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As hearing looms, Bangstad mobilizes out-of-town support

After Facebook appeals, emails pour in for Minocqua Brewing Company

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

As the hearing day approaches for the Oneida County zoning committee to consider suspending, amending, or revoking the administrative review permit for Kirk Bangstad's Minocqua Brewing Company — revocation

would shut his business down — Bangstad has mobilized scores of people to send emails and letters supporting his business.

Through an open records request, *The Lakeland Times* received copies of the correspondence received by Oneida County for supervisors; more might have been sent indi-

vidually to supervisors.

A review of the correspondence showed a clear pattern: The vast majority were sent by those not residing in Oneida County, though most said they often visited the Lakeland area, or owned seasonal homes, and spent tourism dollars here; they

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Presque Isle town supervisor will work to get town computers investigation report

Residents worry board and public were misled

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Presque Isle town supervisor Carl Wolter said at the town board's July 20 meeting he would get a copy of the report regarding the town's computers prepared by a third party forensic investigation company the board had decided to consult with in May.

Special Investigations & Forensic Technologies LLC (SIFT) out of Madison investigated the town's laptop and two desktop computers in the aftermath of the April 4 election, when a new town clerk and treasurer started and it was found that long-time town clerk Lorine Walters's son, Jim, who works for a computer maintenance company, had been fixing the town's computers off-site for what was said to have been about 20 years.

At the beginning of the July 20 meeting, resident Dave Bogan outlined a sequence of events with regard to the town's computers investigation. He said he was concerned about the roughly \$11,000 bill the town's taxpayers had to pay.

Bogan said he had submitted an open records request with the town in June relating to the SIFT investigation "to look at this to understand what's going on."

He then mentioned a July 14 report in *The Lakeland Times* regarding the computers investigation being forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and a deputy report by the Vilas County Sheriff's Office.

Bogan pointed out how the county's chief deputy Pat Schmidt told the *Times* the computer issue was assigned to two detectives, but the sheriff's office investigation into the matter was closed after nothing suspicious seemed to come of it.

"It all played out, it's all extremely logical and we're not investigating it at all," Bogan said, quoting Schmidt's comments from the July 14 report. "We're (the sheriff's office) staying out of it."

Bogan then said he received a copy of the deputy report himself, which he noted started on June 20 and ended on June 28.

"This information was available prior to the July 6 town board meeting and should've been disclosed to the board at that time," he said. "There was no longer any investigation being done by the sheriff's office, but it was not (disclosed to the board)."

Bogan said the town board, when it authorized the SIFT investigation at a May meeting, was "led to the impression that nothing from SIFT ... could

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RATTLE AND ROLL

Alton "Sonny" Smart and his grandson Grason Jackson of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians show visitors how to dance and shake maracas to a traditional Ojibwe song during the Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Pow Wow on Tuesday, July 18, in Lac du Flambeau.

Minocqua town board amends town parking ordinance for Lakeview Drive

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Minocqua town board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, for less than 10 minutes focusing on the approval of an amendment to the town's no parking ordinance.

The street in question was Lakeview Drive which up until town board approval of the amendment last week and its publication in *The Lakeland Times* had the no parking zone on Lakeview Drive beginning "800 feet south of Old Highway 70 and southward to the southern termination point."

The amendment still includes the verbiage regarding the starting point to Old Highway 70 southward to the ter-

mination point but adds "except for the east side of the road between Huber Lane and the southern termination point where parking shall be allowed."

Other matters

The town board also during the brief meeting:

- Approved a preliminary condominium plat for two vacant units in the building housing the Dollar Tree store.

- Approved a Class A liquor license for the County Line store on State Highway 70 on Minocqua's west side due to a change in ownership.

- Approved picnic license applications from Lakeland Rotary Club and Minocqua Lions Club for Beef-A-Rama

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 25

VILAS COUNTY BOARD LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE- 9 a.m., Vilas County Courthouse, conference room B.
WOODRUFF TOWN BOARD- 5:30 p.m., Woodruff Community Center.

Wed., July 26

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION- 11 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn - Wausau.
ONEIDA COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CLOSED SESSION- 12:30 p.m., Oneida County Courthouse, county board room.

