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The Tomahawk High School (THS) Class of 1974 held its 50th reunion at Inshalla Country Club on Friday, July 5. A total of 67 classmates attended.

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Local advocacy group, Lincoln County board chair Boyd react to Pine Crest sale agreement's termination

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – A local group that has advocated against the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, as well as the Chair of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, recently reacted to the termination of the facility's sale agreement.

A lawsuit brought against Lincoln County by Donald J. Dunphy, who serves as District 7 Supervisor on the Lincoln County board, led to the facility's buyers, Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc., ending the Asset Purchase Agreement with the county.

A Friday, June 28 letter to Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger from the buyers' attorney, Richard J. Summerfield, said the buyers chose to terminate the agreement due to language in the agreement that states that should there be litigation brought against the county or the facility, the county would be in default of the agreement.

With the sale of the facility now off, "People for Pine Crest" and Lincoln County Board Chair and District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd voiced their views on the issue and are looking ahead to what's next.

'People for Pine Crest' laud termination of sale agreement

"People for Pine Crest," a group that has advocated against the sale of the Merrill facility, lauded the news of the sale agreement's termination.

Dunphy is a member of People for Pine Crest.

In a release from the



Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

group, Gene Babel, a Merrill resident and group member, said the termination of the sale agreement is "great news for the people of Lincoln County."

"Selling Pine Crest to an out-of-state corporation like Senior Management Inc. was never a good idea," Babel stated. "As a county nursing home, Pine Crest has been taking care of Lincoln County residents for 70 years, and we should be investing in Pine Crest so it will continue to do so for the next 70 years."

The group called the sale of Pine Crest "widely unpopular" and highlighted an Oct. 2023 public opinion survey for Lincoln County residents conducted by the Tomahawk Leader and the Merrill Foto News that found that more than 80% of the nearly 800 respondents would have supported an increase in property taxes for five years or more to keep the nursing home county-owned.

Over the course of more

than a year, People for Pine Crest collected more than 800 signatures on a petition opposing the sale, while group members have utilized public comment periods during numerous county board meetings to speak out against that county's sale of the nursing home.

The group also pointed to the board's Aug. 2023 rejection of a potential referendum that would have put the future of Pine Crest funding in the hands of Lincoln County voters.

"As the supervisors moved forward in their efforts to sell the nursing home, Pine Crest's finances continued to improve," the release stated.

Pine River resident Eileen Guthrie said in the release that "one of the hollow arguments that the proponents of selling Pine Crest often made was that it cost too much money."

"However, Pine Crest's operating budget is in very good shape," Guthrie stated. "In fact, through the

end of May 2024, Pine Crest is running a net positive operating budget balance of \$555,000.00, according to the latest figures from North Central Health Care."

Renea Frederick of Merrill said in the release that the group is "ready to get to work so Pine Crest can continue to provide high quality, affordable and local care."

"All of the effort that went into trying to sell Pine Crest would have been better spent on saving it," Frederick stated. "That said, we see this moment as an opportunity to bring people together to make Pine Crest even better. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and invest in Pine Crest for the long haul and we expect the county supervisors to do the same."

Board Chair Jesse Boyd: Sale agreement's termination 'came as a surprise'
On Wednesday, July

3, Lincoln County Board Chair and District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd said the termination of the sale agreement "came as a big surprise."

"All parties involved knew during the process that Supervisor Dunphy filed notice of a lawsuit, but during our conversations regarding the extension, the lawsuit was never discussed," Boyd stated.

Boyd said the resolution that Dunphy's lawsuit is based on "is not binding county board Supervisors, only acting as a recommendation."

"Nor do we believe the Forestry Department has any knowledge regarding a nursing home," he added. Looking forward, Boyd said he doesn't know what the board will do regarding how Pine Crest will impact the 2025 county budget. Boyd said he assumes Dunphy "has come up with a plan," but noted that Dunphy had not shared that information as of Wednesday, July 3.

