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## City of Tomahawk voters may see water fluoridation advisory referendum on spring ballots

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – An advisory referendum related to the fluoridation of drinking water in the City of Tomahawk may appear on spring election ballots.

During its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 12, the City of Tomahawk Common Council voted to direct City Clerk/Treasurer Amanda Bartz to draft a resolution that, if approved by the council, will place

an advisory referendum on April ballots asking City of Tomahawk voters if they believe the city should end fluoride treatments of city water.

The city's Board of Public Works in September voted to end the treatments before ultimately recommending allowing voters to weigh in next spring.

It was noted during the September Board of Public Works meeting that a storage room that houses the city's chemical supplies, including the fluo-

ride additive, is experiencing corrosion. The board discussed several options, including continuing with the current chemical storage situation or building a separate structure to store the fluoride barrels before Mayor Steve Taskay proposed ceasing the treatments.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), community water fluoridation is the process of adjusting the amount of fluoride in drinking water to a level

recommended for preventing cavities.

"Community water fluoridation is a cornerstone strategy for prevention of cavities in the U.S.," the CDC states. "It is a practical, cost-effective and equitable way for communities to improve their residents' oral health, regardless of age, education or income."

According to a study shared on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Library of Medicine website, opposition to fluoridation treatments

is focused in part on potential risks of toxicity. Chronic fluoride toxicity can lead to gastrointestinal disturbances, and in severe cases, renal and cardiac dysfunction, coma and ultimately death, the study says.

The study notes that more than 80% of fluoride toxicity cases are seen in children younger than six years old and are caused by the ingestion of toothpastes or mouthwashes that contain fluoride.

"(Fluoride toxicity) is

rare among adults in the developed world," the study states.

The implementation of water fluoridation is the prerogative of state and local governments. The U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS)-recommended fluoride level is not an enforceable standard, according to the CDC.

The council must approve an advisory referendum resolution during its December meeting in order for a question to appear on April ballots.

## Newly-dedicated 'Wall of Honor' recognizes Tomahawk students who served in armed forces

BY JALEN MAKI  
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TOMAHAWK – Students who attended the School District of Tomahawk and served in the armed forces are now recognized on a newly-dedicated "Wall of Honor."

The Wall of Honor is located in the main foyer, near the gym and auditorium.

During a recent ceremony officially dedicating the Wall of Honor, District Administrator Wendell Quesinberry thanked Bob Soward, Tom Garrigan, Gerry Johnson and Dan Reiter, members of a special committee that spearheaded the tribute, for their "collaboration and leadership in bringing this vision to life."

"Their commitment to honoring our veterans has made this project possible," Quesinberry stated.

Quesinberry also gave a shoutout to District Secretary Coleen Frisch, "who truly went above and beyond."

"Coleen's tireless work behind the scenes and attention to detail have been essential in making the Wall of Honor a reality," Quesinberry said.

Individuals and groups who made donations toward the Wall of Honor were also recognized during the ceremony. Quesinberry noted that the total cost for the project was around \$8,000.00, and all funds came from private contributions.

Quesinberry also thanked Technology Education Instructor Andy Peissig for making the wooden plaques and the district maintenance team for installing them.

"To all the veterans who are being honored today,



Pictured are District Secretary Coleen Frisch and District Administrator Wendell Quesinberry with members of a special committee that spearheaded the Wall of Honor project.



The Wall of Honor is divided into branches of the military, with names of students who served in each branch displayed on wooden plaques.

we thank you," Quesinberry stated. "Your service is an inspiration to all of us. This wall is meant to stand as a reminder to future generations of students

of the sacrifices you made for the freedoms we hold dear."

The district will continue to accept names to be included on the Wall of

Honor. For more information, contact the district office at 715-453-5555. To submit a name online, visit [www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/district/wall-of-honor.cfm](http://www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/district/wall-of-honor.cfm).



Plaques recognizing project donors and the Wall of Honor Committee are also included in the tribute.



# School board green-lights spring referendum

BY JALEN MAKI  
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TOMAHAWK – A School District of Tomahawk funding referendum will appear on ballots in April 2025.

During its meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, the district's Board of Education unanimously approved a pair of resolutions authorizing the district to ask taxpayers for \$3.25 million per year for four years.

The current referendum, which has accounted for \$3.25 million for each

of the past three years, expires at the end of the school year.

Voters approved the current funding request by a roughly 56% to 44% margin in April 2022 after two previous attempts to pass a referendum were unsuccessful. A four-year, \$3.5 million referendum failed by 51 votes in Nov. 2020. In April 2021, voters rejected a four-year, \$3.25 million spending request by 33 votes.

Numerous area school districts approved referendums in this month's General Election, including

Antigo, Colby, Marathon City, Marshfield, Medford and Mosinee. Prentice School District voters rejected a spending request.

According to a study by the Wisconsin Policy Forum, record numbers of referendums and new school funding were approved earlier this month, with rising inflation outpacing increases in the state's per-pupil revenue limits, pressure to boost wages and the loss of federal COVID-19 pandemic relief noted as factors in the recent uptick in funding requests.

# Tomahawk's quarterly garbage pickup rates to increase next year

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Quarterly rates for garbage pickup in the City of Tomahawk will increase next year.

The City of Tomahawk Common Council last week approved the \$16.50 quarterly price jumps for each of the three bins available

to city residents.

The rate for 48-gallon bins will increase from \$27.75 to \$44.25.

64-gallon bins will go up from \$31.50 to \$48.00.

The rate for 96-gallon bins will rise from \$36.00 to \$52.50.

The new quarterly rates will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

Refuse pickup is billed each quarter on water/sewer bills.

Next year's increase marks the first since the current rates were implemented on Jan. 1, 2011.

A post on the city's Facebook page noted that the rate jumps are due to increases in Republic Service rates.

# Lincoln County awarded grant to modernize emergency communications systems

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Lincoln County has been awarded a grant by the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs Office of Emergency Communications.

According to a release from Lincoln County Emergency Management (LCEM), a total of \$416,684.16 was allocated to the county as part of a statewide initiative to bring Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) technology to local communities.

LCEM said the "critical funding will allow the county to upgrade its Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), ensuring faster response times, greater accuracy and enhanced emergency response capabilities that residents can rely on during any crisis."

The grant "marks a transformative milestone for Lincoln County," according to LCEM Director Tyler Verhasselt.

"This upgrade will improve our emergency communication capabilities, ensuring that our residents receive the swift assistance they need in critical moments," Verhasselt stated. "By equipping our first responders with advanced technology, we are enhancing their ability to protect and serve effectively. We are dedicated to providing the highest level of service to our community, and this grant brings us closer to our goal."

LCEM said the funding "represents Lincoln County's proactive commitment to en-



hancing public safety infrastructure," noting that the project will "improve interoperability with other emergency response agencies, strengthen community safety and ensure reliable service in any situation."

"Lincoln County extends its gratitude to the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs for their support in advancing public safety," LCEM stated. "This grant represents a vital step forward in building a dependable and resilient emergency communication system, prepared to serve Lincoln County communities effectively now and in the future."

The new systems are expected to be implemented by June 1, 2026.



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# Supervisors approve 2025 Lincoln County budget

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

MERRILL – The 2025 Lincoln County budget has been approved.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to give the green light to next year's spending plan.

The budget was crafted over the course of several months before getting the board's stamp of approval last week.

The budget includes a \$1.1 million (6.8%) tax levy

increase from this year, with the levy coming in at about \$16.7 million.

During the meeting, County Board Vice-Chair, District 12 Supervisor and Finance Committee Chair Julie DePasse explained that the increase doesn't mean county residents' taxes will go up by that exact percentage. Factors such as equalized and assessed values will have an impact on tax bills.

DePasse in October walked the board through the spending plan and noted several issues faced in crafting a balanced budget, including a \$1 million increase in health insurance costs for county

employees and Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill remaining on the books after the failure of a proposed sale.