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD- 9 a.m., Vilas County Courthouse, conference room B.
ONEIDA COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING- 1 p.m., Oneida County Courthouse, county board room.
LAC DU FLAMBEAU TOWN BOARD- 5:30 p.m., Lac du Flambeau Town Hall.

Thursday, July 27

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT- 9 a.m., Oneida County Courthouse, 2nd floor committee room 2.
ONEIDA VILAS TRANSIT COMMISSION-

11 a.m., Vilas County Courthouse, conference room B.

Saturday, July 29

MANITOWISH WATERS LAKES ASSOCIATION- 8:30 a.m. to noon. North Lakeland Discovery Center.

Thursday, Aug. 3

ONEIDA COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL- via Zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042581223?pwd=eVWtQ0Fia0p0N2MwUkp-BZkUOHVoQT09>, meeting ID: 850 4258 1223, passcode: 585607.

Let's 'Dive-In'!

Have you ever been to a drive-in movie? Well how about a DIVE-In movie!? The Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau is hosting their third annual movie on the banks of Lake Minocqua, "Dirty Dancing." Let's Dive-In!

The Visitors Bureau will be showing this PG-13 classic resort romantic-drama on Saturday, Aug. 12, at dark on our 23-foot movie screen. The screen will be placed on the banks of Lake Minocqua at Torpy Park facing the lake. Participants can watch this classic movie either by floating in the lake on innertubes, watching from their boats, or on dry land. Each participant will receive a neon glowstick and a free bag of popcorn. Boats will receive a commemorative flag that will need to be tied to their running lights during the event. Pack your boat and come on down for this one time showing.

There is also an old-fashioned beach hop planned prior to the movie. Starting at 5:30 p.m. all participants and any last-minute registrants can attend this dance party. Commemorative apparel, food, and beverages will be available for purchase. Mike Wolf from WRJO will be playing all the hits, old and new. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a Dance-Off Contest. Warm up those dancing hips because this contest pays out big time! You can sign up for the contest when you arrive at check-in.

This event is in support of the Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau event "loan garage." Any partnering non-profit in the community has the availability to utilize all the Bureau's supplies to help offset costs for their own events. Every year, new items need to be purchased to keep all items as new as possible for the community to use. With a goal of \$5,000 in sponsorship, this event keeps the loan closet up to date and our events looking top-notch! Sponsorship information is available on the event website.

Pre-registration for the event is now open at www.letsminocqua.com/dive-in — \$12 per person.



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GRAND ENTRY

The audience stands during the Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Pow Wow Grand Entry on Tuesday, July 18, in Lac du Flambeau.

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A PRAYER

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.
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OBITUARIES

Patricia “Tricia” Yeschek Gilchrist

Patricia (Tricia) Yeschek Gilchrist, 61, of Colgate and Minocqua, entered into Eternal life on June 19, 2023 in Minocqua.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday July 29 at 11 a.m. at Nimsgern Funeral Home Chapel in Woodruff.

Online condolences may be shared at www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is serving the family.



Gilchrist

Donald Lawrence Metzger

Donald Lawrence Metzger, 85 of Woodruff, passed away on Wednesday, July 19 at Marshfield Medical Center in Weston. Don was born on July 12, 1938 in Fulton, Ill. the son of Lawrence and Mary Metzger. Don graduated from DeWitt High School and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Don worked as a machinist for many years. He was an active member of Faith Evangelical Free Church. He loved spending time



Metzger

with his family, music, fishing and serving others and sports. He was an avid supporter of Lakeland Union High School athletics. If you didn't see him at a sporting event, he was at Culver's enjoying butter pecan ice cream.

He is survived by his children Kurt (Karen), Chad (Sandi), Emily (Nathan) and Jay (Sarah) and by his grandchildren Andrew, Jonathan, Grant, Christopher, Elizabeth, Max, Maggie, Abigail, Luke, Timothy, Isaac, Jack, Brock, Anna, Maverick, Luke, Clark, Nora, Hank, Benjamin, Moriah, Jenna, William, Ava Grace, Sophia, Paisley, and Aubree and by his great-grandchildren Lawrence, Emilia, Brantley, Ele, Yuki and Santiago. He is further survived by his sister JoAnn LeFleur and by many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Mary Metzger and by his daughter Amy Metzger Schulz and his siblings Wally, Arlene, Genevieve, Margaret and Fred and by his great grandbaby Zeke Metzger.

