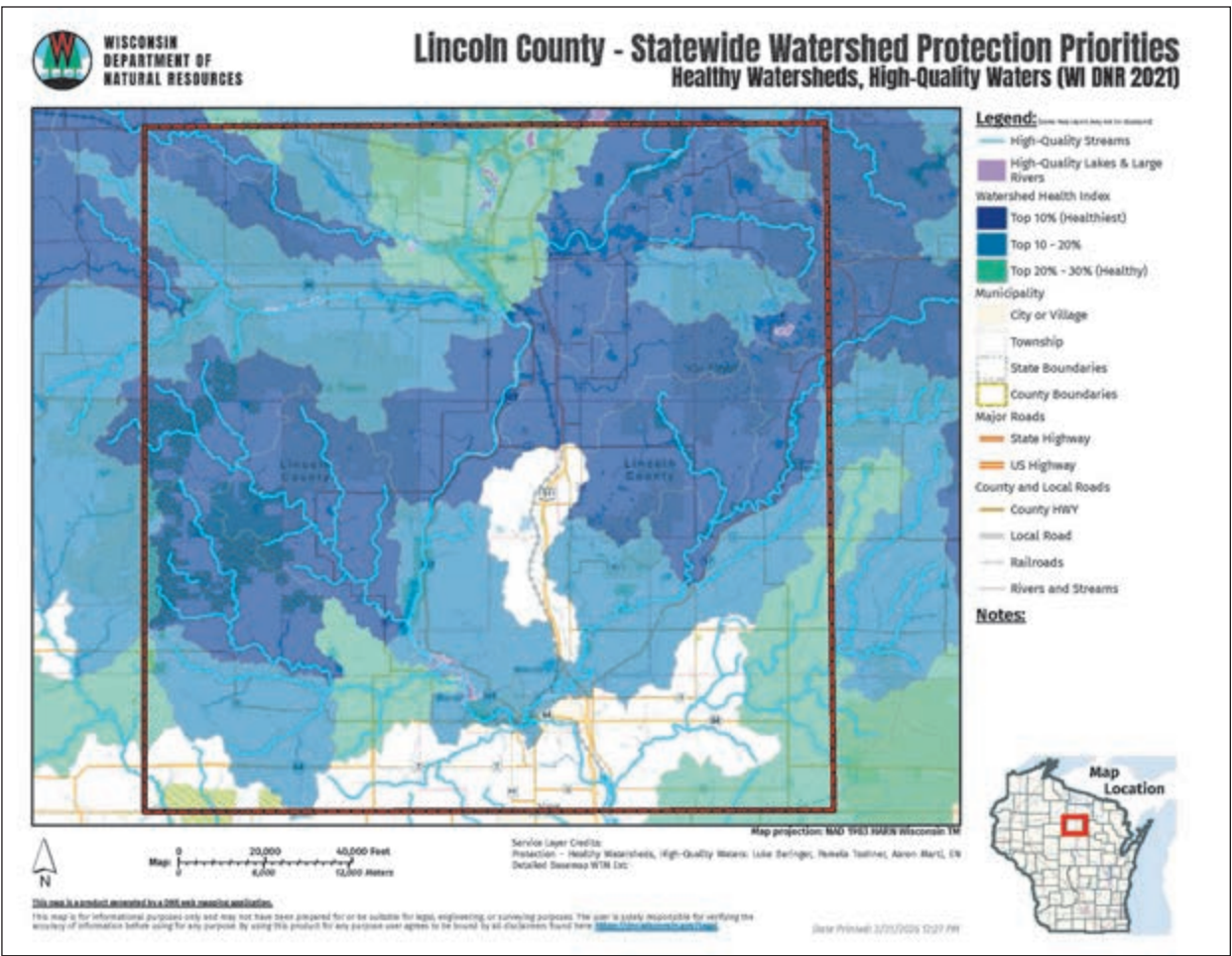


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Lincoln County identified as leader in water quality

**BY TOM BOISVERT**  
LINCOLN COUNTY  
CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM MANAGER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is shining a spotlight on the state’s exceptional water resources through its Healthy Watersheds, High-Quality Waters (HWHQW) initiative. Launched in 2022, this statewide effort highlights Wisconsin’s most pristine lakes, rivers, and streams – and Lincoln County is standing out.

The HWHQW initiative, part of the DNR’s Water Quality Program, is de-

signed to protect and promote the state’s healthiest watersheds and the waterbodies they contain through 2030. The goal is to ensure the state’s waters remain clean, vibrant and ecologically rich for generations to come.