"However, I've heard of discussion regarding another referendum," Boyd stated. "What that amount will be, I would urge any Supervisor or concerned citizens to look back at the last legislative session. When you do look back, the numbers were laid out in the resolution for the cost of maintenance, debt service and operational cost. That came to just under \$4 million per year. However, the resolution was only for \$3 million, and it's guessing to factor in inflation."

Boyd said he feels like "we're beating a dead horse when we talk about Lincoln County's finances."

"We depleted to critical levels all fund balances and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds," he stated. "We've used those monies for operational expenses, which has left us in a critical situation."

Boyd pointed to a situation involving the county's Solid Waste Department, saying that the only way to keep the Lincoln County Landfill open was to bond a new cell and a new compactor, which Boyd said was "no fault of the Solid Waste Department."

For years, Boyd explained, the department set aside \$200,000.00 per year to use when a new cell would be needed, but those funds were ultimately allocated to operational expenses.

"We are all doing our best to stay optimistic and forward-thinking," Boyd stated. "To put it simply, we cannot afford to run or have someone else run a nursing home without increasing taxes or bonding for operational expenses. Let me remind you that the majority of our tax base is on a fixed income."

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Tomahawk pup Arlo vying for WPS's 'Ambassadog' title

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk dog is among the finalists in a campaign promoting safe digging.

A release from Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) said voting is currently underway to select the company's "Ambassadog."

"The winner will be the star of a special campaign promoting an important safety message: 'Doggone it! Call 811 at least three days before you dig,'" WPS stated.

WPS customers submitted pictures of their dogs, and the company narrowed them down to ten finalists.

Among the finalists is Arlo, an eight-month-old Aussiedoodle who lives in Tomahawk.

WPS said Arlo "always makes his owner smile."

"He often can be found around his home, hunting for toads or wrestling with pine branches,"



Arlo

Photo courtesy of WPS

WPS stated. "Arlo also likes to play with other dogs and sleep on top of his family."

The other finalists are from Amherst, Casco, De Pere, Green Bay, Greenleaf, Hilbert, Oshkosh, Plover and Schofield.

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and cast as many votes as you'd like by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 29.

"Digging can be dangerous if you don't call 811 or go to www.diggershotline.com at least three days in advance," WPS said. "Whether you're planting a garden or installing a fence, it's

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Supervisors allocate ARPA funds towards park projects, LEDC

BY JALEN MAKI
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LINCOLN COUNTY – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be allocated towards several park projects and economic development within Lincoln County.

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, during its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, July 16, gave the thumbs up to three resolutions distributing ARPA dollars.

The first resolution earmarks \$4,000.00 for the Pickerel Lake District and \$37,682.00 for the Town of Merrill. The Pickerel Lake District will use its funds to purchase an aeration system, while the Town of Merrill's funding allocation will aid improvements to the Lokemoen Landing.

Under the second reso-

lution approved by the board, a total of \$112,000.00 in ARPA dollars will go towards projects that exceeded previous allocations. The funds will be distributed among New Wood Park (\$45,000.00), Otter Lake (\$27,000.00), Prairie Dells (\$20,000.00) and the Hiawatha Trail (\$20,000.00).

Supervisors also gave the green light to the allocation of \$45,000.00 annually to the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) for 2025 and 2026.

The resolution cited Wisconsin Counties Association sales tax projections that show Lincoln County is "one of four counties with a zero growth or a reduction in sales tax revenue for 2023" and said the county's "overall budget remains fiscally vulnerable and needs additional time for changes to reflect stabilization before resuming funding Economic Development Corporation through operational funds."

The resolution noted that LEDC was "funded with the purpose of focusing on revenue growth without increasing taxes" and pointed to recent record-breaking tourism numbers posted by Lincoln County.

The board previously voted to approve funding LEDC for 2023 and 2024.

A resolution that sought to allocate ARPA funding towards contracting with Placer AI and Discover Wisconsin, along with focusing on other marketing objectives, was tabled until next month's meeting after Supervisors voiced concerns regarding tracking data and privacy.