Visitation for Don will be held on Sunday, July 30 at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Woodruff from 2 to 3:30 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 3:30 p.m. Burial will take place at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Brule, next to his daughter Amy.

Online condolences may be shared at www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is serving the family.

Yvonne Marie Klappa

Yvonne Marie Klappa, 77 of Rhinelander, passed away on Friday, July 21 at Milestone Living Center in Woodruff, with her family by her side.

Funeral services for Yvonne will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 5 p.m. at Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services with a visitation from 4 p.m. until the time of service.

A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Online condolences may be shared at www.nimsgernfuneral.com. Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is serving the family.

Angela Marie Kozak Jacobs

Angela Marie Kozak Jacobs, 52, of Mercer, passed away unexpectedly at her home on July 13, 2023.

Angie was born on January 25, 1971 to Bill and Sharon Kozak in Madison. After graduating from Madison East High School, she went on to study business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Shortly after graduation, the Northwoods came calling for Angie and she moved to Mercer, where she eventually met the love of her life, Steve “Reeno” Jacobs. They were married



Jacobs

on October 10, 2002, and went on to run their business together and to create the most beautiful family ever imaginable. Angie's six children were her pride and joy, and everything she did revolved around making sure they became the best humans possible. The eight of them enjoyed all sorts of activities together including trail rides around their property, hunting and fishing, taking Reeno's race truck out for a spin, spending time at the beach on Lake Superior with special friends, or just hanging out in the Shop where random friends were sure to stop by and be welcomed by Angie's notorious giggle.

Angie was survived by her loving husband Steve “Reeno” Jacobs, her six children: Journey, Axle, Chance, Blaze, Cash, and Wild Jacobs and her sister Melissa (Patrick) Klipstine.

Angie was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Sharon Kozak of Madison; her aunt Barb and uncle Dean Evert of Madison; her uncle Bob Kozak of Sun Prairie; her cousin Steve Kozak of Rochester, Minn.; and her mother-in-law Susan Jacobs of Arbor Vitae.

The family would like to invite you to celebrate Angie's life at the Jacobs residence, 5880 N County H, Mercer, on Aug. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a moment of remembrance and prayer led by Pastor Terry Muck at 5 p.m. Food and drink will be provided. A side dish to share would be appreciated.

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AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Want to submit an event to the calendar? Email editor@lakelandtimes.com

Tuesday, July 25

LAC DU FLAMBEAU: WAASWAAGANING INDIAN BOWL POW WOW- 6:30 p.m., Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Living Arts and Cultural Center, downtown. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Admission-youth 6 and under \$1, 7-17 \$5, adults \$10, seniors 55+ \$5, LdF Tribal member \$3, LdF Tribal elders free. Info: visit www.indianbowlproject.org.

BOULDER JUNCTION: CRAFT & FLEA MARKET- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Boulder Junction Community Center. Arts, crafts, food and library book sale every Tuesday. Sponsored by the Boulder Junction Lions Club. Info: call Lion Tom Wierzba at 715-686-7970.

CONOVER: CHAIN SKIM-

MERS WATER SKI SHOW- 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lake Pleasant. Watch skilled water skiers perform tricks, jumps and flips.

RHINELANDER: HODAG PARK CONCERT SERIES- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Hodag Park Amphitheater. The Juke Dawgs perform. Free live music every other Tuesday.

RHINELANDER: HAVE LUNCH WITH A VETERAN- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Trig's Grocery. Post 3143 VFW will host the Brathouse every Tuesday and Thursday through September.

Wed., July 26

BOULDER JUNCTION: MUSIC ON MAIN STREET- 7 p.m., People's Park.

SAYNER: MAKERS MARKET- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Street, in the “Create” Meadow. Sponsored by the Leapin’ Ladders Guild. The market will feature beautifully crafted and handmade goods for sale by local artisans and “makers.” Info: call Ida 715-499-4106.

MINOCQUA: MIN-AQUA BATS WATERSKI SHOW- 7 p.m., Aqua Bowl. Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Club is the oldest continually running amateur water ski show in the United States. Free. Concessions available. Info: www.minaquabats.com.

MANITOWISH WATERS: MW SKIING SKEETERS WATERSKI SHOW- 7 p.m., Rest Lake Park. Fun, family entertainment. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for your comfort, or

watch from your boat on Rest Lake! Concessions sold on site under the pavilion. Skeeters perform a wide array of acts during their shows including ballet, pyramids, jumping, doubles, and trick skiing of all types.