Thanks to comprehensive assessments that include trout stream classifications, water quality monitoring and biological surveys, Lincoln County has been identified as a leader in water quality. In fact, the county is home to 42 high-quality lakes, streams and rivers, many of which feed into the Wisconsin River and support

clean water downstream.

According to the DNR’s Watershed Health Index – developed in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – 85% of the county’s 27 watersheds rank as statewide Watershed Protection Priorities, and 93% are priorities within the Wisconsin River Basin. These rankings reflect the County’s strong natural land cover, including forests and wetlands, which play a crucial role in keeping water clean and ecosystems healthy.

Healthy watersheds do more than support fish and wildlife – they also help

manage flooding, recharge groundwater and improve stormwater infiltration. Protecting these systems means preserving essential services that benefit every resident of Lincoln County.

However, the DNR emphasizes that continued stewardship is vital. Pressures such as development, erosion, and pollution must be carefully managed to safeguard these natural assets.

To learn more about the Healthy Watersheds, High-Quality Waters initiative please visit the DNR’s website at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/HQW.html](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/HQW.html).

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Notice Setting Time to Hear  
Application  
and Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 2025IN30  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal  
administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth  
6/16/1930 and date of death

5/18/2023 was domiciled in Lincoln  
County, State of WI, with a mailing  
address of 314 E. Lincoln Ave.,  
Tomahawk, WI 54487.  
3. The application will be heard at the  
Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill,  
Wisconsin, Probate Office before  
Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on 6-  
12-25 at 10:00 A.M.  
You do not need to appear unless you  
object. The application may be granted if  
there is no objection.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim  
against the decedent's estate is  
August 15, 2025.

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5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln  
County Courthouse, Merrill,  
Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
6. This publication is notice to any  
persons whose names or address are  
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X. The names or addresses of the  
following interested persons (if any)  
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Lawrence Eric Anthes, date of death  
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BY THE COURT:  
DATE SIGNED: April 30, 2025  
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Road) Project ID: 9855-00-70. SOQ will be received in the Clerk's  
Office at 23 N 2nd St, PO Box 469, Tomahawk, WI 54487 or at  
abartz@tomahawkwi.gov until June 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.  
  
Full ROQ can be accessed on the City's website at www.tomahawkwi.com.  
All questions should be directed to Amanda L. Bartz, Clerk/Treasurer,  
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Notice is hereby given that the following application for Tobacco  
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License period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:  
  
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Parks Department

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TOWN OF KING

The Town of King will be holding a  
SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING on  
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
at the King Town Hall to discuss the  
proposal of erecting a new town hall.  
  
Thank You  
Andrew Tomaszewski  
Supervisor for the Town of King  
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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 235

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports  
trivia question per week, provided by the late Bob  
Skubal, coach, historian, and author of "History of  
Tomahawk Sports." Email leadernews@mmclocal.  
com if you know the answer!

The first person to tell us the correct answer each  
week will have their name published in the paper  
if they wish, along with their correct answer to the  
question.

Week 234 question: In the 1984-85 state wrestling  
season, Eric Strauss lost to Tran Brooks 10-2 at  
State. Where was Brooks from: Mosinee, Medford or  
Nekoosa?

Week 234 answer: In the 1984-85 wrestling season,  
Eric Strauss lost to Tran Brooks of Nekoosa 10-2 at  
State. Brooks would later become the head wrestling  
coach at Medford.

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

Week 235 question: In the 1985 THS track  
season, Jon Galloy qualified for State in the  
200m and 400m. Which event did he place  
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# DNR reminding hunters to apply for 2025 elk hunting license by this weekend

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding Wisconsin hunters that they have until Saturday, May 31 to apply for a chance at a 2025 elk hunting license.

Wisconsin’s expanding elk population has had an annual hunt in the Clam Lake Elk Range since 2018 and since 2024 in the Black River Elk Range.

“Each elk range is comprised of approximately 70% public lands, across varying habitat types, offering excellent opportunities to pursue elk,” DNR said in a release.

The Black River Elk Range will have a 2025 quota of four antlered and five antlerless elk, and the Clam Lake Elk Range will have a quota of eight antlered elk split evenly between Tribal and state-licensed hunters.

The 2025 DNR elk hunting season opens Saturday, Oct. 18.

