

Local veterans recognized with 2025 Honor Banners

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TOMAHAWK LEADER
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TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) last week shared its 2025 Honor Banners.

Honor Banners pay tribute to area residents who served in the armed forces, featuring names, photos and ranks. The banners, which are sponsored by families and friends of local veterans, are hung along W. Wisconsin Ave. in downtown Tomahawk.

Each year since the Honor Banner program began in 2019, Main Street has contributed a portion of the program's proceeds to American Legion Post 93 and VFW Post 2687.

The 2024 Honor Banner campaign raised \$1,000.00 for each organization. In turn, the Legion backed the launch of a new Legion softball team, while the VFW was able to make updates to its building on S. 4th St.

The 2025 Honor Banners will be displayed from Cross-bridge Community Bank throughout all four blocks of Tomahawk's historic downtown, TMS said.

The following veterans are featured on the 2025 Honor Banners:

Sergeant Charles Berg, U.S. National Guard, sponsored by Pat Berg.

SP5 William Bergstreser, U.S. Army, 1968-1970, sponsored by Barbara and his children.

E-4 Dean C. Clark, U.S. Air Force, 1963-1967, sponsored by Gary White and the Autohaus.

Douglas D. Jensen Sr., U.S. Army, Vietnam, sponsored by his loving family.

Master Sergeant Kevin Kind, U.S. Air Force, 1999-2020, sponsored by Kirk and Nancy Kind and Bill and Kelly Eastwood.

Staff Sergeant William R. Kluka, U.S. Army, 1967-1969, sponsored by Bunny Kluka.

Ronald H. Luenenburg, U.S. Air Force, 1954-1976, sponsored by VFW Post 2687.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas Hetch Lund, U.S. Navy, 1972-1976, sponsored by VFW Post 2687.

E-7 Platoon Sergeant Edwin "Eddie" Nyberg, U.S. Army, 1956-1966, sponsored by Sally and his children.

Private First Class Lester M. Otto, U.S. Marine Corps, 1953-1961, sponsored by the Scott Turkiewicz family.

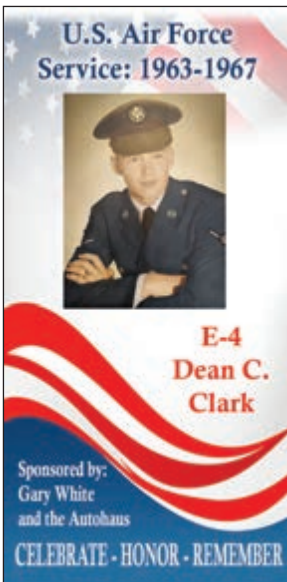
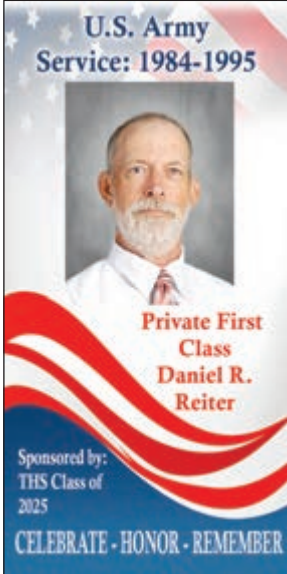
Private First Class Daniel R. Reiter, U.S. Army, 1984-1995, sponsored by the Tomahawk High School Class of 2025.

Technical Sergeant Joshua Riebe, U.S. Air Force, 15 years, sponsored by Kris and Jeff Riebe.

Sergeant Robert Setlak, U.S. Marine Corps, 1967-1970, sponsored by the Setlak family.

Private First Class Willard R. Smith, U.S. Army, Korea, sponsored by Sally and his children.

Specialist E-4 Don H. So-



Pictured are three 2025 Honor Banners. Photos courtesy of Tomahawk Main Street Inc.

ward, U.S. Army, 1959-1962, sponsored by the Soward family.

Matthew Stevenson, U.S. Army, Vietnam, sponsored by the Tyler Stevenson family.

E9 Chief Master Sergeant Jeff Van Strydonk, U.S. Air Force, 25+ years, sponsored by Gary White and the Autohaus.

First Lieutenant Donald Watson, U.S. Air Force, 1958-1965, sponsored by Donald Reichert.

MOMM2C Wallace E. "Red" Wurl, U.S. Navy, 1944-1946, sponsored by Pete Wurl.

CM3 Tom Wyles, U.S. Navy, 1970-1973, sponsored by VFW Post 2687.

To view all of the 2025 Honor Banners, visit www.facebook.com/tomahawkmainstreet/.



Main Street Memories Car Show

The annual Main Street Memories Car Show was held in downtown Tomahawk on Sunday, May 25. View more photos on Pages 6 and 7. Photo by Janelle Fisher

Chamber accepting Room Tax Grant applications through next Friday

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for Room Tax Grants through Friday, June 13.

The Chamber said Room Tax Grant funding is devoted to community nonprofit groups for tourism development and promotion in the Tomahawk area.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit groups that "market our area with a focus on bringing people to our room tax zone, as well as look for ways to develop the destination for future years," the Chamber said.

Consideration will be given to nonprofits that offer activities or events that will encourage people to stay longer, according to the Chamber.



Funds are granted are for the fiscal year they are approved, the Chamber said, noting that a nonprofit may not receive funding two years in a row.

Proposals should include a list of the nonprofit's Board of Directors and a summary "explaining the primary benefits of your program or event as it relates to this grant."

The Chamber said applications should also include a description of the program or event, how the program

or event will increase visitation and/or enhance the visitor experience and how it will impact the nonprofit group.

Applicants must also answer several questions, including how the project would be adapted in the event it could not be fully funded, how the project fits into the current tourism and events landscape and if there is a need for the specific event or program.

Competing projects or events within a 30-mile radius must be identified, and applicants must outline how the project or event will be evaluated, such as with survey methods, ticket sales or key performance indicators, according to the Chamber.

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OFFICER LARRY BROMBEREK *** Community Memorial

Where: Veterans Memorial Park
112 East River Street
Tomahawk, WI

When: June 12th Thursday evening, 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Hosted by: Family of Larry Bromberek



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Michelle and Andy with Big Bear will be scooping ice cream.

Welcome to bring chairs, food, coolers and dancing shoes!