The county's remaining American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds – roughly \$700,000.00 – were used to cover the budget deficit.

DePasse last month said work on the 2026 county budget will begin in December or January. She anticipates holding meetings with each county committee regarding finances and potentially reaching out to other counties for tips on how to operate more efficiently, noting that the county will "have to get creative."

DePasse spoke on the 2026 spending plan during last week's meeting.

"We're going to need to find money, either via revenue or via expense cuts, and they're going to be large," she stated.

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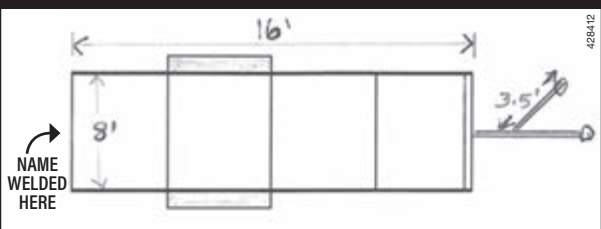
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**Carol C. Winterfeldt**, age 91, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024. Carol was born on Feb. 24, 1933, in Appleton, Wis., to the late Charles and Anna (Kugler) Fuerst. She met her high school sweetheart, Bob Winterfeldt, at Appleton High School in 1949 and married him on Valentine's Day in 1953 at St. Matthew's Church in Appleton. Carol was a stay-at-home mom and later worked in Appleton as a teacher's aide, waitress, and at a candy store. Carol and Bob built their retirement dream home on Lake Nokomis where they enjoyed many wonderful years. She enjoyed bowling, bingo, reading, crossword puzzles, and playing cards and games with her family. She also enjoyed feeding and watching the birds and squirrels and participating in many WJQ contests. Carol will be deeply missed by her loving family.

Survivors include her son, Jeff (Kim) Winterfeldt, of Appleton, Wis.; her daughter, Pam (Chris) Reitzner, of Appleton, Wis., and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim (Marg) Winterfeldt, of Bloomington, Ind. She is further survived by her four grandchildren, Ryan Reitzner, Chelsea (Bill) Majinski, Emily (Kevin) Lubinski, and Sam Winterfeldt; and her four great-grandchildren, Chase and Teagan Majinski and Lyle and Leo Lubinski.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Anna; her husband, Bob; her son, Robin Winterfeldt; her sister-in-law, Betty Waskow; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Irving and LaVern Winterfeldt; and her great-granddaughter, McKenna Majinski.

A private celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. Family and friends are encouraged to leave online condolences at [www.generationsfuneral.com](http://www.generationsfuneral.com).



## StrongBodies donates to area organizations

Last month, StrongBodies of Tomahawk, a nonprofit exercise program designed to increase strength, mobility and balance in older people, made donations to several area organizations. StrongBodies contributed \$1,000.00 to the Salvation Army of Tomahawk's Happy Kids Backpack Program, which fills backpacks with food for children and families each week; \$1,000.00 to help reduce the school lunch deficit at the School District of Tomahawk; \$500.00 to the Tomahawk Public Library; and \$500.00 toward scholarships for Girl Scouts' camp expenses at Camp Birch Trails at Irma. Pictured are Jeff Walker and other Happy Kids Backpack Program volunteers accepting a donation from StrongBodies leaders Mary Hoglund (left) and Bonnie Rudie (right).



Hoglund (left) and Mary Austin (center) presented Tomahawk Public Library Director Heidi O'Hare with a contribution from StrongBodies that will go towards purchasing large-print books. StrongBodies holds five sessions that meet twice weekly at North4 Dance Studio, 329 W. Spirit Ave., Tomahawk. Photos courtesy of StrongBodies of Tomahawk

## 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.

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the idea that what Bible says about human nature, re-emphasized in the Reformation of 1517, helped change the direction of science and politics in Western Civilization. Last week we looked at Romans 3:9, 10 and its statement that all are *under sin* and no one is truly righteous. Then we looked at Ephesians 2:1-3 and the nature of our sinfulness; we live to satisfy our own desires and opinions, following the example of the devil who only cares about getting his own way. This is being *under sin* and unrighteous.

Today we will pick up with Romans 3:11, 12 and its definition of the condition of being *under sin*. It lists five conditions all sinners are in.

First, it says *there is none that understands*. The idea is that we generally do not understand how we are a sinner (*under sin*). It is easy enough to point fingers at others and say they are sinners, *but me?*

Second, it says *no one seeks after God*. We see a world full of religious people, but do we actually read the Bible with a view to learning what it actually says about God so we can obey Him, or do we do our own thing?

Third, it says *everyone has gone out of the way*. The idea is that God defines what is right, but we want to pick and choose for ourselves what we feel is right, rather than obey what God has clearly said in the Bible.

Fourth, it says *everyone has become unprofitable to God*. God is the God of truth, who says that truth is more important even than His own name (Psalm 138:2). Do we hold the same value for truth that He does?

Fifth, it says *there is no one who truly does what is good*. The idea is that we do not always seek to do the right thing. It is easy to make choices that benefit us or is something we have a passion for, but what about the things we choose not to do that we know we should do?

These are five *conditions* of being *under sin*, this is a result of our sin. Last week we looked at Ephesians 2:1-3 with its *definition of the nature of our sin* – the desire to please ourself. It was this teaching about human nature that, beginning with the Reformation of 1517, began to change the face of science and politics throughout Europe – changes that we benefit from today. Next week we shall look the ways this teaching did affect science and politics.

For today, let me leave with this thought; this understanding of human nature is important for us to recognize as we go through life. Understanding this, we are more prepared to examine our own actions and accept where we need to change, as well as to have a better understanding of why others do what they do. God tells us the truth for our benefit.

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## Person found dead in Price County identified as Marshfield woman Marshfield man in custody

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR



Deyvin Castro Gutierrez  
Photo courtesy of the Marshfield Police Department

PRICE COUNTY – A person found dead north of Prentice in Price County earlier this month has been identified as a Marshfield woman, and a Marshfield man has been arrested in connection to her death.

According to the Price County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday, Nov. 3, at approximately 8:56 p.m., a deceased person was discovered near the area of State Hwy. 13 and Whitby Rd. in the Town of Hackett.

At that time, the Sheriff's Office said there was no known threat to the community, and that the investigation was ongoing.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the Sheriff's Office said it was "continuing to follow up on any and all leads" pertaining to the case and asked those who were traveling on State Hwy. 13 near Whitby Rd. on the evening Sunday, Nov. 3 to contact the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office, on Tuesday, Nov. 12, said the victim was a female, 28, from Marshfield. A release shared on Facebook by the Marshfield Police Department identified the victim as Blanca Jesenia Hernandez Portocarrero.

Hernandez Portocarrero's death was related to a domestic violence incident, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Deyvin Castro Gutierrez, 38, of Marshfield, was arrested by the Marshfield Police Department in connection with Hernandez Portocarrero's death. He is expected to be charged with first-degree intentional homicide.

The Sheriff's Office and Marshfield Police Department were assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Rusk County Sheriff's Office, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Vilas County Sheriff's Office K9 unit, Wood County Sheriff's Office, Park Falls Police Department, Phillips Police Department, Rhinelander Police Department K9 unit, Prentice Fire Department, Price County Coroner's Office, Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center, DOJ Crime Response Specialists, Wood County District Attorney's Office and Price County District Attorney's Office.

Price County Sheriff Brian Schmidt and Marshfield Police Chief Geurink thanked those who took the time met with and assisted law enforcement during the investigation.

No further information had been provided as of press time on Monday, Nov. 18.



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# Lincoln County Retired Teachers Association observes National Education Week

BY THE LINCOLN COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Since 1921, National Education Week, observed this year from Monday, Nov. 18 through Friday, Nov. 22, has become a celebration during which we recognize the important roles public schools and their staffs play in student development. Communities across the country have long devoted personnel and resources to achieve this significant goal.

Historically, Lincoln County had as many as 100 schools dotting the landscape to help achieve our local commitment to education. While fewer in number today, our public schools continue their work.