PLUM LAKE: PLUM SKI-TERS WATER SKI SHOWS- 6 to 8:15 p.m., Plum Lake, off of Statehouse Road in Sayner.

RHINELANDER: WEDNESDAY FLEA MARKET- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, Rhinelander Ice Arena. Flea market and crafts. Info: call Gary at 715-493-0975.

Thursday, July 27

LAND O’ LAKES: CAR PARK MUSIC SERIES- 5 to 6:30 p.m., Snowflake Building. Ian Gould performs. Free

entertainment and live music experiences for the whole family. Park and tailgate or bring your chair. There will be a 50/50 raffle, and a free art project or crafts for kids (and those young at heart!).

RHINELANDER: HAVE LUNCH WITH A VETERAN- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Trig's Grocery. Post 3143 VFW will host the Brathouse every Tuesday and Thursday through September.

MINOCQUA: TREFFEN NORTHWOODS RIDE: Noon, Motomart, 2.8 miles south of Minocqua Bridge. A spirited drive for sports and exotic cars in the backroads of the Northwoods. Approximately 150 miles of curated roads with a stop in Manitowish Waters for refreshments.

BOULDER JUNCTION: NORTHWOODS OUTDOORS ARTISTS- 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Cathedral Park to draw and paint. Take the challenge and paint on location (Plein Air). The “Northwoods Outdoor Artists” is an art experience offered under the sponsorship of the Manito Art League. Participation is free and open to summer vacationers, as well as the local artists. Our only rule is to respect each other, the locations that we visit and the hosts that invite us. Beginners to professionals are welcome. Info: northwoodsoutdoorartists@gmail.com.

RHINELANDER: ORGAN CONCERT- 4 to 5 p.m., First Congregational U.C.C., 135 East Larch Street. Destin Wernicke, jazz percussionist turned organist, is listed as one of “20 organists under 30” making a name for them-

selves. This not-to-be-missed concert will be projected on a screen for all to see. Free. Info: call 715-365-1535 or email rhiucc@newnorth.net.

MANITOWISH WATERS: LIONS FLEA AND FARMERS MARKET- 9 a.m., to 2 p.m. Manitowish Waters Community Center ball field. Arts, crafts, farmers market and concessions hosted by the Manitowish Waters Lions Club. Info: mwliionsclub.org.

CONOVER: CHAIN SKIMMERS WATER SKI SHOW- 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lake Pleasant. Watch skilled water skiers perform tricks, jumps and flips.

MANITOWISH WATERS: COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE- 10 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., Manitowish Waters Community Center. To sign up please call Nancy Hajt at 952-334-3190. In order to space apart donors and help eliminate waiting, we kindly request that you make an appointment.

MINOCQUA: MOVIE NIGHT- 7:45 p.m., Torpy Park Pavillion. Family time means quality time. Family movie night is the perfect opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their children. Free movie and free popcorn and soda. Donations benefit Lakeland Retirement Foundation/Generations.

WOODRUFF: TOPS CLUB- Thursdays; weigh-in is from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with the meeting following from 10 to 11 a.m. Lakeside Plaza. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups and wellness education organization. Info: www.tops.org or call 715-358-0082.



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LEGION RIDERS LEAD THE WAY

Members of the American Legion riders lead the St. Germain Independence Day Parade on Sunday, July 2.

MacLean’s appeal of Presque Isle’s April 12 recount continues

Oral ruling now set for Aug. 31

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

It was a marathon in Vilas County court on July 19 with regard to a hearing in the case of Presque Isle’s incumbent town chairman John MacLean and his appeal of an April 12 recount of the April 4 election; where he came up short to stay chairman by one vote to his challenger, long-time town clerk Lorine Walters.

At the conclusion of the July 19 hearing that spanned nearly 12 hours long, Vilas County circuit court judge Martha Milanowski set the date of Aug. 31 for when she will give an oral ruling. She also requested closing arguments be no more than 10 pages and filed with the court by Aug. 11.