Memorial Day program
Tomahawk Elementary School hosted a Memorial Day program last week. Third, fourth and fifth grade students sang as part of the program, called “America the Beautiful – Finding the Sunshine.” The TES choir was conducted by Mr. Colburn and Mrs. Anderson, while the Tomahawk High School (THS) band, led by Ms. Lavaque, and the THS choir, conducted by Mr. Colburn, also participated. Students from kindergarten through fifth grade took part in the program, which concluded with a sing-along featuring everyone in attendance. The program was inspired in part by the book “Good Golden Sun,” written and illustrated by Brendan Wenzel. “It was a wonderful event honoring our veterans and highlighting the musical talents of our Tomahawk students,” the School District of Tomahawk said. To view a video of the program, visit www.youtube.com/user/TomahawkSchDis.

Photos courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

Lincoln County June Dairy Breakfast

Sunday, June 8, 2025 • 8:00 am - Noon

Please join us in recognizing the dedicated dairy producers and families whose hard work and innovation put nutritious and delicious dairy products on our nation's tables. Their contributions to our health, economy and future keep us growing strong, and we thank them for all they do!

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Fatal one-car crash on State Rd. 107 claims Merrill woman's life

Driver facing multiple charges

BY TINA L. SCOTT
MMC STAFF

LINCOLN COUNTY – A Merrill woman died last week after a single-vehicle crash on State Rd. 107 south of Tug Lake Rd., according to a press release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

“A Lincoln County Deputy responding to a call for service” came upon the crash, the release said. Allison M. Jones of Merrill, a passenger in the vehicle, was fatally injured when the northbound vehicle she was riding in collided with a tree after failing to negotiate a curve. The crash occurred at approximately 1:34 a.m. on May 25, closing State Rd. 107 for five hours. Jones, age 26, was pronounced deceased at Aspi-

rus Hospital in Merrill. Another passenger in the vehicle, a 24-year-old male, was also transported to the hospital with injuries and later released. The driver, Jurnee R. Robertson, 22, of Irma, was transported to the hospital with injuries and later released. Robertson was then taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she is being held on several charges including homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, OWI causing Injury – 1st offense, 2nd degree reckless homicide, 2nd degree reckless injury, possession of cocaine and possession of THC. The crash remains under investigation. Multiple agencies assisted at the scene, including Merrill EMS/Fire Department, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Merrill Police Department, the Lincoln County Coroner's Office and Rod's Towing.

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A marketing plan for attracting out-of-market visitors to the Tomahawk area, including a specific media and public relations plan, target markets, advertising plans and other out-of-area promotional plans, is required. Applications also require a proposed budget for the project with grant request line-item detail and methods for calculating attendance statistics (surveys, ticket sales, etc.) and hotel room nights.

A copy of sponsorship benefits package is also required, if applicable. Grant applications are reviewed by a Room Tax Committee reporting to the Chamber board. The full Chamber board will have final review and approval. The Chamber said approval is based on “the grant application, focus, proposed outcome and measurables.” “The committee will consider applications from nonprofit groups and organizations that provide marketing and focus on bringing people

to the Tomahawk area, along with developing the destination,” the Chamber stated. “The committee will also consider applications from nonprofit groups and organizations that offer activities or events that will encourage people to stay longer. If funds are granted, the Tomahawk Chamber logo will need to be present at events and all development projects as the grantor.” The board will not provide room tax funds for an organization's operating expenses, volunteer pay or stipends, according to the Chamber.

The Chamber said it must be given recognition for its financial support on promotional materials, including brochures, news releases, programs, publications and other materials. “This recognition must include the use of the Tomahawk Chamber's logo,” the Chamber stated. “When no printed information is developed, verbal recognition shall be given during the presentation or performance.” A final accounting to the Chamber Executive Director is due one month after the event/or project completion as indicated on the application. The final report must include final line-item accounting of the revenues and expenses; attendance statistics (i.e., attendee numbers and demographics); reporting of any surplus (fund balance) and indication that funds will be applied for subsequent year events; and a copy (or copies) of promotional materials to prove use of funding acknowledgement (ads, website, etc.). For more information on Room Tax Grants, visit www.tomahawkchamber.com/room-tax-grants/.

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John Kelsey Bowman, 87, was born Jan. 13, 1938, in Bandon, Ore., and died May 21, 2025, at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital after a short illness. He was a loving husband and father/stepfather and was loved so much by his family.


John graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Engineering and worked for the Forest Service for 32 years, working in six different states throughout his career. He also worked five years for the city of Juneau, AK, before retiring and moving to Lake Nokomis, Tomahawk, in 2006. While living there, he was the Chairman of the Town of Nokomis for eight years. He was an avid reader and loved working outside. He always fed the squirrels, chipmunks, and birds in his back yard and put on such a good spread, other animals heard of his buffet and soon every animal in the neighborhood would show up. His favorite time was when a Sandhill Crane spent most of the summer in his yard eating and sleeping in the sun.

John is survived by his wife of 36 years, Virginia (Ginger), two daughters, Jody Soper and Linn Hall (Charlie) Dehnel, both of Wausau, and a son Gary (Amy) of Lodi, Wis. He is also survived by two step-daughters, Tammy (Jim) Javenkoski of Rhinelander, and Jennifer (Michael) Tapplin of St. Francis, Minn., his kitties, Belle and Kelsey, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, a sister and brother, and his step-son.

No services are planned at this time.

Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family.



Gordon “Gordie” Linus Wundrow, 92, of Marshfield, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the House of the Dove in Marshfield.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, at Rembs Funeral Home, Marshfield. Visitation took place from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Deacon Ray Draeger officiated. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Marshfield, where military honors were conducted by American Legion Post 54 - Marshfield.

Gordie was born on Feb. 12, 1933, in Marshfield, Wis., to Lawrence and Loretta (Bloomer) Wundrow. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Marshfield Senior High School.


He proudly served in the United States military and later worked for many years in quality control at Weyerhaeuser before retiring. Gordon married Bernice Chrouser on March 16, 1985, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Stratford, Wis. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Gordie loved baseball and played softball in his younger years. He enjoyed collecting and talking coins, and had a deep passion for muskie fishing spending many cherished days at the cottage on Lake Mohawksin and his home on Lake Nokomis in Tomahawk. Time at the lake was among his most treasured memories, enjoying the peace of nature and the company of loved ones. His life on the lake with family was always real good, real good.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice, and stepchildren: Greg (Kathy) Faulks of Centerville, Ohio; Debbie (Mike) Thorpe of Denton, Tex.; and Robin (Karen) Faulks of Stratford, Wis. He was a proud grandfather to six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Gordie is further survived by his sister, Betty Grancorvitz of Marshfield, nieces Ellen (Jeff) Gall and Diane (Randy) Eilers, as well as many other extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Kitty; his sister, Romell Greves; and his niece, Judy Schmidt.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff at House of the Dove for their compassionate care.

Condolences may be sent online at www.rembsfh.com.



Grant Arnold Lucia of Aurora passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, May 23, 2025. He was 90 years old.