Today, more than ever, communities are called upon to help our educational systems excel in their quest to inspire excellence in each child. During National Education Week, we urge everyone to take a moment and thank those people who work in the forefront of a system that was designed to help each child attain her/his potential.

Individually, Lincoln County schools will have their own ways of celebrating this week, but perhaps there's something you could do this week and beyond.

For example, maybe have your child write a thank-you note to a teacher or two. Even if you have been out of school for de-

cadres, send a note to that teacher who made a difference in your life. What a great way to brighten someone's day!

Volunteer at your child's school. Attend concerts, art displays, sporting events, fundraisers, parent/teacher conferences (even in the high school years) and any other activities that bring you closer to your schools.

Opportunities are endless. This week should inspire parents and supporters of education to help keep our schools vibrant and effective.

Educating America's youth has never been more important and challenging than today. What can you do to help kids, schools and teachers?

**Family efforts count.** As a family, make education a priority. Set aside time daily to be a part of your child's educational life. Actually talk with your child. Put reasonable limits on social media and gaming. What you do as a family can have a tremendous impact on a child's education. Remember, it's not always where the bus is going, but where it's coming from that helps create success.

**Read.** Hopefully, this activity has begun in the home early in a child's life. If not, it's never too late to begin. Read to and with your child. Take your kid (and maybe the neighbor kids too!) to the library. It's free, healthy entertainment. If you notice that your child experiences dif-

ficulties with reading, get help. Make sure your child sees you read daily.

**Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help.** If your child struggles, ask for help. Maybe it's something as simple as an eye exam. Maybe your child displays characteristics of learning issues, such as dyslexia, speech problems or a myriad of other learning obstacles. Some may require a clinical evaluation, while others can be addressed by school specialists.

**Educate yourself.** Be aware of curriculum initiatives that may seem new to you. Find out about efforts such as the state-driven Act 20, aimed at improving reading skills in all schools. Talk to your child's teachers as a starting point. Some of the curriculum efforts, whether new or old, might need your volunteer help. What a great way to help in the school while educating yourself!

**Be aware.** Adopt a watchful eye for your child's physical and mental well-being. Report concerns to appropriate school personnel. All too often we hear of tragic suicides occurring among our youth. Remember the Wisconsin Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is there to help by dialing 988.

**Promote safe schools.** We've long done this with anti-smoking and anti-drug laws. Firearms are a fact of life in our area. Many of us get great joy in the hunting culture and

the family and friend relationships promoted by this activity. That's great. However, the epidemic of violence in schools should tell us that schools and school property are no places for weapons. Do whatever you can to help build a safe culture in our schools. Remember too - If you see something, say something.

**Make bullying unacceptable.** Physical and verbal abuse is never acceptable, whether on the playground, in a classroom or on any social platform. Never make it OK to bully. Report bullying threats and actions to school authorities.

**Be a partner, not an adversary.** Realize that every classroom is made up of students who have differing abilities, aspirations, backgrounds and values. Addressing the needs of this unique group is a daunting task. While you must be concerned about one child's progress, that teacher has to find ways to help everybody. Working calmly and rationally together helps solve issues.

This list of suggestions, although limited in length, would be an ideal way to make National Education Week extend to a year-long commitment to our schools and those who work diligently to prepare our children and grandchildren to face a complex, demanding future stretching out for another hundred years and more.

Happy National Education Week to all!

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### The True Measure Of Success

Dear Reader,

In the grand tapestry of existence, we each play a fleeting role, our lives but a brief flicker in the vast expanse of time. As we age and eventually face the inevitable end, we are often compelled to ponder the true measure of success and the meaning of our existence. What purpose does our journey serve? Why are we born to live such a brief span of life?



Traditionally, success has been quantified by wealth, status, and achievements. These tangible markers, while significant, often fail to capture the essence of a fulfilling life. True success lies not in material accumulation but in the quality of our relationships, the kindness we extend, and the impact we have on others. It is reflected in the love we give and receive, the dreams we pursue, and the resilience we exhibit in the face of adversity.

Viktor Frankl, a renowned psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, emphasized that the search for meaning is a fundamental human drive. He argued that meaning can be found in every moment of life, even in suffering. Our purpose is not a single, grand mission but a series of small, meaningful acts that contribute to a larger whole. Whether it's through our work, our passions, or our connections with others, we create meaning daily.

Understanding that life is finite can be both daunting and liberating. It encourages us to live with intention, to cherish each moment, and to prioritize what truly matters. Our awareness of mortality can inspire us to live more fully, love more deeply, and strive to leave a positive legacy, however modest it may be. The brevity of life makes our actions more precious and our experiences more profound.

In the end, the meaning of our existence is often found in the legacy we leave behind. It's not about monumental achievements but the simple, everyday acts of kindness and the memories we create with others. Our legacy is etched in the hearts of those we touch and the positive changes we inspire. It is in the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, and the love that endures beyond our physical presence.

The true measure of success and the meaning of life are deeply personal and often intangible. They are found in the authenticity of our journey, the depth of our connections, and the courage to live in alignment with our values. As we navigate the transient nature of our existence, let us remember that every moment holds the potential for meaning. In embracing our ephemeral nature, we discover the profound beauty of our brief, yet significant, speck of life.

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# Merrill man killed, passenger injured in Town of Scott UTV crash

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF SCOTT – A man was killed and another was injured in a UTV crash in the Town of Scott last week.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at approximately 2 a.m., the Lincoln County 911 Dispatch Center received a call reporting a single-UTV crash with two occupants on Scott Rd. south of Heldt St.

It was reported that the driver of the vehicle was unresponsive.

The driver, identified by the Sheriff's Office as Ryan P. Adams, 32, of Merrill, was later pronounced dead.

The passenger, a male, 40, who was not identified by the Sheriff's Office, was ejected from the vehicle and sustained serious injuries. He was flown from the scene to a local hospital.

The Sheriff's Office said

preliminary investigation suggested that the UTV was southbound on Scott Rd. when it lost control, entered the ditch and rolled.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Merrill Fire Department, the Merrill Police Department, MedEvac Air 2, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Lincoln County Coroner's Office.

The crash remains under investigation.

# Letter to the Editor

## What was wrong with the Nov. 5, 2024 election

Since Nov. 5, many urged, in one way or another, that we come together and unify. Would that we could. The last campaign was the most brutal at least since I voted in my first presidential election 1956. Healing may be difficult. But we have to begin.

In my honest opinion, we have been victims of our own thirst to know. Pollsters and other political operatives have been driven to provide a seemingly endless supply of superfluous information. There were so many sub-groups of voters, some never before named as such. This led the political folks to attempt to provide some considerations of the wants of each subgroup. It was impossible to

provide satisfaction to all the groups since they overlapped and presented opposing wants. Paraphrasing a former president, one might say you can satisfy some of the people all of the time, and you can satisfy all of the people some of the time but you cannot satisfy all of the people all of the time.

I have a little red book on my desktop that I consult often. It is the Constitution of the United States. The opening words of the Preamble are instructive at this time: "We the People ..." It bears repeating again and again, that the people built the Constitution and hired a government to administer the Constitution – not the other way around.

But, to the point at hand, we speak of ourselves as People, no sub-groups, not even the Biblical groups of

"man and woman He created them." The more we attempt to refine ourselves into this group and that, the more we divide ourselves.

There was a time when candidates gave us a reasonable approximation of what they planned to do and it was up to us, the voters, to decide one of two grand plans. Candidates did not seek to play to every sub-group in the populace. By defining a plethora of sub-groups, politicians have put us at war with each other as we demanded attention to our wants. This must stop!

We are in only one group: we are Americans. We are citizens by birth or naturalization. That means the politicians have but one sub-group: the citizens of the USA.