Since Lincoln County received roughly \$5.5 million in ARPA funds in 2021 as part of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board has voted to dedicate ARPA dollars to a variety of areas, including county promotion and marketing; improving campgrounds, parks and county roads; and covering losses at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

It was noted during the meeting that the county is required to allocate its remaining ARPA funds by the end of the year. The county has roughly \$1 million in ARPA funds remaining, according to county data.

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Lincoln County board approves appointments of new Highway Commissioner, Finance Director

BY JALEN MAKI
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LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors filled two key positions within the county last week.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, July 16, the board unanimously voted to approve the appointments of Jason Lemmer as Lincoln County Highway Commissioner and Heather Marheine as the county's new Finance Director.

Lemmer had served as the county's Interim Highway Commissioner for about two months prior to being appointed to the role permanently last week. Lemmer replaces former Highway Commissioner John Hanz, who was dismissed from the position by the board in May.

Marheine will replace former Finance Director Samantha Fenske, who had served in the role for about 18 months. Marheine previously worked as an accountant within the county's Highway and Solid Waste departments.

News Briefs

Speaker Mary Beth Neubauer visiting Northwoods Vineyard

God is Calling will host Christian speaker Mary Beth Neubauer at Northwoods Vineyard, 418 Kaphaem Rd., Tomahawk, on Saturday, July 27, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

Portion of County Rd. M to close for culvert replacement

Lincoln County Interim Highway Commissioner Jason Lemmer advises that County Rd. M, between Cedar Rd. and Homestead Rd. in the Town of Corning, will be closed for culvert replacement from Monday, July 29 starting at 5:30 a.m. until Thursday, Aug. 1, ending at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Antique and Classic Outboard meet

The Northwoods Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club Inc. will host the Tomahawk National Antique and Classic Outboard meet at SARA Park, 900 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, from Tuesday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 2. Each day begins at 8 a.m. and ends between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., except Friday, when

the meet ends at 5 p.m. The outboard motor sale, swap and display meet will feature parts for sale, antique boats and outboards on display, five on-water events and boat testings. Admission is free to the public. For more information, contact Karen Dalle Ave at 715-356-5649.

VBS at Northland Bible Church

Northland Bible Church, 2810 Olson Rd., Tomahawk, will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) from Monday, July 29 through Friday, Aug. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. This year's theme is "God's Twilight Zone" – strange and unusual things that God uses to teach us. Music, games and crafts will be featured. On Friday, Aug. 2, Northland will celebrate the conclusion of VBS week with the Northland Fair at 6:30 p.m. For children needing a ride, the church van will leave the parking lot of Kwik Trip, 682 N. 4th St., Tomahawk, promptly at 9:10 a.m. and will return at 12:30 p.m. each day. For more information, call Pastor Alex at 715-612-1841.

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Legion howitzer renovated, rededicated

A local Boy Scout recently took on a project that saw the renovation of a piece of military history. Scout candidate and recent Tomahawk High School graduate Trey Morrison worked with Terry Baldowsky, Tomahawk Area Veterans Honor Guard member and Rifle Squad Captain, to give an Army howitzer on display at American Legion Post 93 in Tomahawk a facelift. The rejuvenation of the artillery weapon was Morrison's Eagle Scout Qualification/Community Merit Badge project.



In a Saturday, July 13 ceremony held at the Legion and conducted by Boy Scout Troop 548 and the Honor Guard, the howitzer was rededicated. A flag raising ceremony was also held, and members of the community were on hand for the event.

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CESA 9 in Tomahawk will offer Substitute Teacher Training on Wednesday, Aug. 7. An Associate's or Bachelor's degree is required. Those who successfully complete the one-day course may apply for a Wisconsin substitute teacher license. For registration information, visit www.cesa9.org or call 715-453-2141.

'Our Dream Park' remains closed

Tomahawk Together is reminding the community that "Our Dream Park" on N. 4th St. is still under construction and remains closed to the public.