In MacLean’s initial notice of appeal of recount filed on April 19, his attorneys Erin Deeley and Doug Poland argue the result of the recount was invalid due to three absentee ballots cast illegally, as well as a fourth

“unqualified elector” who voted. MacLean, according to the complaint, orally objected to the votes he believed were cast illegally at the April 12 recount. Walters, as it’s been pointed out, didn’t attend the recount.

As the case has evolved, a counterclaim was filed by Walters’s attorneys, Christopher Blythe and James Olson, challenging MacLean’s legitimacy as a Presque Isle resident because he also has a property in Marenisco, Mich.

Additional claims in the case were made, as well, in an amended complaint filed by Poland and Deeley.

MacLean’s wife, Emma MacLean, MacLean himself, canvasser Pam Eschenbach and Walters all testified during the July 19 hearing.

Besides Walters, the other respondents in the case include the Board of Canvassers of the Town of Presque Isle and newly elected town clerk Billy Rae Thoma.

While the ruling was tentatively scheduled for mid-July during a May 25 status hearing in the case, Milanowski indicated at the be-



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The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Presque Isle, left, and Lorine Walters, center, listen to attorney Christopher Blythe during a hearing in the case of incumbent town chairman John MacLean’s appeal of an April 12 recount of the April 4 election results at the Vilas County Courthouse on Wednesday, July 19, in Eagle River.

ginning of the July 19 hearing that wouldn’t be possible with the continued filings of exhibits, transcripts, briefs and motions by all the attorneys involved in the case.

Meanwhile, Presque Isle’s town board remains to consist only of its two town su-

pervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter, Weber assuming the role of interim town chair.

“Everyone’s working very hard to get as much in front of the court as possible, but there has to be a stopping point,” Milanowski

said at the July 19 hearing. “We’re here today for the summary hearing and the record just continues to grow.”

Trevor Greene may be reached via email at trevorgreene@lakeland-times.com.

A ROARING ROMANCE

Animal trainer Trey Key kisses Delilah the Tiger on the cheek during the Culpeper & Merriweather Circus on Thursday, July 13, at Brandy Park in Arbor Vitae.

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New Little Free Library in Boulder Junction

The Friends of the Boulder Junction Public Library has installed a Little Free Library at the new Boulder Junction playground.

A Little Free Library is a “take a book, share a book” free book exchange. Little Free Libraries are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and accessible to all. They function on the honor system, and you do not need to leave a book in order to take one. The Friends of the Library will

stock their Little Free Library with books that have been donated to the library. For questions about the Friends of the Library’s new Little Free Library, please call 715-385-2050.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOGRAPH

A Little Free Library was recently installed near the new Boulder Junction playground by the Friends of the Boulder Junction Library.



Wisconsin author James Bastian to speak at Minocqua Public Library

Join Wisconsin author James Bastian at the Minocqua Public Library to help celebrate the launch of his new release, “Willa’s Pursuit,” a sequel to Bastian’s first book, “Wisconsin Logging Camp, 1921.” The author will share the Wisconsin stories and rich historical content behind both of his published books followed by a question and answer session and book signing on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the library’s program room.

Bastian received a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University with a tri-major of education, psychology and history.

Upon graduation, he taught high school history and psychology, but realized he preferred to work in business, earned an MBA and went on to have a 35-year career in management. However, the author’s deep interest in history, psychology and love of the Wisconsin Northwoods remained intact throughout his career. Writing became increasingly more appealing and upon retirement transitioned to writing as his avocation with the publication of “Wisconsin Logging Camp, 1921” in 2016, followed by “Willa’s Pursuit” published in April 2023.

While both books are novels, each story takes place in Wisconsin and has been scrupulously researched. The books are based on real events, people and experiences, with the integrity of rich historical content meticulously preserved.

All Minocqua Public Library’s events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library’s website at www.minocqualibrary.org or call 715-356-4437. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vilas County highway committee forwards preliminary 2024 budget

Finance committee gets the next look as the annual budget process gets underway

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Vilas County board’s highway committee last week approved a preliminary 2024 budget that will now go to county finance director Darcy Smith and the finance and budget committee for review.

The preliminary 2024 budget number is \$7,741,157 compared to an anticipated final number of \$6,840,165 for 2023.

“We’ll get numbers back from Darcy in August,” county highway commissioner Troy Schalinske said. “The highway budget will be on the agenda again for the August highway committee meeting for further consideration and approval to send back to the finance committee for the September budget meetings.”