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Bernie Lyngdal  
Tomahawk



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### LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Nov. 11:

On 11/04/2024 the Sheriff's Office had received a complaint of a reckless driver on USH 51 near the 231mm in the City of Tomahawk. The vehicle was reported to be all over the road and almost in the ditch. When located, the deputy also observed similar driving behavior. When the deputy located the suspect vehicle, the deputy noticed that the driver was attempting to have the deputy follow him. Based on that and the original complaint, the deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in the area of USH 51 and CTH K. The deputy made contact with the driver, a man, 48, from Leaf River, Ill., and in doing so noticed signs of impairment. As a result, this the deputy requested the driver perform some sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for a first offense OWI; however he does have another OWI case still going through the courts in Grant County, Wis. The subject was later turned over to jail staff.

On 11/5/2024 a deputy on patrol conducted a traffic stop for a speeding violation on CTH A and CTH U in the Town of Bradley. When the deputy made contact with the driver, a Phillips woman, 20, they noticed signs of impairment. The deputy asked the driver to perform some sobriety tests, which she agreed to do. As a result of those tests, the deputy arrested the driver a first offense of OWI, as well as a speeding citation. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

On 11/08/2024 deputies were sent to the area of Leafy Grove Rd. and STH 64 in the Town of Corning for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. Deputies arrived on scene and made contact with the driver of the truck, a Merrill man, 75. The driver told the investigating deputy that he thought he had fallen asleep while driving. The driver was complaining of rib pain and was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

On 11/08/2024 deputies were called to the area of the N800 block of CTH W in the Town of Pine River for a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 19. The driver advised he was traveling N/B on CTH W when he swerved to miss a deer that had run out into the road. The vehicle



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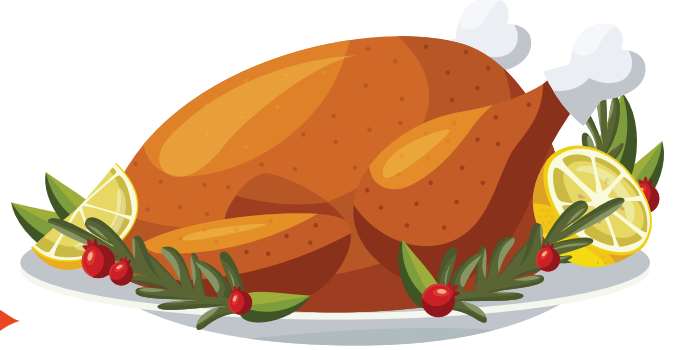
ultimately did strike the deer and then went into the ditch, rolling over to final rest. The driver received injuries as a result of the crash and was transported by ambulance to Aspirus Merrill Hospital. The driver was cited for operating with a suspended driver's license.

On 11/09/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of CTH C and CTH K in the Town of Merrill for a vehicle in the ditch. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the driver, a Merrill man, 25. In making contact, the deputies noticed signs of impairment. Deputies asked the driver to perform sobriety tests, which he refused to do. As a result of this, he was placed under arrest for a first offense of OWI. The man was also found to be in possession of a firearm and was arrested for going armed while intoxicated.

On 11/09/2024 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on Joe Snow Rd. and Fairview Rd. in the Town of Scott for a speeding violation and lane deviation. The deputy made contact with the driver, a Wausau man, 27. When making contact the deputy noticed signs of impairment. As a result of this, the driver was asked to perform sobriety tests, which he agreed to do. Based on those tests, the driver was placed under arrest for a first offense OWI. The driver was later released to a responsible party.

On 11/10/2024 deputies were called to an address in the N2200 block of CTH K in the Town of Merrill for a reported domestic disturbance in progress. Upon arrival, deputies spoke with the reporting party, a Merrill man, 69. He was reporting that he wanted his daughter, a Merrill woman, 34, removed from his house so that he can clean the house. Apparently it was also reported that the daughter was fighting with the R/P, throwing things at him and took his car keys and cell phone. The deputies determined that the daughter was the predominate aggressor and placed her under arrest for disorderly conduct and intimidation of a victim/witness with use or attempted use of force. She was transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where she was booked in.

Deputies conducted 21 traffic stops and 15 security checks. Deputies responded to 23 car vs. deer crashes. Driving complaints: Six. The 911 Center took five hang-up calls and three nuisance calls.



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TOWN OF BRADLEY
APRIL 1, 2025

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TOWN OF BRADLEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Bradley on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbent listed.

Table with 2 columns: Office, Incumbent. Rows include Town Board Chairman (Kevin Koth) and Town Board Supervisor (Joan Hilgendorf).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the Town Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2025.

DONE in the Town of Bradley, this 20th day of November 2024
Kari Kiser, Clerk, Town of Bradley

Published November 20, 2024

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF KING
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Spring election to be held in the Town of King on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Table with 2 columns: OFFICE, INCUMBENT. Rows include Board Chairperson (Terry Wiese), Board Supervisor (Andy Tomaszewski), Board Supervisor (David Dyer), Town Clerk (Vacancy), and Town Treasurer (Julie Allen).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Town of King will use Nomination papers for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election ballot for the above listed offices.

Georgene Linden, Town of King Clerk

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF SCHLEY
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Spring Election to be held in the Town of Schley on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Table with 2 columns: OFFICE, INCUMBENT. Rows include Town Board Chairperson (Timothy Klimek), Town Board Supervisor (Craig Brown), Town Board Supervisor (Mark Leopold), Town Clerk (Becky Dallman), and Town Treasurer (Susan Podeweltz).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Town Caucus will be held in January 2025 for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election ballot for the above listed offices.

Becky Dallman, Town of Schley Clerk Remember to recycle

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF SKANAWAN
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Spring Election to be held in the Town of Skanawan on Tuesday April 1st, 2025, the following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Town of Skanawan will use Nomination papers for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election ballot for the above listed offices.

Loyetta Gitter: Town of Skanawan Clerk
November 21st, 2024

Published November 20, 27, December 4, 2024

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
CITY OF TOMAHAWK
APRIL 1, 2025

Election Details

An election is to be held in the City of Tomahawk, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

Table with 2 columns: Office, Incumbent. Rows include Alderperson, District 1 (Mickey Loka), Alderperson, District 2 (Jeff Kahle), and Alderperson, District 3 (Tadd Wegener).

Office Terms

The term for mayor and alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. All terms are for three years unless otherwise indicated.

District Boundaries

Information concerning aldermanic district boundaries may be obtained from the City Clerk at 23 N 2nd Street, Tomahawk, WI 54487 or on the City's website at www.cityoftomahawkwi.com.

For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the city clerk.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the City of Tomahawk, on
November 13, 2024

Amanda L. Bartz
(Signature of City Clerk)

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
State of Wisconsin
April 1, 2025

Election Details

An election is to be held in the towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following officers are to be elected:

Department of Public Instruction

One (1) State Superintendent, for the term of four (4) years to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2025:

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Jill Underly

Judicial Officers

One (1) Justice of the Supreme Court, for the term of ten (10) years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2025:

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT Ann Walsh Bradley
Court of Appeals Judge, for the term of six (6) years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on July 31, 2025:

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE DISTRICT 3 Lisa K. Stark
Thirty-four (34) Circuit Court Judges, each for the term of six (6) years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on July 31, 2025:

LINCOLN COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT JUDGE BRANCH 2 Robert R. Russell

For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge District 3, and Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Branch 2 file nomination papers and declarations of candidacy with the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

DONE in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin on November 13, 2024

Christopher J. Marlowe
(Handwritten signature)

Christopher J. Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk

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TOWN OF ROCK FALLS
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Spring election to be held in the Town of Rock Falls on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning April 15, 2025.

Table with 2 columns: OFFICE, INCUMBENT. Rows include Chairman (Mike VanDeWeerd), Supervisor (George Alery), Supervisor (Kurt Niersel), Treasurer (Cindy Frisch), and Clerk (Diane Chambers).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Town Caucus will be held in January 2025 for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election ballot for the above listed offices.

Diane Chambers - Clerk
Town of Rock Falls
Lincoln County

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Notice of Spring Election
Town of Wilson
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Spring Election to be held in the Town of Wilson on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning April 15, 2025.