Applicants are required to select between the Black River Elk Range or Clam Lake Elk Range when applying. All applications will be for an antlered harvest authorization. The drawing is random, with all applicants having an equal chance of selection. Applications are not weapon-specific.



There’s still time to apply for Wisconsin’s 2025 elk hunting season.  
**Photo courtesy of Cody Austin**

Antlerless harvest authorizations will also be filled through the random drawing process after the

initial antlered drawing is complete. Selected applicants will have the choice of receiving the antlerless

authorization or declining the antlerless license.

Wisconsin residents can only draw an elk license once in their lifetime, and declining the antlerless license will not count against this limit.

Winners will be notified by DNR staff in early June.

“The elk hunting season is a unique hunting opportunity, open only to Wisconsin residents,” DNR said. “With a few clicks, Wisconsinites can purchase their elk license applications online through Go Wild ([www.gowild.wi.gov/](http://www.gowild.wi.gov/)).

Application purchases are also available in-person at license agents across the state.

For each application fee, \$7.00 goes directly to elk management, monitoring and research. These funds are also used to create and enhance elk habitat, which benefits elk and other wildlife species, according to DNR.

All winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter education course before obtaining an elk hunting license. The class covers Wisconsin elk history, hunting regulations, biology, behavior and scouting/hunting techniques.

For more information on Wisconsin’s elk hunt, visit the DNR’s Elk Hunting webpage at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/elkhunting](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/elkhunting).

## Fishing Report: Summer is here

**BY GEORGE LANGLEY**

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – We’ve made it past Memorial Day weekend and are in the full swing of summer up here now. Hopefully the warming temperatures continue, as that will do wonders for fish activity and weed development, which have both been good this year, so far.

Lake levels are fine, despite the lack of rain we’ve had up here. Water temperatures basically paused in their rise during the cold, but should be coming up again as warm weather settles in. Currently, they are still ranging from the upper 50s to mid-60s, depending on the lake and location.

Walleye action is still just ok. The fish have mostly transitioned to mid-depth weed edges, as they become more developed, and rock-gravel structure. Leeches and large fatheads on jigs and slip bobbers are working. Keitech is a great choice for these guys if you

prefer to use plastics. Evenings and after dark have been the best times to fish for these guys.

Bass fishing has remained good so far. Smallmouth are hanging around gravel and rocks near shore and on points. The large-mouth are moving into shallower, softer-bottom bays. Both species are active feeders right now, and anglers are scoring well with soft plastics, minnow-imitating crankbaits and live bait presentations.

Northern are hitting anything flashy. Focus on weeds and brush in warm bays. Spinnerbaits, large spoons and bigger sucker minnows are working, but the louder and flashier, the better. These fish are aggressive feeders all year and can drive the walleye anglers nuts hitting their baits and breaking lines.

Panfishing has been great all spring. Crappie are starting to come to the end of their spawn and you

can find them in warmer bays and backwaters in three to six feet of water. As far as plastics go, Cubbies are a great choice. Look for wood and brush for the best action. We’re now seeing some good bluegill fishing now, too, in very shallow water. The afternoons are great for these fish, as the sun heats up the shallows. This can make for some fun times with the kids right off the pier.

Summer is here, and along with it comes all that enjoyable time on the water that we love so much up here. And the people...everywhere! That’s ok – we’ve still got early mornings and late evenings for quiet time out there, which are great times to be fishing anyhow. Enjoy the peace, watch the sun rise or set, and feel some gratitude that we live in such a beautiful place and we get to experience it year-round.

Good luck and good fishin’!



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Experience in local government, associate’s degree desirable, experience may substitute for education. Salary is dependent on qualifications. The salary range is \$7,000 to \$9,000 annually. This is a part-time management position requiring some evening meetings. Submit a resume to Town of Hill Clerk – W4391 Hultman Lake Rd, Ogema, WI 54459 or email to [clerk@tn.hill.wi.gov](mailto:clerk@tn.hill.wi.gov). Applications due by July 21, 2025.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ASSISTANT**

Price County Health and Human Services Department

Price County is accepting applications for a **Health and Human Services Assistant** within the Health and Human Services Department. This position will perform a variety of program related functions in accordance with established policies, routines, and procedures. The essential functions include supporting the department with necessary clerical duties, including, but not limited to keyboarding, filing, reception, numerical calculating, use of office machines, and interacting face-to-face with the public. This is a regular, full-time position with a starting hourly wage of \$20.02 (Grade 4), and full benefit package.

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