Among purchases in the 2024 budget are cabs and chassis for two plow, or patrol, trucks, one a tandem axle and the other a quad-axle truck.

“Just the cabs and chassis purchased in ‘24 and the equipment for them (plows, etc.)

purchased in ‘25,” Schalinske said.

Another item of interest in the preliminary budget is a provision made for an increase to \$3.5 million for roadwork in 2024.

Schalinske said during the committee’s June meeting, “there was discussion about how to move forward with (the reconstruction of) roads.”

“I was instructed to go to \$3.5 million,” he said. “To figure my five-year road plan out using the \$3.5 million from the current \$1.5 million would average 10 miles of road a year to keep the roads on a 20-year rotation. We’ve got 204 miles of county road.”

The question at this point is, as it obviously is for all county departments that have submitted their preliminary 2024 budgets, how much of the highway department’s preliminary budget will get through.

“It’s all gotta go through finance,” Schalinske said.

Brian Jopek may be reached via email at bjopek@lakeland-times.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Former Democrat worried pride goeth before the fall

To the Editor:

I'm 83 years old and was a Democrat all my life until Obama's second term. I no longer can support or vote for the Democratic Party that exists today.

Pride Day celebrated at the White House by President Biden with our American flag hanging on both sides of the pride flag mocked our flag, the flag that so many have fought and died for. Then followed by a "strip show" on the White House lawn with Joe in the midst of it...wow!

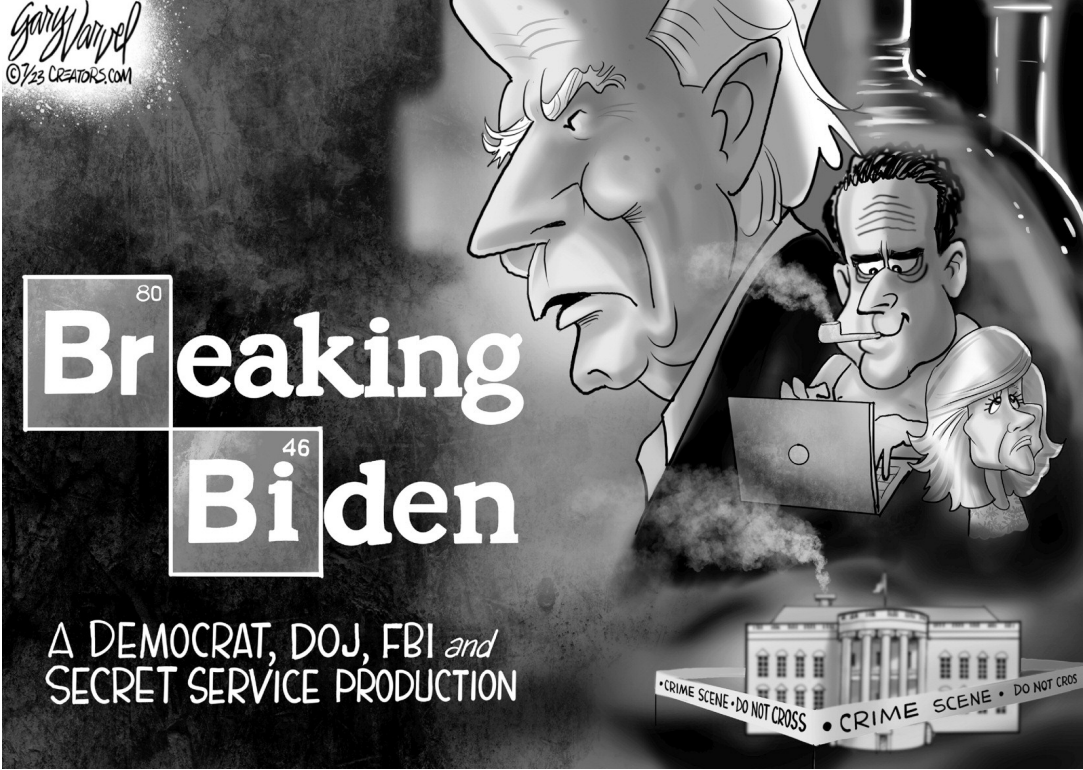
Sometime shortly before the "Pride celebration" a children's choir was told to quit singing our national anthem within the halls of our Capitol.