Table with 2 columns: Office, Incumbent. Rows include Town Board Chairperson (Fran Pflum), Town Board Supervisor (Allen Russ), Town Board Supervisor (Fred Steinbach), Town Clerk (Jane Kaczmarek), and Town Treasurer (Laurie Peterson).

Notice is further given, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Jane Kaczmarek, Town of Wilson Clerk

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF HARRISON
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Spring Election to be held in the Town of Harrison on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning April 15, 2025.

Table with 2 columns: OFFICE, INCUMBENT. Rows include Town Board Chairperson (Brian Hanson), Town Board Supervisor (Tom Daigle), Town Board Supervisor (Gary Goes), and Town Treasurer (Matt Boyle).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Town Caucus will be held in January 2025 for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election ballot for the above listed offices.

Kathy Voermans, Town of Harrison Clerk

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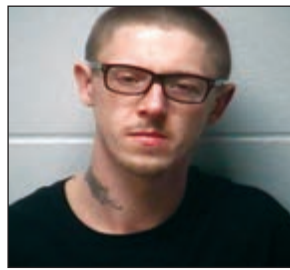
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# Merrill man sentenced to 15 years for 2022 shooting

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
MMC STAFF



Graap

**MERRILL** – In Lincoln County Court on Monday, Nov. 11, 30-year-old Tanner Graap of Merrill was sentenced to 15 years in state prison, to run consecutive with any other sentence, followed by 10 years of extended supervision, in response to the Jan. 18, 2022, shooting death of 28-year-old Kayla M. Frank of Merrill.

As of early June 2022, Graap was charged with first degree intentional homicide with modifiers as a repeater and as a felon in possession of a firearm, in addition to other charges. On Aug. 6, additional charges of maintaining a drug trafficking place with modifiers as a repeater and as a party to a crime were also leveled against Graap.

The sentencing hearing included an agreement

whereby Graap pled guilty to an amended charge of second-degree reckless homicide with a modifier for use of a dangerous weapon, a class D felony. As a part of the agreement, additional charges, including the new Aug. 2024 charges and the charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety with modifiers as a repeater and for use of a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm after being convicted of a felony with a modifier as a repeater, which were filed

in 2022, were all dismissed but read into the record and considered in sentencing, which means Graap cannot be prosecuted for those specific charges again in the future.

Graap appeared in court, in custody from the Lincoln County Jail and was represented by Attorney Preston James.

Prior to sentencing, several victims made statements and/or read letters to the court, and the court considered character witness letters submitted on behalf of the Defendant.

Character witnesses on Graap's behalf pointed out that Graap had completed a degree in welding from Moraine College while incarcerated and hopes to get an additional degree in ministry, stating that he had reconnected with God and his faith while incarcerated and is working hard to

help other inmates, including getting a job with Fox Lake Correctional teaching classes, and focusing on his sobriety.

The court considered all this prior to reaching a decision and making its ruling, which also included an absolute sobriety restriction for Graap and that he is to have no contact with the victim's family, except that he is to write an apology letter to Frank's family to be sent through the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, to be reviewed with the Lincoln County Victim Witness Coordinator.

Graap is also to maintain full-time employment and/or education and to undergo alcohol or drug assessment and treatment and mental health counseling or other programming as deemed necessary.

Graap was credited with 162 days already served.

## News Briefs

**Log Church Hunters Weekend Bake Sale**

A Hunters Weekend Bake Sale will be held at the Log Church of Tripoli, W11225 U.S. Hwy. 8, Tripoli, on Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Baked items and refreshments will be available.

**Tomahawk United Methodist Church Bazaar, Luncheon and Bake Sale**

Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Rd., Tomahawk, will host a Bazaar, Luncheon and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barbeque, egg salad, soup, pie, bake sale items and drinks, as well as new and used holiday décor, will be available.

**Kinship seeking items for Christmas party**

Kinship of Tomahawk is seeking items for its upcoming Christmas party. Undecorated cutout cookies, wrapping paper, large gift bags, tissue paper, gift tags, small trinkets, lotion, perfume, cologne, notebooks, journals, coloring books, crayons, decks of cards, kids' card games, candles, small toys and new or gently-used stuffed animals can be dropped off at the Kinship House, 27 E. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, before Monday, Dec. 2. For more information, contact Kinship at 715-453-1910.

Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. The program will include the Ceremonial (Branch of Service, POW/MIA, Organization) Wreath laying, followed by grave-specific wreath placements by family and friends and remaining wreath placements. A complimentary hot sandwich and dessert social will be held at Rondele Ranch, 8959 County Rd. K, Harshaw, after the ceremony. Group ceremony sponsors are American Legion Riders District 11 and Veterans Ceremony UGC Inc. For information on group sponsorship, sponsoring a wreath for a veteran's grave and/or to volunteer to place a wreath, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC) or contact Location Coordinator Mary at 715-612-2196. If your organization would like to place a wreath during the ceremony, contact Mary no later than Friday, Dec. 6.

**Donations to cover student lunch debts being accepted**

A Park City Credit Union account established to cover student lunch debts at the School District of Tomahawk is continuing to accept donations. To contribute to the account, visit Park City Credit Union.

**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.

**National Wreaths Across America ceremony**

A National Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at Northwoods National Cemetery, 4520 Lakewood Rd., Harshaw, on

**STAR Foundation 20th anniversary celebration this evening**

The Tomahawk STAR Foundation, which has made hundreds of thousands of dollars in charitable grants and donations to local organizations since

its inception, will hold a 20th anniversary celebration at Pine Tree Supper Club, 115 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk, this evening (Wednesday, Nov. 20) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., in conjunction with the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce's Quitting Time event. For more information, contact Kathy Rankin at 715-966-3758. To learn more about the STAR Foundation, visit [www.tomahawkstarfoundation.org/](http://www.tomahawkstarfoundation.org/).

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### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

#### School District of Tomahawk

#### April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Tomahawk on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 21, 2025.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent(s)</u>
One member from the apportioned areas of King, Harrison (Ward 1), Nokomis, Wilson, and Little Rice for a 3-year term.	Ann Swenty
One member from the City of Tomahawk for a 3-year term.	Dick Huseby Bob Skubal
One member from the apportioned areas of Bradley, Birch (40 acre parcel Ward 1), Skanawan, Rock Falls (Ward 2), & Tomahawk	(none)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk located at 1048 E. King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

**Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

Done in the City of Tomahawk on November 5, 2024.

School District Clerk Deb Velleux

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## 2024 THS fall sports summary, part two

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

**TOMAHAWK** – We started the summary last week with the boys' and girls' cross country seasons.

This week, we'll take a look at the football, girls' swimming and volleyball seasons.

### Football

Our first sport this week is football.

Head coach was 1996 THS grad Dewey Reilly in his second year as head coach. He was assisted by 1996 THS grad Jason Olsen, Cooper Kelley, 1994 THS grad Tony Derleth, Aaron Evans, 1990 THS grad Jeremy Zimmerman, Dewey Reilly Sr. and 1992 THS grad Erik Halverson.

Team members were Ty Eckstein, Walter Horabek, Jack Derleth, Rex Reilly, Cash Olsen, Jett Reilly, Landyn Seymour, Zach Germano, Tiegan Sarazin, Brayden Larson Braxton Stromberg, Hudson Evans, Colin Black, Max Larson, Miles McGowan, Jason Watkins, Lucas Haring, Marmann Hoffman, Colton McMeekin, Ted Frederickson, Nathan Reimer, Jax Westlund, Mason Hensel, Logan Norman, Corbin Brennan, Tyler Sundquist, Camerson Dahm, Kaiden Kapellusch, Matt Walbeck, Ethan Gibeault, Hudson Seymour, Connor Germano, Noah Williamson, Zak Halverson,

Fletcher Baumann, Nathan Norman, Michael Samundsen, Tanner Wanna, Kenny Turner, Mathis Vojcik, Nathan Kurth, Stephan Bezka, Dane Islo, Ed Meador and Jack Amelse.