Son of the late Raymond William and Lucille Dorothy (Langlois) Lucia, Grant was born on Aug. 20, 1934 at Lying-in Hospital in Chicago, Ill. He graduated in 1953 from Cathedral Boys’ High School in Springfield, Ill. In Feb. of 1957 Grant enlisted with the U.S. Army, serving two years at Fort Hood, Tex., as an Administrative Specialist. He also worked at Tomahawk Lumber, Keebler Cookie (Colorado), Lucia Distributing Co. (Springfield, Ill.), City of Niagara, Dunham Delivery, Elderly Volunteer and ATP Pilot and Instructor at Ford Airport in Kingsford, Mich.

On Aug. 1, 1964 Grant married the love of his life, Beatrice “Nancy” Wenzelow at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Tomahawk. They were married for 55 years until her unexpected passing on April 21, 2020.

Grant was a faithful member of the Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, which he was a District Deputy and 4th degree Honor Guard. He enjoyed singing in the American Martyrs Church Choir, in his quartet and with family. He loved spending time outdoors whether it was walking his beloved companion (Buddy), bird watching, swimming and spending time at the family cottage in Tomahawk where he grew up and water skiing, which he was still able to do at his 60th birthday party. Grant also enjoyed going to the EAA show in Oshkosh, typing, reading, and solving puzzles. Grant’s dedication to faith, family and community will be deeply missed.

Grant is survived by his eight children: Dawn (Jim) Kelly, Eric (Jess) Lucia, Scott Lucia, Maria (Dave) Smith, Laura (Rory) Starnes, Chris (Sally) Lucia, Steve (Stacy) Lucia and Ben (Toni) Lucia; 13 grandchildren: Dane (Kendra) Kelly, Brant Kelly, Eric Jr., Brett Lucia, Willy Diaz, Amanda Kiszonas, Jeffery Kiszonas, Carrie (Mike) Racicot, Michael (Celia) Lucia, Debbie Starnes, Bradley Lucia, Shantel Lucia and Finnik Lucia; 15 great-grandchildren: Kinley, Dawson, Payton, Brandi, Maryjane, Pauldavid, Jesse, Aria, Malachi, Shia, David, Daniel, Alexandria, Madelynn and Remi; three siblings: Lurae Obey, Bruce (Gill) Lucia, and Paul (Donna) Lucia and many other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Grant is preceded in death by his wife, parents and three brothers: Raymond, Don and Dale.

Grant’s family would like to acknowledge and give a special thanks to all of the people that touched his life. To name a few; American Martyrs Catholic Church, VA Hospital and Home Health team, Aspirus Hospice team, Deb and Harold Bell, Venisa and JT Leslie, Gabe Sales, Teddy Johnson and Billie Jo Crowley for the many years of care and friendship they gave.

The whole family would also like to extend an extra special thank you to Grant’s daughter-in-law Jessica. She has gone above and beyond the last four years to make sure he was taken care of as he suffered from dementia and metastatic melanoma. She spent every minute making sure he was fed very well, had his medicine and all medical treatment needed and was able to stay in his home where he was most comfortable with his dog, family and all that was familiar to him. We will never be able to repay you for your kindness and dedication.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Grant online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave. Iron Mountain, Mich., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025. The Funeral Mass will follow at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford, Mich., at 11 a.m., with Msgr. Joseph Gouin officiating. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

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.

Today, we shall continue our study on Proverbs 9:10. Before Memorial Day, we focused on the first part of our verse, that *the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom*; and the explanation from Proverbs 2:1-5 concerning what is necessary if we are to be wise. Today, I want to begin looking at the second part of Proverbs 9:10, and *the knowledge of the holy is understanding*, asking the question, *why is the knowledge of God [the holy] understanding?*

The word translated *understanding* has the idea of separating things mentally, to see distinctions, to see things as they are and not just as they appear on the surface. Why is *knowing God understanding?* Why is *knowing* God necessary for discovering the truth of life’s situations?

First, God created everything; this is the foundation under everything the Bible teaches. Consider this: what is created will reflect the knowledge and character of the Creator. God will not make something that would contradict who He is. Let us, for example, consider the common sense fact that human relationships require honesty, truth, and generosity if they are to flourish. Let us also consider that lying, selfishness, and manipulation are behaviors that ruin relationships.

In 2 Timothy 2:13 we are encouraged that even when we may fail God, God remains faithful to what He has promised, because *he cannot deny who he is*. In Psalms 138:2, the writer declares he will always praise God for His lovingkindness and truth, because what God has said is more important to God than what people think of Him. In Numbers 23:19, we are told that *God is not a man, that he should lie... has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?* God values truth, honesty, and generosity, and has instilled those same principles as important in the relationships of those He created in His own image (Genesis 1:26,27).

Another example may be our desire for peace in life; yet peace seems to be a rare commodity that is hard to hang on to once we get it. The Bible teaches that peace will only be known where people will do what is right (Isaiah 32:17, Hebrews 12:10,11, James 3:13-18). On the other hand, peace will never be know by those who are selfish and willing to do wrong (Isaiah 48:22; 57:21). Could this common sense truth be true because we are created by a God who loves what is right (Psalm 33:3-6)?

The Bible teaches that if we know the Creator and obey who He is, then we will be equipped to understand life and its situations. The Bible teaches that who God (our Creator) is, affects everything we do (Psalm 90:1,2, Acts 17:28).

Pastor Charles Scheele
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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Life’s Meaning

Dear Reader,


There’s something about growing older — about all the experiences we gather, the places we’ve been, and the people we’ve met along the way — that helps a person gain perspective. With time, our thoughts, wisdom, and knowledge begin to intertwine, forming a clearer picture of life’s meaning.

Now that I’ve reached this stage, it all makes sense. Everything that has happened — both the joys and the chaos — has happened for a reason. Even in the midst of life’s turbulence, through moments of struggle and uncertainty, there was always a way forward. And in the end, there is always something better waiting on the other side.

So take heart, my fellow travelers on this journey! Take heart because, despite the challenges, we shall prevail. Instead of dividing and marginalizing, we will embrace and uplift.

PATRICK J. WOOD
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Oneida County works to keep its recovery coaches as AmeriCorps program is gutted

BY KATIE THORESEN
WXPR

ONEIDA COUNTY – For three and a half years, Erika Kleinschmidt served as an AmeriCorps Peer Recovery Coach.

She is now the Peer Support Coordinator for Oneida County Human Services overseeing the current recovery coaches.

“It helps assist people that are usually at their lowest, and we come in as nonjudgmental people that want to help support them in any way that they feel is important to them,” said Kleinschmidt.