Old Kindergarten Museum open for summer

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society's Old Kindergarten Museum, located at 18 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, is open for the summer. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Thursday, Aug. 22. The museum will also be open on selected evenings and Saturdays. The Log Museum will not be open due to construction in Washington Square Park.

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome. To volunteer, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

Former Tomahawk Chamber employee Keri Kelly begins in new role with Minocqua bureau

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MINOCQUA – Keri Kelly, former Tourism and Membership Coordinator with the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce, began in a new role in another area community this week.

Kelly started as the Design and Events Coordinator for the Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau on Tuesday, July 23.

A release from the bureau said Kelly's job duties will include organizing



Kelly
Photo courtesy of the Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau

the Let's Minocqua event series and acting as a community event liaison, as

well as taking on all in-house design work.

"Keri was a lead designer at Dr. Foster and Smith for nearly 20 years, and she owns her own business, 'Creative on Nokomis,'" said Krystal Westfahl, President and CEO of the Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau. "Her outgoing personality and attention to detail will be perfect for this role; not to mention her incredible design skill. We're hoping that someday she can help us execute our visitor

guide in its entirety, saving our organization valuable time and money."

The release said Kelly will work three days a week this summer and will begin full-time work with the bureau in winter.

"I'm so excited to be taking on this new challenge," Kelly stated. "My work in Tomahawk has prepared me well to serve the people of the Minocqua area, and I look forward to sharing my creative vision and ability with everyone here."

OBITUARIES

Obituary updates are posted at www.tomahawkleader.com

Everette E. Edmondson, age 86, passed away on July 5, 2024 at the Aspirus Hospital, Wausau, Wis. Formerly of West Bend, Wis. He spent the last several years in Tomahawk, Wis. He served in the military for 8 years before settling in West Bend with his wife Sharon. He was employed as a heavy crane operator for many years. His wife, Sharon, preceded him in death in March 2018. Surviving are his children, Pamela Edmondson, Florida; Steven (Sabine) Edmondson, Texas; Michael Edmondson, West Bend and Dean Carroll (Loni) of Tomahawk. Grandchildren, Tony Weiterman, Sidney & Sean Edmondson, Nick Carroll, Travis (Melanie) Carroll and Tim (Devan) Lewer. He is further survived by a sister, Karen, West Bend, and brothers Richard (Rita), West Bend and Ron (Ann), California. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park, New Berlin.



Main Street recognizes Foster Flower volunteers

Tomahawk Main Street Inc. (TMS) recently gave a shoutout to the supporters of its Foster Flower program. As part of the program, volunteers water, weed and mulch flowers planted along W. Wisconsin Ave. "Our downtown is looking gorgeous thanks to your hard work and dedication," TMS said. "No words can express our gratitude to everyone that supports Tomahawk Main Street Inc. in so many ways." Pictured is volunteer Dick McCarthy. Photo courtesy of TMS

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.

Before the Fourth of July, we had been looking at Hosea 4:1, *the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.* Hosea then states that the violence in the culture was because of the absence of the knowledge of God in the culture. In verses 6 through 9, we are told this situation arose because the priests were not teaching the people the truth about God from the Word of God, the Bible.

Watching the culture and the churches change as I was growing up, and continuing to watch the changes progress even further, I wondered, *Why all these changes in such a short time, especially in the churches?* So I read history and noticed that the changes in the churches were slow in coming, but had snowballed during the cultural revolution of the 1960's and 70's. The first, and most important change began in the early 1800's.

Before the 1800's, the belief was the church existed to bring glory to God in the world by making the truth of God known and believers living in obedience to what God said in His Word, the Bible. In 1 Peter 2:9,10, believers are told: *you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God.* We are to show the world that God is God, and He is good, by the lives we choose to live.