Tomahawk was back in the Great Northern Conference (GNC). Tomahawk was like several other teams in the GNC and battled injuries all season long and often found themselves moving players around to put the best team possible on the field. It was the first time that Tomahawk had played Antigo and Merrill since 2009 and the first time they had played Mosinee and Medford since 2010. It also was the first time that Tomahawk had played a Wausau school since 1990.

Tomahawk was 3-6 overall and 2-5 in the conference. Non-conference games saw THS defeat Crandon 28-6 (Brayden Larson rushed for 146 yards on 14 carries, while Rex Reilly lead the team with 16 tackles) and lose to Wittenberg-Birnamwood 26-14. In conference games, Tomahawk defeated Rhinelander 27-21 (Tomahawk faked a 48-yard field goal attempt and threw a touchdown pass from Brayden Larson to Landyn Seymour with seconds left in the game for the victory) and Merrill 17-11. Conference losses were 27-11 to Wausau East (Tomahawk had seven turnovers while Rex Reilly rushed for 228 yards), 28-14 to Mosinee (Brayden Larson had 176 yards rushing on 27 carries

and two touchdowns while Sarazin had 147 yards on 16 carries), 38-7 to Medford, 27-21 to Antigo in overtime and to Lakeland 7-6 (a blocked extra point attempt was the difference).

Final conference standings were Medford 7-0, Mosinee 5-2, Wausau East 5-2, Lakeland 3-4, Merrill 3-4, Antigo 2-5, Tomahawk 2-5 and Rhinelander 1-6.

All-Conference first team honors went to Brayden Larson (offense), Walter Horabek (offense) and Brayden Larson (defense). Second team honors went to Ethan Gibeault (offense), Rex Reilly (defense) and Ethan Gibeault (defense). Honorable mention All-Conference honors went to Nathan Norman (offense) and Jack Amelse (defense).

### Girls' swimming

Our next fall sport is girls' swimming.

The Hatchets were coached by Megan Backes in her first year as head coach.

Team members were Abigail Roberts, Kaylee Roberts, Aubrey Tollefson, Dorian Stefan, Elizabeth Long, Emma Hoff, Kailynn Hansen, Kami Gabrich, Kylie Peissig, Lily Krueger and Morgan Kretzschmar.

Tomahawk was 14th of 14 teams at the Merrill in the Sun Relays and 1-6 in conference duals. THS defeated Mosinee 96-44 and lost to Lakeland 106-45, Antigo 80-65, Medford 135-31, Rhinelander 135-31, Colby/Abby 108-50 and Ladysmith 86-73.

Final conference dual meet standings were Rhinelander 7-0, Medford 6-1, Colby/Abby 5-2, Antigo 4-3, Lakeland 3-4, Ladysmith 2-5, Tomahawk 1-6 and Mosinee 0-7.

Conference tournament results were Rhinelander 415, Medford 267.5, Colby/Abby 173, Lakeland 151, Antigo 128.5, Ladysmith 96, Tomahawk 56 and Mosinee 13. For the first time since 2005, Tomahawk did not have any All-Conference honors.

Tomahawk's season would come to an end at sectionals, when they placed 13th of 14 teams. Sectional results were Rhinelander 413.5, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 232, Medford 216.5, Rice Lake 202, Merrill 196, Lakeland 174, Colby/Abby 144.5, Antigo/Wabeno 140.5, Black River Falls 134, Wausau East 122, Ladysmith Co-op 96, Menominee 49, Tomahawk 33 and Mosinee 18.

### Volleyball

Our last sport to look at is volleyball.

Head coach was 1991 THS grad Keith Hanse in his second year as varsity coach. Keith was assisted by 1997 THS grad Emily Pierce, 2021 THS grad Aubrey Fryar, 2020 THS grad Mady Hanse and Lauren Shauer.

Team members were Sara Gebauer, Kaylynn Sandry, Ella Peissig, Sophia Kiser, Alicia Voermans, Siennah Calkins, Claire Albert, Sophie Olsen, Averil Petta, Shelby Borowski,

Freya Alberg and Adalai Gedde.

Tomahawk's overall record was 14-19 with their season coming to a close in the regional finals. The season started out with THS in third place in the silver bracket at UW-Whitewater coming away with a 3-5 record by defeating Waterloo twice and Kenosha Bradford while losing to Monona Grove, Kenosha St. Joseph, East Troy, Shoreland Luther and Oregon. Next, Tomahawk defeated Rhinelander 3-1. At the DCE Invite, THS was 1-3 by defeating Wausau East and losing to SPASH, Merrill and DCE. Tomahawk then defeated Crandon and Ashland 3-0 before losing to Antigo 3-1. At the first GNC Meet at Medford, Tomahawk was 1-2 by defeating Eagle River and losing to Medford and Mosinee. Lakeland then defeated Tomahawk 3-0 in a conference dual. At the Tomahawk Triangular, THS was 1-2 by defeating Prentice and losing to Newman Catholic and Marathon. The next conference matches saw Tomahawk go 1-2 by defeating Eagle River and losing to Mosinee and Medford. Wittenberg-Birnamwood was Tomahawk's next opponent, and in this non-conference competition, THS would come away with a hard-fought 3-2 win by scores of 23-25, 17-25, 25-21, 25-19 and 15-9. The last three conference matches saw Tomahawk lose to Antigo and Lakeland while once again defeating

Rhineland.

Final conference standings were Mosinee 11-1, Medford 11-1, Antigo 8-4, Lakeland 6-6, Tomahawk 4-8, Rhinelander 2-10 and Eagle River 0-12.

All-Conference honors went to Siennah Calkins (first team), Claire Albert (second team) and Shelby Borowski (honorable mention).

Moving down to Division 3 because of declining school population, Coach Hanse prepared his team well for a deep dive in the playoffs. In tournament action, Tomahawk would defeat Sturgeon Bay 3-0 (25-10, 25-20, 25-19) and Wrightstown 3-0 (the number 3 seed 25-22, 25-20, 25-21) before losing to number two seed Oconto in the regional finals 2-3 (25-21, 21-25, 15-25, 25-21, 12-15).

### THS athletic grads who have passed

Last but not least, I would like to pay respects to the THS athletic grads who recently passed away.

They are Neal Leggett, a 1957 THS grad who played football, basketball and baseball; Gordy Derleth, a 1957 THS grad who played baseball; Bernie Haring, a 1960 THS grad who played baseball; and John Stelling, a 1964 THS grad who played football, basketball, track and baseball.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

## Fishing Report: Not cold enough for ice yet

**BY GEORGE LANGLEY**

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN** – We are getting a mix of our usual cool, late-fall weather and then some warmer weather mixed in just to keep things interesting, it seems. As anglers (and hunters), we want cold at this time of the fall.

While it looks like we're done with the 50s for now, we really need some colder nighttime temps to move us towards some ice. Mid-30s just won't cut it! We need those 20s and teens. Water temps are sitting in the mid-40 degree range throughout the area.

Walleye fishing is ok at this point. The fish are in the holes, or on the edges of the holes. This makes them pretty easy to find, and when you do, they are quite willing to feed. Many of these anglers are concerned sportsmen and release the big 'eyes for next year's spawning efforts. Jigs and minnows have been the best bait, and some anglers have gone to larger types of

live bait, such as sucker minnows, but most are using large fatheads. On the bigger lakes, the fish are off the breaks on hard bottom areas in water from 20 to 35 feet, or deeper. Again, large fathead minnows seem to be the most common bait.

Panfish action is decent for perch and crappies, with the crappies pretty deep now and the bluegill mixed right in with them. You'll find them off the weed edges or in structure, in deep water. The perch will be deeper than the crappies and 'gills. Fish for both with fatheads or crappie minnows, but crawlers are still working for these fish, too.