A peer recovery coach is a person with lived experience with substance abuse that is essentially available to people in recovery 24/7.

“When somebody’s struggling at 11 o’clock at night or two in the morning, and we’re awake, we’re able to answer that call or text when they’re struggling with triggers or wanting to relapse or anything like that,” said Kleinschmidt.

Kleinschmidt explained the program is unique compared to other rehabilitation programs in that the person drives what they need out of it and the coach supports them.

The recovery coach program is a partnership with Marshfield Clinic and AmeriCorps which covers the cost of a living stipend and some



Pictured, from left, are Mariah Fuller, Rhinelander PD Recovery Coach; Erika Kleinschmidt, Peer Support Coordinator; and Recovery Coaches Andrea Maxwell, Ava Stauter and Alison Knapp.
Photo courtesy of Erika Kleinschmidt

education expenses. Oneida County has had coaches for several years now.

It had three coaches this year, with a fourth hosted by the Rhinelander Police Department, until the announcement came April 25 that the funding for it and AmeriCorps programs nationwide were being cut as part of the federal government’s effort to reduce fraud and waste spending.

Three days later on Monday, Kleinschmidt was notified of the impact locally.

“At 9 a.m. we received that email that all services need to end, and that we

needed to terminate immediately for the coaches. So that was kind of chaotic, because they were serving altogether 81 people,” said Kleinschmidt.

Kleinschmidt says Oneida County acted quickly and was able to create Limited Term Employee positions and fund them temporarily with separate grant funding.

Rhinelander did the same for the one with the police department with city council approving the change at its May 12 meeting.

“Our community needs it. The people that we have are limited on resources, so it’s

important to have the coach available to them,” Captain Josh Chiamulera told city council at the meeting.

It’s not a permanent solution.

Kleinschmidt and others like Tony Hallman hope the decision will be reverse and AmeriCorps will thrive again.

“The individuals that are served are in need of assistance, and that assistance is from the 430 members who probably interact with thousands of people in the state of Wisconsin, they’re all affected,” said Hallman. “Elderly people, people

needing health insurance and don’t know where to go and how to deal with that, and individuals that are in recovery from drug addiction. I mean, that’s all just immediately stopped.”

Hallman is a commissioner on the Wisconsin National & Community Service Board. The board works closely with AmeriCorps members in the state to make sure needs are being met and everything is following federal rules and regulations.

There were 25 AmeriCorps programs in operation in Wisconsin until funding was cut.

Most corps members get a living stipend during their service and become eligible for funding for future education expenses or to apply for certain student loans.

Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, gutted AmeriCorps, a 30-year-old federal agency that dispatches 200,000 volunteers and hundreds of millions of dollars.

Hallman says he was shocked and devastated by the decision.

“For the 20 years that I have served on the board, I have seen no waste, no abuse, no fraud,” said Hallman. “If this board was not prompt and watch the federal dollars and how they’re spent, and to make sure that what we get is what the program said they

were going to do. If this was not a good board to be on, to do that, I would not have served on that board.”

Like Hallman, Kleinschmidt says the work they do is a service. 40% of the people the coaches work with make \$10,000.00 or less annually. The recovery coach is a free service to people.

From January to March of this year, clients that worked with peer support services say it’s helped them maintain sobriety, with about half maintaining it for 60 days or more.

The program also goes beyond the one-on-one coaching with the team putting on community events.

Kleinschmidt adds it’s also a stepping stone for people that want a career as a substance use counselor or a mental health counselor, a field that is in need of workers.

“It’s such a needed and positive program. I personally think every clinical team should have a recovery coach or a peer support specialist on their team,” said Kleinschmidt.

Kleinschmidt hopes things will change and they’ll be able to use AmeriCorps for the Recovery Coach program again.

About two dozen states, including Wisconsin, are suing the Trump Administration over the dismantling of AmeriCorps and the cancellation of funding.

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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. Applications due by July 21, 2025.

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ADRC-N DISABILITY BENEFIT SPECIALIST

Price County Health and Human Services Department
Aging & Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N)

Price County is accepting applications for an ADRC-N Disability Benefit Specialist within the Health and Human Services department. This position is located at the Price County Branch of the ADRC-N. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) assists people living within the ADRC-N region with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental illness, and/or substance abuse disorders between the ages of 18 and 59 with accessing public and private benefits. This position is supervised by the local ADRC-N supervisor in collaboration with a DBS Program Attorney who provides substantive case oversight.

This is a full-time, regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$24.35 and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.95% employer match, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a no deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at www.co.price.wi.us, by emailing a request to hroffice@pricecounty.wi.gov or by calling 715-339-5131.

A resume and completed application must be received by the Price County Human Resource Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 2025, to be considered for this position.

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

On 5/20/2025 a deputy on patrol observed a vehicle traveling N/B on USH 51 near the 208 mile marker in the Town of Pine River. While the deputy watched, the vehicle the driver used a prohibited U-turn to travel S/B on USH 51. The deputy stopped the vehicle for the violation and made contact with the driver, an Antigo man, 42. In speaking with the driver, the deputy saw drug paraphernalia in the car. The deputy then searched the vehicle and located additional marijuana. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana. As a result, he was asked to perform some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for OWI 1st offense. The deputy was assisted at the scene by a deputy specially trained as a drug recognition expert.

On 5/23/2025 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle for speeding on CTH K at Merrill Town Hall Rd in the Town of Merrill. When the deputy made contact with the driver, an Eau Claire man, 38, the deputy noticed signs of impairment consistent with illegal drugs. The deputy, who is trained as a drug recognition expert, asked the driver to submit to some sobriety tests, which he agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for a first offense of operating with a restricted controlled substance, as well as possession of marijuana. The driver was later booked into the Lincoln County Jail.

On 05/23/2025 deputies were sent to an address on CTH JJ in the Town of Rock Falls for a domestic dispute that had been physical, and there were injuries reported. When deputies arrived on scene, they made contact with the two parties involved, an Irma man, 40, and a Manitowoc man, 40. In speaking with the two, both were intoxicated and making very little sense. Both had injuries consistent with being involved in a fight. During the investigation, the man from Manitowoc admitted to driving, which led to him being placed under arrest for a 4th offense OWI. The man from Irma had open court bonds restricting him to absolute sobriety. He was arrested for an offense of misdemeanor bail jumping and disorderly conduct. Both parties were booked into the Lincoln County Jail.