Ephesians 2 says God saves us so that we might know the riches of His grace and kindness toward us through Jesus Christ (verse 7). The riches of God's grace and kindness in Christ is that our salvation is a gift from God, purchased for us through the suffering and death of Christ (verses 8,9), and that with forgiveness, He begins to change us so we will do what is right (verse 10, also see Titus 2:14, Romans 8:28,29). The old understanding was the church existed to glorify God in the world through the salvation of sinners and lives changed to obey God. Who God is and how we relate to Him was the focus – not always perfectly practiced, but generally believed.

In the early 1800's, this belief began to be replaced with the idea that the church exists to save souls from hell and get them to Heaven – the focus being placed on people and not God. It is true, there are plenty of sinners who need saving, but their real need is to know the God against whom they have sinned. This change of focus in the churches, also brought a change in what and why churches did things.

To look at it another way, consider this. For some people, the end justifies the means. But when we read the Bible, God says that how we accomplish something is just as important as what we accomplish. We shall look at this more.

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day, Aug. 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by an ice cream social at Palmquist Farm at 6:30 p.m.

A gathering of all attendees at Palmquist Farm will begin at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, where food will be offered by a local 4-H Club, photos will be taken and memories will be shared.

The last class to graduate from Tripoli High did so in 1969, after which, the high school was closed and consolidated with the Prentice School District. Tripoli Elementary School was closed in 2005. Students were then bused to Prentice.

For more information about the reunion, call 715-436-0053.



Pictured is Tripoli High School alum Kevin Pokela wearing his Tripoli Tornadoes jacket.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Joy And Sorrow

Dear Reader,

The complex interplay between joy and sorrow is a timeless subject. It is perhaps not entirely fair to compare these emotions in a binary fashion. Both joy and sorrow are essential parts of the human experience, contributing to our emotional richness.

In essence, the impact of joy versus sorrow cannot be universally quantified or declared as one being greater than the other. Each emotion plays a vital role depending on an individual's circumstances and experiences. The balance of these emotions contributes to the tapestry of life, providing contrast and context that allow us to appreciate each moment more fully.

Ultimately, the significance of joy and sorrow lies in their ability to shape our lives, foster connections, and inspire personal growth. The question of which is greater may not be fair, as both are indispensable to understanding and experiencing the full spectrum of human emotion.



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Tomahawk sports history: Boys' basketball, part one

BY BOB SKUBAL
RETIRED COACH,
HISTORIAN, AUTHOR
OF 'HISTORY OF
TOMAHAWK SPORTS'

TOMAHAWK – The first mention of Tomahawk boys' basketball that this author can find was during the 1900-01 season.

It is believed that Tomahawk played their very first basketball game on Dec. 2, 1900. While the name of their coach was not discovered, team members of this first team were identified as Roy Conant, Casper Nelson, Glenn Foss, Will Miller, Joe Wangard, Albert Olson and William Fuller.

The Tomahawk Leader mentioned that the team had a 3-1 record, with a win over Rhinelander 22-12 and two other wins over Wausau, but the final scores could not be found in any articles. The lone loss for THS was against the City Team by a score of 40-13.

Let's take a look back at some of the moments that stand out in Tomahawk basketball history, starting with the first decade. Basketball is what this author calls a "Big Ticket" sport, so this look at the basketball program will be lengthy.

Counting this first season, there have been 31 different varsity coaches for Tomahawk basketball. Bill Fischer has the most varsity wins with 124, while Tim Albert has the longest tenure with 15 seasons. Superintendent L.W. Brooks has the highest winning percentage at 1.000 with a 5-0 record in his one season as varsity coach.

Thus far, Tomahawk basketball has won eight conference titles – 1927-28, 1962-63, 1963-64 (CO), 1966-67 (CO),

1968-69, 1969-70, 1975-76 and 1979-8; four district titles – 1924-25, 1936-37, 1968-69 and 1969-70; five regional titles – 1979-80, 1980-81, 1997-98, 2000-01 and 2013-14; and made two state appearances – 1924-25 and 1936-37.