Bass action has slowed, and other than a few big smallies, we just haven't heard much from those anglers. If you're looking, try some plastics in deeper weeds or structure.

Northern action is great, as usual, with a lot of musky anglers reporting catches of

northerns on musky baits while fishing in or near weeds. Per usual, the deeper the weeds, the better for these fish.

Musky action is ok, despite the warmer temps. We're not seeing the usual patterns we do, as the weather hasn't exactly cooperated. The sucker bite has been pretty decent and would improve with some real cold. The key to the rest of this month's fishing will be cold nights – if we get some of those, they will bump up that late-fall feed that we usually see.

Provided the weather cooperates and we get a drop in temps, we could see a banger for the last few weeks of the season. Get out that cold-weather clothing and some hand warmers and enjoy some quiet solitude out there. Hopefully we'll see ice on some of the lakes up here soon. A person can dream, right?

Good luck and good fishin'!

## Gainers of the Month



The Hatchet Weightlifting Club last week announced that Aubrey Tollefson and Mason Towle have been named its Gainers of the Month for their "hard work and dedication to the weight room."

Photos courtesy of Andy Peissig

### TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 209

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 208 question: What member of the 1981 THS golf team was named

All-Conference: Tim Stiff, Paul Hagen or Brad Denetz?

Week 208 answer: Brad Denetz was named All-Conference. Paul Hagen advanced to the State tournament and placed 37th.

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

Week 209 question: During the 1981-82 THS boys' hockey season, how many saves did Paul Nelson have in the nets in conference games: 301, 401 or 501?



# Natural Connections: Cyanobacteria Then and Now

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I don't quite know what to do with myself in this warm fall weather. Shouldn't we be crunching through snow or at least hiking on frozen ground? Shouldn't my watercraft all be in storage and my skis be by the front door? Instead, on an afternoon in late October, I found myself on the shore of Lake Namakagon, paddleboard resting at my feet.

Stand-up paddleboarding is a new skill I picked up this summer. I found it useful for navigating swells on Lake Superior, and spent a day exploring the sea caves. Far more often, though, I'd get done with a bike ride, paddle out beyond the weeds and muck at my shoreline, and using the paddleboard as a swim raft, jump in! Even though it was much warmer than the big lake, a dip in Lake Namakagon was refreshing.

But on that October day, the gentle waves that lapped at my toes were bright green. In almost any other circumstance I'd find that color beautiful, but the thick soup of algae made my stomach drop. There would be no refreshing swim.

I stared at my feet for a minute, deciding whether or not I should even attempt to paddle through the goo. Then a spot of deep red caught my eye. Among the dark gray rocks along the shore was one lovely pebble made of jasper. That lifted my mood just enough to propel me away from shore.

As my paddle created swirling patterns in the green scum, I struggled with finding beauty in such a mess. This, I guessed, was a bloom of blue-green algae. Warm weather, calm winds, and plenty of nitrogen and phosphorus from lawns, farms, and autumn leaves increasingly lead to algae blooms in late summer and early fall.



Days of calm, warm water with plenty of nutrients often lead to blooms of blue-green algae in late summer and fall. These cloud reflections on Lake Namakagon hide a thick, green soup.

Photos by Emily Stone

Algae are the base of the aquatic food chain. They use energy from the Sun to transform carbon dioxide and water into sugar. Tiny zooplankton eat the algae, and bigger critters eat the zooplankton, eventually feeding fish, eagles, and us. Blue-green algae aren't true algae, though. They are a type of bacteria who invented photosynthesis.

On land, cyanobacteria are part of cryptobiotic crusts, which hold sandy soils in place. As a partner in some species of lichens, they fix nitrogen out of thin air. In the water, though, cyanobacteria are becoming more common, and more problematic. The thick film they form on the surface reduces sunlight to plants below. They can clog water filters. And they sometimes, but not always, produce toxins that are harmful to pets, livestock, and humans.

My thoughts strayed back to the red pebble near the shore. Jasper is a form of mineral-stained quartz that once formed as layers

within iron ore. I enjoy finding them because they are part of such a unique story. A story, I realized with a jolt, where cyanobacteria play a leading role.

Once upon a time, and by that, I mean 1.9 billion years ago, the atmosphere was filled with carbon dioxide and methane, and the first inklings of life had only just begun. Volcanic activity in the early oceans, and erosion off the few continents, enriched the water with iron and silica.

Cyanobacteria bloomed in those mineral-rich seas, and they also produced at least one type of toxin: oxygen. Free oxygen wasn't part of the Earth's early atmosphere, and it was lethal to the first forms of life. At first, the oxygen reacted with the dissolved iron and silica, removing itself from the water by precipitating jasper and other minerals. When cyanobacteria doing photosynthesis pumped out more oxygen than the minerals could remove from the water, though, they poisoned themselves. Boom and bust cycles of cyanobacteria, plus other seasonal and erosional events, resulted in bands of iron-rich rock with different colors, textures, and thickness. Conditions on Earth have changed so much over millennia that this type of rock may never form again.

Like me learning the new skill of paddleboarding, cyanobacteria eventually evolved enzymes that allowed them to live with oxygen. No longer at risk of poisoning themselves with the element, they proliferated wildly, their oxygen waste sweeping most of the iron and silica out of the ocean water for good. Then excess oxygen, no longer tied up with iron, escaped into the air, and began creating the atmosphere we enjoy today.

It's a little ironic, then, that one of the issues with cyanobacteria on the modern Earth is that when they die, sink to the bottom of a

lake, and decompose, they deplete the oxygen that life now requires.

A few days after that soupy paddle, the Halloween snowstorm stirred up the lake, and the red jasper at my landing disappeared. The storm waves also dispersed the cyanobacteria, at least until next summer. Over the course of Earth's history, these little beings have played many roles. Were they heroes for giving us oxygen? Are they villains for gumming up our lakes? Maybe they are simply one part of a long and complicated story.

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is available to purchase at [www.cabl-museum.org/books](http://www.cabl-museum.org/books) and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum is open with our brand-new exhibit: "Anaamaagon: Under the Snow." Our Fall Calendar is open for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and [www.cablemuseum.org](http://www.cablemuseum.org) to see what we are up to.



## THS FBLA students selling Venison Feed apparel

Tomahawk High School (THS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students have partnered with Sportsworld to offer apparel for the 59th annual Venison Feed, slated to be held in downtown Tomahawk on Friday, Nov. 22. T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts and sweatshirts featuring various colors and designs can be purchased online at [www.sportsworld.chipply.com/59thannualvenisonfeed24/](http://www.sportsworld.chipply.com/59thannualvenisonfeed24/), as well as at the event. The online sale will end at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. 10% of all proceeds will go back to THS.

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## ReadyWisconsin highlights Winter Weather Awareness Week

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WISCONSIN – As winter approaches and before colder temperatures set in, now is the perfect time to plan and be prepared for the upcoming season.

To help encourage everyone to be winter ready, Governor Tony Evers has declared this week (Monday, Nov. 18 through Friday, Nov. 22) as Winter Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

"Winter weather can lead to dangerous conditions including snowstorms, icy roads, and below freezing temperatures, said Greg Engle, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator. "By planning ahead, we can ensure families and communities are safe during the colder winter months."

Being aware of weather conditions is essential for being prepared. The National Weather Service (NWS) and other reliable local sources will have forecast information to

inform you of potential inclement weather.

Recently, the NWS simplified their cold weather terminology:

- Wind Chill Watches were renamed to an Extreme Cold Watch
- Wind Chill Warnings were renamed to an Extreme Cold Warning
- Wind Chill Advisory was renamed a Cold Weather Advisory

"These changes are part of a nationwide effort to simplify the amount of hazard headlines the National Weather Service has," said Tim Halbach, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service-Milwaukee. "Instead of using separate terms like 'Extreme Cold' and 'Wind Chill' warnings to describe similar cold conditions, they will now use just one: 'Extreme Cold Watch/Warning/Advisory.' This is because there are situations that can be extremely cold without

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Blue-green algae blooms are an increasing issue even in wild lakes. I spotted this algae bloom on Crooked Lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in late September.