On 05/24/2025 deputies were dispatched to Otter Lake campground for a disturbance in progress involving two parties, one of which was reported to be armed with a gun. Prior to deputies' arrival, someone at the campground was able to get the gun away from the suspect and hide it from him. When deputies spoke with the two parties involved, it was evident that an argument had taken place. It was further learned that during the argument, the suspect, a Wausau man, 19, armed himself with a handgun. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked into the Lincoln County Jail for second offense OWI, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, disorderly conduct while armed, going armed while intoxicated, intentionally pointing a firearm at a person and resisting/obstructing.

On 05/24/2025 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle for speeding on North Center Ave. at Lake St. in the City of Merrill. The deputy made contact with the driver, a Medford man, 24. During the stop, it was learned that the driver was on probation through the State of Wisconsin. The driver admitted to having drug items in the car, claiming they were not his. The driver was subsequently arrested for a probation violation, and further charges are pending.

On 05/24/2025 a deputy on patrol stopped a UTV for operation on a prohibited highway on STH 107 in the Town of Merrill. While making contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 20, the deputy noticed signs of impairment. The deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, which he agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for OWI in a UTV. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

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**Lincoln County Service Center
Room 247/248
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MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 • 4:30 pm**
Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of this meeting. Please contact the county clerk, at 715-539-1019 or chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us, as early as possible so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.
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LEGAL NOTICE
LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

The following liquor license applications have been filed with the Clerk of the Town of Lynne, Oneida County, Wisconsin. Licenses will be issued from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
CLASS B – BEER & LIQUOR LICENSE
Behnke’s Bucksnort Resort,
5129 Boyle Road, Tripoli
J&D’s Reel’em In Resort,
4925 Talbot Road, Tripoli
Hillside Bar & Grill,
5217 Willow Road, Tripoli
Town of Lynne Clerk – Molly Lehman
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NOTICE
FROM THE TOWN OF KING

As of July 1, 2025 since fulfilling all state requirements, Lake Alice waters within the boundary of the Town of King will be a NO WAKE ENHANCEMENT DEVICE lake under town ordinance 2025-01. Fines for failure to comply will start at \$500.00.
Andrew Tomaszewski
Supervisor for the Town of King
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APPLICATION NOTICE
Town of Harrison

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for licenses to deal in intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages have been filed with the Town of Harrison Clerk for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:
Derek’s Town & Country, LLC
N10847 Hwy. 17 North, Gleason, WI 54435
Derek Gretzinger
2828 Green Bass Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501
Nut-Zee’s Resort, LLC
N9831 County Road B, Gleason, WI 54435
Bonnie Kappell
N9831 County Road B, Gleason, WI 54435
Smokentazz, LLC
N10002 County Road B, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Darren Blakesley
W3263 Stevenson Road, Irma, WI 54442
Tanglewood Elm City
N7433 State Rd. 17, Gleason, WI 54435
Brian Shudy
725 Maple Ridge Lane, Brookfield, WI 53045
Kathy Voermans, Clerk
Town of Harrison
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APPLICATION NOTICES

TOWN OF LITTLE RICE, ONEIDA COUNTY
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Notice is hereby given that the following renewal applications to deal in intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages have been filed with the town clerk:
Class B Beer and Class B Liquor
Thor Laibly, G & L Willow’s End LLC,
4823 Willow Dam Road, Hazelhurst, WI 54531
Theodore Albright and Lori Lewis, T & L Willow Wood LLC,
4950 Willow Dam Road, Hazelhurst, WI 54531
Francis and Jane Borowski, Little Rice Resort,
4660 County Road Y, Hazelhurst, WI 54531
Amiee and Darren Merkel, Boomba Bar and Grill LLC,
11083 Old Hwy 8, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Michael Bohn and Steven Bohn, Willow Haven Bar & Grill LLC,
4877 Haven Drive, Hazelhurst, WI 54531
Applications will be considered by the Town Board at the Town Board Meeting on June 10th, 2025 at 4:30pm at the Little Rice Town Hall
Christine Sully, Town Clerk
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The following applications to deal with intoxicating liquors and fermented beverages have been filed with the Town of Bradley Clerk for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

Besse's On Clear Lake
Brenda Graff, President
W6041 Northern Lights Circle
Tomahawk, WI 54487
BBS Tomahawk LLC
William Eastwood, Member
Billy Bob's Sports Bar & Grill
N12025 County Road L
Tomahawk, WI 54487
Bradmar, Inc.
Bradley Bucks, President
Edgewater Country Club
N10369 Echo Valley Rd.
Tomahawk, WI 54487
W&C Dieter
Gregg Dieter, Agent
Cockatiel's Barl
N10730 County Road A
Tomahawk WI 54487
Silver Birch Fine Dining, LLC
Elizabeth Dreger, Owner
W6009 Taylor Lane
Tomahawk, WI 54487
Inshalla Inc.
Jason Kahle, Owner
Inshalla Country Club
N11060 Clear Lake Rd.
Tomahawk WI 54487
Duck Point Enterprises, LLC
Duck Point/Happy Quacker
Donald Hipler, Owner
W5930 Duck Point Road
Tomahawk, WI 54487
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Star's & Stripes Pub & Grub
Donald Moon. Owner
N11497 Short Rd.
Tomahawk, WI 54487
The Roadhouse LLC
4927 37th Ave SO,
Minneapolis MN 55417
Mary Weimerskirch, Agent
N11050 County Road A
Tomahawk WI 54487
Kelly's Farm to Table
Restaurant LLC
James C Alber, President
N8583 Alber Road
Tomahawk, WI 54487
HOLXNATE Inc.
Nathan Carr
Holly's Bar & Grill
W5698 County Rd. N
Tomahawk, WI 54487
CLASS A BEER
JAC-KB Inc.
James Charles, President
Kracker Barrel
N11790 Cty Rd. L
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True North Energy, LLC
True North #859
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W4957 S. Klade Road
Tomahawk WI 54487
Milos Country Store on 86 LLC
Shawn Augustine, Owner
Milos
W6855 State Hwy 86
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TOWN OF BRADLEY	MINIMUM BID
PROPERTY #1-25: The North One-half (N 1/2) of the South One-half (S 1/2) of the North One-half (N 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4), Section Thirty-one (31), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (Vacant Land – Swamp Road) P.I.N. 00434063129985	\$5,100
PROPERTY #2-25: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4), Section Thirty-one (31), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Starting from the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4), Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 6 East; thence One Hundred and Sixty-five (165) East to a point; thence seven hundred and ninety-two (792) feet South to a point of beginning; thence five hundred and twenty-eight (528) feet South to a point; thence one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet East to a point; thence five hundred and twenty-eight (528) feet North to a point; thence one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet West back to point of beginning. (Vacant Land, Tomahawk) P.I.N. 00434063129998	\$1,900
TOWN OF RUSSELL	
PROPERTY #3-25: A portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4), Section Thirty-three (33), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Russell, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) said Section, Township and Range; thence in a Westerly direction along the North Section line of said Section 33, a distance of 208 feet; thence Southerly 140 feet to a point on the right of way of the C.M. St. P & P Railway Company; thence Southeasterly along said right of way 219 feet to an iron stake; thence Northerly 292 feet to the place of beginning. (N5297 Bradley Steet, Gleason) P.I.N. 02033083329995	\$70,000
TOWN OF SCHLEY	
PROPERTY #4-25: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and the East One-half (E 1/2) of Lot Four (4), and the East One-half (E 1/2) of Lot Eleven (11), and all of Lots Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block “A” of the Plat of Doering, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Together with that portion of the vacated alley lying between said Lots and; Together with the 33 foot alley lying adjacent to and East of Lots 1 and 14 and; Together with that portion of Doering Street lying immediately adjacent to the North of the E1/2 of Lot 11 and Lots 12, 13, and 14, Block “A”, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (W706 County RD C, Gleason) P.I.N. 02232082349991	\$103,000
TOWN OF SOMO	
PROPERTY #5-25: The East One-half (E 1/2) of the West One-half (W 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Four (4) East, town of Somo, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. EXCEPT right of way for road on the South side of this land. (Vacant Land - Tripoli) P.I.N. 02835041139995	\$25,000
TOWN OF WILSON	
PROPERTY #6-25: The East 310 feet of the West 660 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Twenty-four (24), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Five (5) East, Town of Wilson, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (W7564 County RD CC, Tomahawk) P.I.N. 03235052439996	\$57,000