1901-02

Games were played at Maccabee Hall. Maccabee Hall, or the Opera House, was located at the corner of N. 4th St. and W. Wisconsin Ave. It was the center for entertainment and meetings in Tomahawk.

Manager for the team was Bernhardt, who also served as substitute for the team. Team members were Norm Olson, Charles Bebeau, Will Fuller, (?) Bernhardt, Tom Nash, Guy Fuller, Fred Thoms, Jack Weber, Glenn Foss and Al Fluegal.

The team went 0-2 that season, with losses to the City Team 40-39 and Wausau 48-27.

1905-06

Coach was Superintendent Oliver E. Rice. The Tomahawk Leader mentions the team preparing for the season before Thanksgiving. There was nothing else in the Leader until the superintendent made a statement about behavior and rules for athletes to follow, such as eliminating foul play and sportsmanship.

Team members were Edgar Welfley, Herman Foster, Arthur Oelhafen, Elmer Foster, Patsy Stone, Percy Lord, Floyd Slater, James Kopplin, Parker Smith and Earl Wakefield. Edgar Welfley was selected as team captain. No scores were discovered for this season.

1907-08

Professor Beckwith was varsity coach. Games were played at the Opera House and the season record was once again 1-3.

The lone win came over the City Team, 67-23, while losses were to Merrill 30-17, Wausau 54-34 and Rhinelander 33-14.

Team members were Elmer Frye, Ed Schultz, Ray Atcherson, Albert Nelson, Claude Venne, Frederic Oelhafen, William Ball, O.K. Welty, Garrie "Moose" Eldridge and Patrick Twomey. O.K. Welty was selected as captain.

School colors were changed to Yale blue and gold.

1908-09

Coaches Superintendent L. W. Brooks and H. G. Fuller produced the only unbeaten season for Tomahawk at 5-0. Victories were 41-27 over Arbor Vitae, 31-11 over Minocqua, 38-18 over Merrill, 52-18 over Minocqua and 39-13 over Rhinelander.

Team members were Herbert Miller, Garrie Eldridge O.K. Welty, Ray Atcherson, Patrick Twomey, Albert Nelson and William Ball. Herbert Miller was the team manager and Will Ball was the captain.

Tomahawk was denied a trip to state because they did not enter the schedule early enough and did not play enough important games. The state tourney was only five years old and by invitation only.

1910-11

It was noted that no time outs were allowed to be called during games.

1911-12

One game worth noting was an 89-9 victory over Prentice, with Stanley May scoring 33, Frank Hebert 24 and Irvin Mitchell 20. Imagine if you were a Tomahawk basketball fan and watching this game. People were talking about this performance for years.

1913-14

The team traveled by train to away games.

Poor sportsmanship was shown this season when Tomahawk was playing Mi-

nocqua. The score was tied 10-10 when Tomahawk coach Clement V. Liner became displeased with the referee and Tomahawk walked off the court and forfeited the game.

1915-16

This was the first time in school history that Tomahawk sent a team to the playoffs.

1918-19

Dr. D.C. Jones presented the team with \$10.00 after they defeated Wausau 19-17.

1919-20

Coach was William Lampert. Team members were Ted Doucette, Sidney Engleman, Earl Cronkrite, James Clark, Jule Loftus, Ted Loftus, Ambrose Gahan, Frank Gillette and Roy Bloomquist. Doucette was selected as team captain.

Doucette scored 145 points during the season to lead the team, while Engleman scored 114 and Gahan 104. The team was 11-1 going into the playoffs before Loftus had to withdraw from the team because he had reached the age of 20.

Doucette and Engleman were selected to the Sectional All-Tournament Team.

1924-25

Robert Webster was the coach. Team members were John Smith, Ambrose Smith, Ted Chvala, Carl Ecklund, Eugene Brady, Frederick Cull, Sylvester Polege, John Robarge, George Larson, Paul Bebeau, Maurice Nickel, Richard Nielsen, Albert Marcouiller and Lawrence Foster.