Then the big one, the L.A. Dodgers allowed pride, woke to celebrate in their stadium

with "trans and drag queens" mocking our Christian religion with their portrayal of Catholic nuns, with their Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. May God forgive them. During the same time in Los Angeles, the LA Dodgers allowed the Pride celebration to do their woke condemnation of my Christian religion by demonizing the crucifixion of Jesus Christ with their version of the crucifixion with one near-naked living thing (their version of a man) and two others crawling on the cross and rolling around on the ground below it. When will this mockery of the Christians and Judeo-Christians eventually end?

The new pride church also mocks the Christian creed with their "Sparkle Creed" stating Jesus had two fathers, with further mockeries following.

Question: How can this new pride religion be allowed and welcomed in our public



offices, schools, and colleges to do their "thing" in an attempt to indoctrinate our chil-

dren? And Christian prayer is not allowed! May God bless America,

we need it!

Larry Peterson
Park Falls

OPINIONS

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No labels, no way

It's a nice sounding idea for a political science paper. A common-sense third-party alternative, to inject some substance into the presidential debate. It's heavy on the guidelines, pushes some important limits, but mouth the words "Ralph Nader" and you can remind yourself of how real politics works.

Care to elect Donald Trump?

Sorry, but what more is there to know? Every poll suggests that a third party run by a bipartisan No Labels ticket is not going to draw the hardcore Trumpers. Those folks, and we know that there are more of them than we credit, are staying put. What it will do, plain and simple, is give them the plurality that will be good enough for them to win. The big money behind No Labels is Republican money, and the anti-Trump Republicans are notably also anti-New Labels. No Labels are the best friends Trump could have.

Oh yes, and No Labels is no choice. In a year when abortion is likely to drive voters to the polls in a number of key states, No Labels punts, to put it nicely. "Abortion is too important and complicated an issue to say it's common sense to pass a law — nationally or in the states — that draws a clear line at a certain stage of pregnancy," that section of the No Labels platform concludes. Common sense to whom? What's so complicated about saying that before viability, a woman decides.

Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, No Labels is an interesting addition to the political landscape.

Look, there is a problem. We seem, at least at this juncture, headed for a rematch that people aren't all that eager to see. Thus, the interest in whatever happens to be the latest flavor of the month.

It seems, speaking of flavors of the month, that Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has returned to the familiar trope of antisemitism. Last year, he got in trouble after speaking at an anti-vax rally where he unfavorably made

the comparison "(e)ven in Hitler's Germany, you could cross the Alps into Switzerland. You could hide in an attic like Anne Frank did," as if we had it worse. Then last weekend, he was videotaped suggesting that Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese



Susan Estrich
COLUMNIST

people had been spared COVID-19, remarks he continued to defend over the weekend as both scientists and Jewish leaders castigated him.

Certainly, no one would be

talking about RFK Jr., or about No Labels, for that matter, were there more enthusiasm for the prospect of the coming contest. Some of that will simply build with time, as the prospect does — or does not — become the reality. A big part of that, frankly, is the challenge faced by the campaigns. It's a long way until the seventh game of the World Series and even if we're pretty sure of the two teams who are going to be playing, we've still got to get through all the formalities — the caucuses and the primaries, the waving of the flag, the speeches and the nominations, the conventions and the rituals, the debates and the days after — that decide an election. In other words, it's a process.

And maybe we just need to get used to the idea that President Joe Biden is a stronger candidate for re-election than most modern incumbents, that Trump is sui generis and will remain so, and the question is whether any of the Republicans have what it takes to match him.

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The press's war against free speech

Have we gotten to the point that it's politically necessary to defend the principle of free speech? Apparently so.

Consider the reaction of journalists — people who, more than anyone else in our society, have a professional and economic interest in free speech — to Louisiana-based District Judge Terry Doughty's July 4 decision on a motion to bar agencies of the federal government from pressuring social media outlets to suppress information the agencies deem "misinformation."

The injunction barring federal agencies from communicating with these firms was blocked from going into effect by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on July 14. But no final judgment in the case has been entered, and, whatever the ultimate result, the wisdom of government speech suppression — and the bizarre and outspoken support thereof by large parts of the press — remain continuing issues.