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Bids must be submitted on Lincoln County's Bid and Purchase Agreement Form.
Mail bids to: Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 in an envelope clearly marked “**LAND BID – PROPERTY #.**”
Sealed bids will be accepted at the department office until noon **July 11, 2025** and opened at a meeting of the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee July 14, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.
For further information, contact the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department at (715) 539-1034. Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee: Norbert Ashbeck, William Bialecki, Greg Hartwig, Kenneth Wickham, Andy Zelinski
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News Briefs

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.

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, June 12, 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 26; and Thursday, July 10.To schedule an appointment, call 715-539-1083.

Tomahawk United Methodist Church rummage, bake sale

Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., Tomahawk, will host a rummage and bake sale on Friday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No items will be priced. Items will be available to purchase via donation.

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 715-966-4801 or Gordy Lovsletten at 715-453-4783.

Lincoln County road work

Lincoln County Highway Commission-

er Jason Lemmer advises that the following roads will be closed for chip sealing, paving and replacing culverts, weather permitting. Local traffic only. Expect lengthy delays. Paving to include gravel application, pulverizing and shaping, paving, shoulder, paint and finish work approximately through Thursday, July 3: County Rd. A, from Erickson Rd. to Willow Rd. (1.54 miles); County Rd. C, from County Rd. JJ to County Rd. K (1.5 miles); County Rd. CC, from U.S. Hwy. 8 to Somo Dam Rd.; County Rd. E, from State Rd. 86 south to the Spirit River Bridge (1.48 miles); County Rd. U, from U.S. Hwy. 8 to County Rd. A (2.11 miles). Chip sealing, from approximately Tuesday, Aug. 5 through Thursday, Aug. 7: County Rd. D, from U.S. Hwy. 51 to County Rd. B (9.2 miles). Culvert replacements (month of August): County Rd. W.

THS Class of 1975 50th reunion

The Tomahawk High School (THS) Class of 1975 will hold a 50th reunion at American Legion Post 93, 327 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, on Saturday, July 5 at 5 p.m. A chicken dinner with beverage will be served. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Spouses and significant others are invited. To RSVP, Venmo *jean@ths50* or mail a check to Jean Whalen, N7249 County Rd. H, Irma, Wis., 54442. For more information, contact Whalen at 715-966-3956.

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, at 5 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call Teri at 715-218-7776.

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The Town Board of Nokomis approved the above renewal application list for the year of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Unless the Town is notified by a wholesaler that tavern(s) is delinquent on bills. That tavern(s) will not be issued a license per Section 125.69(4)2(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes prohibits issuance of a retailer's license to any person indebtedness for intoxicating liquor to any wholesale permittee of more than 30 days standing.

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Leader Sports & Nature

OCHD offers tips to stay safe, help advance research during tick season

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ONEIDA COUNTY – As the weather warms and more residents and visitors enjoy the outdoors, the Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) is reminding the public that ticks are active and present a serious health risk in our region.

The department is also encouraging community members to participate in a statewide tick surveillance project to help researchers better understand tick populations and the diseases they carry.

“Ticks are endemic to northern Wisconsin, including Oneida County, and can transmit serious illnesses such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis and more,” OCHD said in a release. “Tick-borne illnesses can lead to symptoms like fever, rash, joint pain and fatigue. If left untreated, some can cause long-term complications.

“We want residents and



visitors to enjoy the beautiful Northwoods safely,” said Linda Conlon, OCHD Health Officer/Director. “Taking steps to prevent tick bites and participating in research helps protect not just yourself, but the entire community.”

OCHD provided the following tips to reduce risk of tick bites:

- Wear light-colored, protective clothing and tuck pants into socks.
- Use EPA-registered repellents such as DEET or permethrin-treated gear.
- Try natural repellents with cedarwood, thyme or clove oil.
- Check your entire body and pets thoroughly after being outdoors.
- Remove ticks with fine-tipped tweezers, pulling straight out. Avoid squeeze-

ing or burning the tick.

OCHD said early detection and treatment of tick-borne illnesses is important.

“If you experience symptoms like fatigue, fever, rash or joint pain, contact your healthcare provider,” OCHD stated.

Get involved in the TICS project

The Marshfield Clinic Research Institute is once again calling on Wisconsin residents to send in ticks they find as part of the Tick Inventory via Citizen Science (TICS) project.

Participation is easy, OCHD said, providing the following steps to get involved:

- Pick up a free tick collection kit at OCHD, located at 100 W. Keenan St., Rhineland.

• To request a kit by mail, contact tics@marshfield-clinic.org or call 715-389-7796 ext. 16462.

• Use the kit to safely collect and mail in ticks found on yourself, others or pets.

• Each kit includes a unique code so you can track what kind of tick you submitted and see statewide results.

“Tick submissions help researchers identify which species are most common in Wisconsin and track the spread of disease-carrying ticks, including new species like the lone star tick, which can transmit illnesses and potentially cause Alpha-gal Syndrome, a red meat allergy,” OCHD stated. “The research does not include testing the ticks for disease.”

OCHD said it will continue to monitor tick-related health concerns and encourages all residents and visitors to take precautions.