Tomahawk was 13-4 and earned their first trip to the state tournament. In a win against Medford, Tomahawk was leading late in the game, and the wrong man from Medford called a timeout – only the captain could call an official timeout – and Tomahawk sank a free throw as a result of the technical foul called on Medford. Losses prior to the playoffs were to Wausau 22-21 and Marshfield 14-8 (the bus broke down and they arrived at 9 p.m. because

they had to take a sleigh the last seven miles).

In the first round of the playoffs, Tomahawk defeated Eagle River 15-10 (coach Webster made the team members carry their own water and had the boys sleep for 16 hours before sectionals). Next came a 19-12 victory over Medford before THS punched their ticket to state by defeating Antigo 17-6.

At state, Tomahawk lost 24-8 to La Crosse (La Crosse went on to become state champions) and 20-18 to Manitowoc. John "Cappy" Smith was All-Conference that season.

1926-27

Tomahawk only had two home games, as most teams refused to play at Tomahawk's "cheese box." Only

Rhinelander and Antigo played in Tomahawk.

1928-29

Tomahawk lost 17-0 for the first shutout in the history of the Valley Conference.

1930-31

Lloyd Bohm was the coach. Tomahawk came one game away from qualifying for state when they lost to Antigo 29-10. THS was 10-7 that season.

1932-33

A notable game was against Rib Lake. Coach Ambrose Gahan sent all but the starting center to the showers because of their poor showing, and the reserves won the game 16-12.

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BASKETBALL
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of the Tomahawk Leader, an article said that in the last five years, Tomahawk basketball was 6-38 and 35-50 the last 10 years in the Valley.

1933-34

Coach was K.M. Cherry. Even though Tomahawk was 9-8 and 8th in the Valley with a 2-6 record, they came one game away from qualifying for state when they lost to White Lake 18-17.

1935-36

Coach was K.M. Cherry. THS was 9-9. Tomahawk lost a playoff game against Washburn 30-20 (Washburn was a state entry from the previous year) when Jim Draeger's absence hurt the team, as he was home because his brother had scarlet fever.

1936-37

K.M. Cherry was coach. Major letter winners were Bill Fehrman, Clarence Robarge, Clayton Radtke, Howard Rose, Lloyd Koth

and Harold Sparks. Other team members were George Fryar, Dave Cowling, Arndt Torkelson, Fred Doucette, Bill Nick, Don Burton, Lawrence Rush, Bill Townsend, Norm Bauer, John Nelson, John Tierney, Jerome Helgeson (manager), Andy Oelhafen, Howie Hetzel, Lee Myre, Bob Koth, Ed St. Peter, Gail Sparks, Joe Chvala, Harold Eittreim, Butch Wee, James Nelson, Ed Ziegler, Luther Polege and Warren Wiley.

THS was 13-9 and tied for 5th in the Valley with a 6-6 record and made their second trip to the state tournament.

The playoffs saw THS defeat Nekoosa 28-15, Merrill 27-18, Adams -Friendship 25-12 and Kewaunee 33-26. At state, Tomahawk lost to Ashland 43-22 and Stoughton 37-25.

All-Conference honors went to Howard Rose, honorable mention; and Clayton Radtke, honorable mention.

1937-38

K.M. Cherry's team came one game away from qualifying for state when they lost to Merrill 29-16. THS was 8-11 overall. Lloyd Koth was All-Conference.

1938-39

One game worth mentioning was when THS defeated Medford 38-22 in the playoffs. Medford came in as the undefeated champions of the 3C Conference. THS was 6-13 overall. Jim Nelson was All-Conference.

1940-41

K.M. Cherry was assisted

by V.K. Derscheid. THS was second in the Valley with a 9-3 record and 15-4 overall.

Dean was second team All-Conference and led the Valley in scoring with 127 points.

1942-43

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THS was 15-6 overall. Tom Higgins set a Wisconsin Valley scoring record with 46

points in a 90-44 victory over Merrill. Higgins broke the record held by Johnny Kotz of Rhinelander.

