

WHAT'S COOKING?



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Health Department Awards!

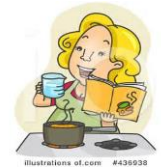
Congratulations to the precipitants of the 2nd annual Lincoln County Health Department award winners! These establishments should be congratulated for their efforts!

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Complexity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Silver Birch Supper Club	Initiative Reward	High	Tomahawk	Exceptional attention to food safety and food handling, no violations and effort to exceed minimum requirements.
Tomahawk Lodge Bar & Grill	Special Recognition Reward	High	Tomahawk	Excellent food handling practices and no violations.
Tomahawk DQ Grill & Chill	Initiative Reward	Moderate	Tomahawk	Extra attention to food safety, no violations, and knowledgeable staff in food safety standards.
Hugo's Pizza	Special Recognition Reward	Moderate	Merrill	Effort to exceed requirements , attentive to food safety and no violations



Other establishments meeting special criteria and therefore should be recognized for their special efforts include: Merrill Dairy Queen, Harrison Oasis, Merrill Pizza Hut, Chips Drive In, The Happy Snapper, Checkered Churn, Hardees of Merrill, Subway of Merrill, Shorthorn Bar & Grill, The Silverado, Ann's Catering, Rodeo Saloon & Grill, Subway II Of Merrill, Bottoms Up Bar & Grill, Edgewater Country Club, Victory Lane, Besse's on Clear Lake, and Somo Beach Resort.

Staff Changes: The Lincoln County Department of Health (LCDH) has made some changes of our own; Meghan Williams has taken over as the new lead Environmental Health Specialist. You may have seen Meghan before as she had been with LCHD for about 2 ½ years. We also welcome September Murphy as the Environmental Health Technician. Both of these inspectors bring in a new enthusiasm for the industry and to its ever growing transformation.



Foodborne Illnesses: The CDC has estimated that nearly 48 Million (1 in 6) Americans are affected each year by foodborne bacteria. This causes roughly 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths annually (Schwartz, 2015). Don't be a statistic!

Policy Changes: The Lincoln County Department of Health (LCDH) has recently reviewed and updated policies regarding inspecting and permitting establishments.

- 1) A **consultation** may be requested by the operator prior to a pre-inspection. This will aid in the operator ensuring that compliance is met. A consultation fee will apply (\$175). Consultation fee may be used towards a pre-inspection if completed within 90 days.
- 2) Each establishment will receive an annual inspection. If there are violations that warrant a follow-up inspection, it will be scheduled with the operator. At the time of the follow-up inspection all noted violations must be corrected. If violations still exist, a re-inspection fee will be charged to the facility. This is to aid in cooperative efficiency and compliance.
- 3) **Late Fees-** All permit renewal fees are due by June 30th. All

Licensing Non-Profit

Agencies: Any organization serving meals to the general public may need a permit in order to do so. Civic fraternal/non-profit organizations serving 0-3 days per year are exempt from licensing. Groups serving 3-12 days per year must obtain a temporary restaurant permit. Groups serving more than 12 days per year must obtain a full restaurant permit. Exemptions include: Organizations where 100% profits go to youth or “needy” organizations. If you have questions about whether or not your group may need a permit, please call the Lincoln County Health Department.



payments received after June 30th will be charged an \$85.00 late fee. Failure to pay renewal and late fee by July 15th will result in a cease operation notice posted to your establishment. Re-issuance of a permit after August 1st will result in an additional pre-inspection fee and annual fee.

Did you know?

New Campground Code: Come February 1st 2016 Department of Health Services (DHS) will be implementing a new campground code. Enforcement by LCDH will be effective immediately at that time. Ensure that your campground is in compliance. If there are any questions always feel free to contact us.



DATCP- DHS Merger: Come July 1st 2016 the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will be combining efforts with the Department of Health Services (DHS) by forming a new single entity. There should be minimal changes to owner operators.

Considering Remodeling or changes to your menu?



Contact LCHD to review your plans. This could include submitting a plan review and or changes to your licensing category.

For more information contact; **Lincoln County Health Department** at 715-536-0307 or visit <http://lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com/> For copies of the codes and regulations visit: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/fsrl/codes/index.htm

Our Mission is to: Provide services promoting optimal health and safety through Prevention, Protection, and Intervention