For more information about the TIC Study, visit www.tinyurl.com/5af83vuu.

Fishing Report: Activity is solid across the board

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – After a rollercoaster of spring weather, summer is finally settling in across the Northwoods.

We’ve been seeing cooler-than-normal nights, and daytime temps have been climbing slowly, but steadily. That’s kept water temperatures a bit behind schedule, hovering in the upper 50s and low 60s on most lakes, depending on depth and sun exposure.

Even so, fish activity has been strong and consistent across species.

Walleye action continues to improve. With spawning well behind us, fish have moved into mid-depth weed beds and rock-gravel areas. Males and females alike are feeding well. Jigs tipped with tuffies or leeches are doing the job and slip bobbers have been particularly effective in the evenings. Some anglers are having good luck with plastics like Keitechs along the weed edges. The bite is best during low-light hours especially in the evenings and after dark.

Bass are active and visible. Smallmouth are nesting in rocky shallows, making for excellent sight fishing with light spinning gear or fly rods. Smaller plastics, twitch baits and leeches have all produced strikes. Largemouth are starting to lock into their summer pattern, holding in bullrushes and softer-bottom bays. Surface lures and slow-moving presentations work well in these areas.

Panfish, especially bluegill and crappie, have been hitting well. Crappie are hitting small plastics and minnows around submerged wood and weed edges at eight to 12 feet. Bluegills are tight to shore and aggressive, especially in the evenings. Worms and waxies under small floats are hard to beat. This is great fishing for kids, or filling the freezer.

Musky activity has started to ramp up, though they’re still in post-spawn recovery mode on many lakes. Focus on smaller bucktails and #13 Rapalas near emerging weeds and shoreline cover. Anglers throwing downsized baits are seeing good action, especially on warmer afternoons. Expect more consistency in the coming weeks as the water warms.

Overall, we’re a bit behind on summer patterns, but the fish aren’t waiting. Activity is solid across the board. It looks like this week we should have some more “typical” weather for this time of the year. Now’s the time to get out and enjoy some of the best fishing of the season.

Good luck and good fishin’!

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“And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.” Numbers 32:16-18

As the children of Israel neared the end of their 40-year journey, two of the tribes of Israel, Reuben and Gad, saw that the land on the east side of the Jordan River was perfect for their livestock. They asked Moses if they could settle there instead of crossing with the rest of Israel into Canaan.

Moses was initially very unhappy with them. It looked that these two tribes were repeating the same failure as the previous generation, refusing to enter the promised land. It appeared that Rueban and Gad were deserting the rest of Israel for a comfortable life of ease, while the rest of the tribes struggled on without them. Moses rebuked them for seeming to abandon their mission and divide God’s people. They were supposed to be one people, with one God, and one mission: to enter and claim their inheritance together.

A compromise was made. Reuben and Gad that they could settle the east ...**BUT ONLY IF...** they sent their warriors into battle alongside the rest of Israel. They would not rest until all had received their inheritance.

Today, you may feel spiritually secure: attending church, praying, and living in relative comfort. But like Reuban and Gad, we must not rest while others are still in crisis, seeking peace, hope, and salvation in Jesus. Many in our communities carry silent burdens. But your love and encouragement may be the very light that leads someone home.

We are not called to rest comfortably or retreat into ease while the world falls apart. We are called to press together, encourage each other, lift up the Word of God, and share the good news of the Gospel...**and we are called to keep doing this...**until Jesus returns.

Maranatha! The Lord is Coming!



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Public encouraged to utilize Wisconsin Trail Report

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – In recognition of Great Outdoors Month, Travel Wisconsin is encouraging residents and visitors to explore the state’s natural beauty and diverse landscape with the help of the Wisconsin Trail Report.



In a release, Travel Wisconsin said its Trail Report connects outdoor enthusiasts to Wisconsin’s vast collection

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June 6	1:44AM	8:08AM	3:46PM	8:29PM
June 7	2:02AM	8:50AM	4:52PM	9:11PM
June 8	2:22AM	9:34AM	5:59PM	9:57PM
June 9	2:48AM	10:21AM	7:06PM	---
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Drain Campaign: DNR urging boaters to help prevent spread of invasive species

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN –The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by draining water from their boats and equipment this fishing season.

“The first full weekend of June is all about fishing in Wisconsin, a perfect pairing for the DNR’s Free Fun Weekend (Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8) and the Clean Boats, Clean Waters annual Drain Campaign (Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8),” DNR said in a release.

The campaign focuses on the importance of boaters and anglers draining water from their livewells, boats and equipment before leaving boat launches and fishing access points.

“Unfortunately, some of our Wisconsin lakes and rivers are known to contain aquatic diseases or small invasive species, like spiny water fleas and zebra mussel larvae,” DNR said. “Wisconsin has various laws in place to prevent the introduction and control the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases in Wisconsin.”

Wisconsin law requires boaters and anglers to



The DNR is urging boaters and anglers to drain their livewells and fish buckets before leaving boat launches. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

drain livewells, motors and containers before leaving a boat launch or fishing spot to prevent the transport of diseases and invasive species from one waterbody to the next. Since water cannot be used to transport fish away from the shore, it’s recommended to use ice instead.

If you are using live bait, Wisconsin fishing regulations state that minnows can only be purchased from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer, and no more than two gallons of water may be used to transport them. Minnows may only be used on a different waterbody if no lake or river water or

previously used minnows have been added to the container.

“No other fish can be held in the minnow container, and dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration,” DNR stated. “Never dispose of unwanted bait in a lake or river. If you have worms that you will not use before they die, dispose of them in a closed container in the trash, never on the ground.”

Before and after you cast your line, protect our fishing future by doing your part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. DNR is reminding the pub-

lic to emember to:

- Inspect all fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud.
- Remove all attached plants or animals.
- Drain all water from containers and equipment (maximum of 2 gallons of water allowed for minnows).
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody (fish out of water = dead).
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

To learn more about Wisconsin bait fishing regulations, visit www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives/boat.

TRAIL REPORT

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of hiking and biking trail networks.

“The Wisconsin Trail Report is an interactive map for locating trail networks, learning about general conditions and planning a trip around outdoor adventure,” Travel Wisconsin said. “By selecting a trail network on the map, users find nearby recommendations for dining, lodging, activities and events to round out a trip.”

“Wisconsin’s trails are more than a pathway from A to B – they’re routes for adventure, discovery and making memories,” said Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. “The Wisconsin Trail Report empowers outdoor enthusiasts with the information and inspiration to make the most of Great Outdoors Month and beyond.”

Travel Wisconsin said visitors can discover more than 165 trail networks listed on the report and can find their next adventure through several filtering options.