Christmas Trees for Sale!!

**The American Legion (thanks to Randy White) is selling Christmas Trees!!!**

**Trees will be available at 327 W. Wisconsin Ave, Tomahawk starting at noon on Friday, November 22nd - December 22nd or until sold out.**

**Stop at the Legion between (noon and 8 p.m.) to pick up your fresh cut tree!**

**Or by appointment: Call 715-453-4559**

**All proceeds will be used for the Kitchen Renovation!!!!**



# SHIFT IN HEALTH Tips to strengthen your immune system

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**RHINELANDER** – Your immune system is your body's first line of defense against infections and illnesses. To function effectively, it requires balance and harmony.

Here is how you can support and enhance your immune system for better health during the fall and winter months or any time of year.

Your **diet** plays a significant role in your immune function. A diet rich in organic fresh or fresh-frozen vegetables and fruits, along with high quality organic or grass-fed proteins and good fats, is the foundation for a high-functioning immune system and good health.

Diets high in added sugars and processed foods can contribute to obesity, inflammation and chronic health conditions, all of which can impair immune function. Reduce your intake of sugary drinks and snacks and opt for whole grains and natural sugars when possible.

**Exercise** removes toxins through your sweat and lymphatic system. This helps to improve the effectiveness of your immune system. Vigorous exercise has been shown to be most effective at rejuvenating your immune system, but any exercise is good. Make a daily commitment to 30 minutes of brisk exercise and movement of any kind.

**Staying hydrated** is an uncomplicated way to improve your immune system function. Water is crucial for all bodily functions, including the production of lymph, which carries white blood cells and other immune system cells. Aim to drink 10 to 12 eight-ounce glasses of water daily, or more if you are active.

**Sleep or good-quality rest** is essential for a healthy and robust immune system. It is during sleep that you repair and heal. Lack of good-quality sleep reduces

the activity in your immune system, making you more susceptible to getting a cold, the flu, other infections and COVID-19.

**Cold laser therapy**, also known as Low Level Light Therapy (LLLT), has been shown to combat bacterial and viral infections, reducing the severity and duration of an infection, but can also be preventative. Cold laser or LLLT increases energy production in your cells, reducing inflammation and enhancing cellular cleanup. All aid in improving your immune system function.

**Supplements** can aid in boosting your immune function and give you an added layer of protection any time of year. My top five are omega 3, zinc, vitamin C, magnesium and Vitamin D3 with K2 and are inexpensive ways to strengthen your immune system. Talk to your integrative medical health care provider about how much is right for you.

Chronic stress can weaken the immune system, making you more susceptible to illness. Most stress comes from thinking about the past or the future. There is no stress in the present moment. Techniques such as **mindfulness, meditation, yoga, deep breathing exercises and journaling** can help you manage stress effectively and be more present in the moment.

Exercise is also a fantastic way to manage stress. You have no control over what happens around you or the people and situations in your life. You do have control of what you think and how you feel about what you are thinking. If you are feeling

stressed or anxious, take a few deep breaths then pause and think about someone or something that you love.

**Check your alcohol consumption and quit smoking or vaping.** Smoking (including vaping) and excessive alcohol consumption can suppress your immune system. Quitting smoking, vaping and drinking alcohol in moderation can significantly improve your immune response.

Boosting your immune system does not happen overnight, but adopting these habits can strengthen your body's defenses overtime. Remember, balance is key, and it is always best to consult with your healthcare providers before making significant changes to your lifestyle or taking new supplements, especially if you have underlying health conditions. Stay healthy and protect your body's natural defense system with these holistic approaches.

Remember, it is never too late to make a Shift in Health.

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## WINTER WEATHER

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much wind."

Extreme cold temperatures can be dangerous for many people, leading to cold-related illnesses and injuries such as hypothermia and frostbite. There were 45 cold-related deaths in the state during the winter months of 2023-2024, according to preliminary data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). According to that data, there were 861 emergency department visits and 225 hospitalizations in the state due to cold-related illnesses.

"Getting ready for snow and bitter cold before they hit can help prevent trips to the emergency room and it might even save a life," said Paula Tran, State Health Officer and Administrator for DHS. "During cold snaps, it's especially important to check on neighbors and loved ones to make sure they're warm enough where they are and help get them to a warm space if needed."

When dangerously cold temperatures arrive, it's important to follow extreme cold warnings and minimize time outdoors, including pets. If you have to be outside, dress for the weather and make sure you cover exposed skin to reduce your risk of frostbite and hypothermia. Call 211 or visit [www.211wisconsin.communityos.org/](http://www.211wisconsin.communityos.org/) to find local warming centers and free winter clothing outlets.

Finally, take precautions to avoid slips, trips, and falls in icy conditions and snow shoveling injuries.

When dangerously cold temperatures arrive, it is important to reduce out-

door activities for your family, including your pets. Make sure you wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing instead of a single heavy layer. Outerwear should be tightly woven and water repellant. Make sure you cover exposed skin to reduce your risk. It is also important to know the signs and symptoms of frostbite and hypothermia.

Ice and snow on the roads are a major threat to drivers throughout the state, causing thousands of motor vehicle crashes each year. Preliminary data from the Wisconsin State Patrol shows nine people were killed and 2,262 were injured in the state last winter from crashes involving winter road conditions.

"We all have a responsibility to protect each other and our plow drivers who work long hours to keep roads clear and help us get where we need to go," Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary Kristina Boardman said. "We ask drivers to remember the basics: slow down, maintain extra following distance from other vehicles and avoid distractions so you can focus on getting to your destination safely. Check 511 Wisconsin to stay up to date on road conditions and know before you go."

511 Wisconsin is a free website and mobile app that provides traffic and route-specific information. It is important to check 511 Wisconsin before you drive. To learn more about traffic information or check out hundreds of traffic cameras statewide, people can access the mobile-friendly website at [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov).

At home or in your car,

winter emergency kits should include items such as food, water, a flashlight and batteries and blankets. In your vehicle, include a snow shovel, extra gloves and hats, a cell phone charger and kitty litter or sand to help give your wheels traction on icy roads if your vehicle gets stuck.

To prepare for winter storms, stock up on additional supplies and have a plan for what to do if you lose power at home. Plan for extra batteries and other alternative power sources for your needs, including power banks or a generator.

Keep generator safety in mind while it is in operation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and other hazards:

- Generators should be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and attached garages.
- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions carefully.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), Wisconsin experiences an average of three to six winter storms during the season. Last winter, the highest one-day snowfall total in the state of 17 inches was reported in Jackson, located in Washington County on Jan. 13, 2024. Hurley in Iron County recorded 75.5 inches of snow last winter, giving it the highest seasonal snowfall total in the state. The coldest temperature recorded in Wisconsin last winter was -18 degrees Fahrenheit on Jan. 15 and 16, 2024, in Clinton, located in Rock County.

You can also learn more tips at [www.dhs.wi.gov/cliente/winter-weather.htm](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/cliente/winter-weather.htm).

Local news online  
[www.TomahawkLeader.com](http://www.TomahawkLeader.com)

### FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Nov. 20	12:23PM	3:48AM	9:14PM	4:15PM
Nov. 21	12:51PM	4:40AM	10:26PM	5:04PM
Nov. 22	---	5:27AM	1:13PM	5:49PM
Nov. 23	---	6:10AM	1:31PM	6:30PM
Nov. 24	12:40AM	6:50AM	1:47PM	7:09PM
Nov. 25	1:45AM	7:29AM	2:01PM	7:48PM
Nov. 26	2:47AM	8:08AM	2:16PM	8:27PM
Nov. 27	3:52AM	8:47AM	2:32PM	9:08PM

Solunar fishing and hunting chart for Tomahawk. Major feeding periods last two hours and minors run one hour. New Moon is December 1.



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## Early Deadline!

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