Higgins also set the season scoring record with 326 points, breaking Kotz's record of 316. Kotz is still the only individual to own four Valley scoring titles.

Higgins was All-Conference, while Jim Scott and Jim Obey were All-Conference honorable mention.

To be continued next week

The history of boys' basketball at THS will continue next week.

Fishing Report: Mid-summer conditions bring great morning, evening fishing

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Mid-summer conditions are here, with that great morning and evening fishing that goes along with the comfortable temperatures of those time periods. There is still a lot of boating traffic, and the sun is high, so fish are deep in the weeds or in deep water during the daytime.

Overall, the lake levels are higher than last year, weed growth is good and water temps have been on a bit of a rollercoaster, as they shot up into the upper 70s with recent hot days we've had. But we expect they'll drop a bit and stick pretty close to those mid-70 degree temps for the duration, as the heat seems to be gone for a while.

Walleye fishing has been pretty good for this time of

year. Most fish are being found near the deep edges of the weeds. As we said, mornings and evenings are best, but you can find some fish during the daytime, also. Fish close to the bottom wherever you are fishing. The weed edges are roughly 8 feet on the darker water lakes and 12 feet on the deeper lakes. All live bait is working now. If you are using crawlers, use half crawlers for the best effect.

Bass fishing is at its summer best now, with the smallies out on rocks and feeding daily on crayfish. We have been also getting some on Rapalas twitched on calm days over those rocks. Leeches are the best live bait for these guys. Largemouth are definitely in the slop and can be in water as shallow as 3 feet. Plastics and spinnerbaits

are working best for these fish. Crawlers will work, but the bluegills will drive you crazy.

Northern are in the weeds and hitting well. Look for areas of deeper grass weeds for best production. Chubs are best for these fish, but artificial, such as Mepps and Johnson Silver Minnows, work well also.

Musky action has been very good, with some nice fish being caught throughout the area. Overall, bucktails are working best, but this is the time of the year when you can throw whatever you want. Night fishing is also fun right now, and if you want to get your heart pumping, throw a surface bait and wait for the explosion.

Panfish action has been great, especially for crap-

pies and bluegills. The 'gills are in the shallower weeds, and the crappies are in the deeper weeds. Mini Mites are working fantastic right now and both of these fish provide great daily action for anglers of all ages. You'll also find perch in the deeper weeds acting like small walleye.

The summer is passing fast, the weather is beautiful and now is the time to get out there and enjoy some time on the water.

Good luck and good fishing!

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 192

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports trivia question per week, provided by Bob Skubal, retired coach, historian, and author of "History of Tomahawk Sports." Email leadernews@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 191 question: Lance Powers went on to play football after graduating from THS. Where did he go: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Whitewater or UW-River Falls?

Week 191 answer: Lance Powers went on to play football at UW-River Falls.

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

Week 192 question: In the 1979 baseball season, who did Tomahawk defeat to put them in the sectional finals game: Medford, Lakeland or Ashland?



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Valid Wisconsin drivers license is required and Class A CDL is preferred for this position. Starting pay is based on experience.

Resume deadline August 21, 2024 and can be sent via email to wsmith@nokomiswi.gov.

CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER

Price County Department of Health and Human Services

Price County is accepting applications for a **Certified Social Worker** to join our team in the **Aging and Disability Unit** of the Health and Human Services Department. This is a professional social worker position, responsible for providing Elder Abuse/Adult-at-Risk investigations and guardianships/protective placements. The Adult Protective Services (APS) Worker is responsible to receive, respond to and investigate reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation. Position has extensive contact with the public, other service providers in the community and other employees in the department and County. Position functions in an office, client home, and community setting. Responsibility for cases and decision-making occurs jointly with the supervisor. Position is under the direct supervision of the Aging and Disability Supervisor and the general supervision of the Health and Human Services Director.

This is a full-time, regular position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage of \$28.14. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.9% employer contribution, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a zero 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.

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