“One option allows users to only display Wisconsin State Park System properties, which are perfect outdoor destinations during a significant year,” Travel Wisconsin stated.

In 2025, the Wisconsin State Park System celebrates its 125th anniversary. The System provides 20 million visitors annually access to high-quality outdoor recreation, educational experiences and natural resources

at 50 state parks, 15 state forests and 44 state trails in all corners of the state.

“Our state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are havens for hiking and biking, and the Trail Report makes discovering your next favorite State Park System property a breeze,” said Steve Schmelzer, Director of Parks and Recreation Management at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). “As we celebrate 125 years of stewarding these natural assets, you can explore them on an unforgettable trip during Free Fun Weekend or any time of the year.”

Wisconsin’s Free Fun Weekend is slated for Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, during which, state park admission fees, fishing licenses and trail passes are waived.

The Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation launched the Trail Report in 2021, and the report has grown in popularity since then. In 2024, more than 600,000 www.TravelWisconsin.com users turned to the Trail Report for travel inspiration. The report includes general trail conditions for hiking and biking, including recreational and mountain biking, and volunteer reporters maintain the Trail Report with regular condition updates into late fall.

To view the Wisconsin Trail Report, visit www.travelwisconsin.com/hiking-report.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 236

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 235 question: In the 1985 THS track season, Jon Galloy qualified for State in the 200m and 400m. Which event did he place higher in at State?

Week 235 answer: Jon Galloy placed 2nd in the 400m in 49.28 for a new school record and 7th in the 200m.

Congrats to Ann Zacharias for being the first to correctly answer last week’s question!

Week 236 question: In the 1985 girls’ softball season, Tomahawk defeated Lakeland 6-0. What was special about this game: Was it a no-hitter, a two-day game or the first time Tomahawk defeated Lakeland in 25 years?

DATCP conducting spongy moth trapping

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) last week announced that it will be setting approximately 8,000 traps for spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) this year.

The traps will be placed in 36 central and western Wisconsin counties, including Lincoln, Oneida, Marathon, Price, Taylor and Vilas, through early July.

A release from DATCP said trap locations are

determined according to a grid- and data-based system.

Most traps will be set along public roadside rights-of-way, but some will require placement on private property in areas where new infestations are suspected, according to DATCP.

DATCP requests that all traps remain undisturbed once they are in place.

“Traps are used both to monitor known spongy moth populations and to identify new populations in previously uninfest-

ed areas,” said Amanda Miller, DATCP Spongy Moth Trapping Coordinator. “Even though spongy moth populations drastically decreased last season, the total male moth catch still set a record as the second highest in recent program history.

Miller said data collected from traps this season “will be crucial in the pro-

gram’s effort to pinpoint new populations and limit their spread before infestations become large enough to cause damage to trees.”

Spongy moth traps are small green boxes stapled or tied to trees. The trap emits the scent of flightless female spongy moths

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June 17.....	6:00	Senior BR vs Rhinelander	July 22.....	6:00	Legion vs Medford (DH 5/5)
June 20.....	6:00	Legion vs Marathon (DH 7/5)	July 26.....	6:00	Titans vs Interwald
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to attract and catch adult male spongy moths. The lure scent is undetectable to other insects, animals and humans.

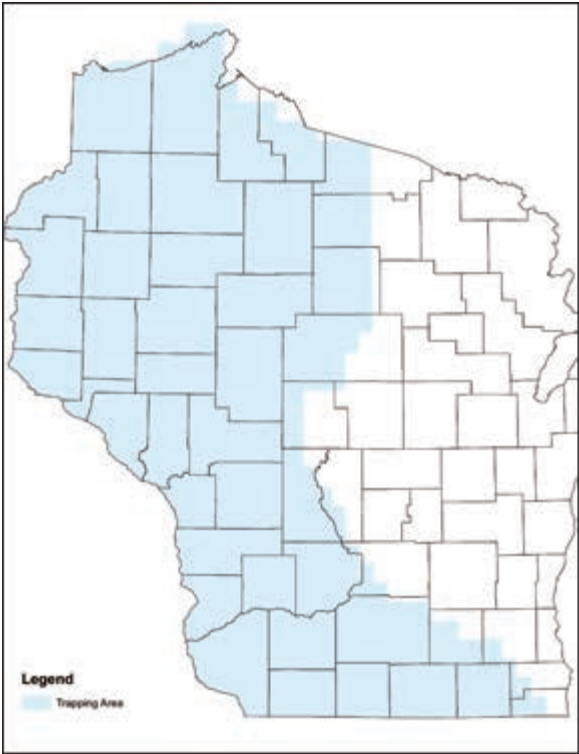
“Although these traps catch adult male spongy moths, the primary purpose is to gather data to inform follow up control efforts and does not have direct, meaningful impacts on the population of this invasive species,” DATCP stated.

Trapping staff will monitor traps until male moths stop flying – usually around Labor Day – at which time the traps will be removed.

DATCP said trapping staff are easily identifiable, wearing fluorescent vests and carrying identification.

Each trap is labeled with a phone number and QR code that property owners can utilize if they have questions, want to report a damaged trap or would like to request the trap be removed from their property.

For more information on spongy moth trapping, visit www.datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SMSurvey.aspx; call 800-642-MOTH (6684); or email spongymoth@wisconsin.gov.



A map of the area where spongy moth traps will be placed.
Photos courtesy of DATCP



A spongy moth trap.

Kurth, Vanderwyst take top
spots in welding competition

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Two Tomahawk High School (THS) students were recently recognized for their performances in a welding competition.

Recent THS graduate Nathan Kurth and current THS student Connor Vanderwyst were among area high school students honored at the 2025 Welding and Machine Tool Awards Banquet, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) in Wausau last month.

A total of 15 area high schools took part in the contest, in which students were provided materials and a blueprint and had to fabricate the weldment using their weld process of choice.

Kurth and Vanderwyst took first place overall as a team, and each placed in the top ten in the individual welding competition.

For his fifth-place finish, Vanderwyst received a \$1,600.00 scholarship from CWIMA. Kurth was awarded \$1,300.00 for placing eighth.

The scholarships were offered for Nicolet Technical College, Northcentral Technical College or Mid-State Technical College.

Technolgy Education teacher Brian Schiltz thanked CWIMA for hosting the event and awarding over \$30,000 in scholarships.

He also gave a shoutout to the School District of



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Tomahawk for offering tech ed programs and local partners, including Steve Daigle of Daigle Brothers Inc., “for supporting hands-on learning through the THS Youth Apprenticeship program.”

“Tomahawk has much to celebrate, and even more to look forward to,” Schiltz said.

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