Doughty's 155-page opinion cites allegations that White House and other government officials have "significantly encouraged" and "coerced" social media firms Facebook, Google and Twitter to suppress information not just occasionally but repeatedly, and often in peremptory and threatening tones. Those allegations have been backed up by the "Twitter Files" investigations of liberal writers Matt Taibbi and Michael Shellenberger.

The bemoaning at this opinion came in loud and clear. The Washington Post, as columnist Mary Katharine Ham pointed out, lamented that Doughty's decision could "undo years of efforts to enhance coordination between the government and social media companies." The New York Times worried that Doughty's decision "could force government officials ... to refrain from notifying the platforms about troublesome content," and "could curtail efforts to combat disinformation."

Quite a contrast with the responses of the Post and the Times to pleas from government officials not to print the Pentagon Papers in 1971. No less than Henry Kissinger argued that the release of the Papers would weaken the government's ability to conduct diplomacy and de-escalate the Vietnam War.

The Post's Katharine Graham and the Times' Arthur O. Sulzberger Sr. rejected these weighty concerns and risked prosecution because they felt the public had a right to the information. The current proprietors are Jeff Bezos and Sulzberger's grandson, who evidently take a different view.

That view is that the press has a responsibility to cooperate with the government to suppress what the government considers "disinformation" or "misinformation." Thus a writer in the left-wing Nation argues that speech must be suppressed in the interest of "preserving good-faith discourse in the name

of public health and the preservation of democracy."

But Doughty's decision does not prevent the government from speaking, as it does every day. It seeks to prevent the government from stamping out other people's speech. And often, it turns out that the speech is right and the government's position wrong.



Michael Barone
COLUMNIST

A prime case in point — and an example of partisan politics — were the successful efforts to get willing allies in the press to discredit and suppress the New York Post's October 2020 Hunter Biden laptop story. Antony Blinken, then of the Biden campaign and now secretary of state, encouraged the promulgation of a letter signed by 51 former intelligence officials claiming the story "had all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation."

That was hogwash, as was the Russian collusion hoax many signers had peddled. But most press outlets suppressed mention of the Post's accurate story. The New York Times only got around to confirming its accuracy in March 2022 in the 24th paragraph of a 38-paragraph story.

The press also happily colluded in government efforts to suppress information about COVID-19. A prime example is the theory that the virus came from a lab leak in China, which in March 2020 emails National Institutes of Health Director Dr. Francis Collins called "a very destructive conspiracy" and his nominal subordinate Dr. Anthony Fauci characterized as "a shiny object that will go away."

Their attempts to discredit a theory that might have reflected badly on research they sponsored prevailed for some time, but it is considered, in columnist Robby Soave's words, "now extremely likely," although it will probably never be confirmed because of Chinese government obfuscation.

In any case, the lab leak theory was better founded than The New York Times' characterization, in a July 5 story, that the theory that "Covid-19 vaccines do not prevent transmission of the disease" is a "debunked claim."

In the press reaction to Doughty's decision, you can detect laments that many Americans no longer accept the word of elite experts in the FBI, the intelligence agencies or the public health authorities. But you don't find any acknowledgment that often that word has not proved good.

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MINOCQUA POLICE REPORT

June 16

8:30 p.m. – Contact was made with a person at a residence on Chequamegon Drive for the report of fireworks and the person was warned about the fireworks and advised any future incidents may result in enforcement action.

June 17

1:17 a.m. – Fake identification cards gathered from the employee of a bar on West Park Avenue were taken to the police department and marked for destruction.

June 18

3:30 a.m. – Several fake ID's were confiscated by an employee of a bar on Lambert Road and turned over to an officer who had them marked for destruction at the police department.
6:51 p.m. – Report of a deer versus vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 51 near the intersection of Blue Lake Road. Deer was removed and state accident report was filed.

June 19

8:29 a.m. – As the result of an investigation into a disturbance at a residence on Ranchwood Road, a charge of disorderly conduct (domestic violence related) was referred to the Oneida County District Attorney's Office on a man involved in the incident.
2:21 p.m. – Two vehicle accident on Hwy. 51 near the intersection of County Highway J, one of the vehicles involved in the accident was removed by a local tow company and one person was transported by ambulance to a local emergency room due to injuries sustained by the accident. An accident report was filed.
4:23 p.m. – Dispatch received reports of people at Minocqua Brewing Company drinking alcoholic beverages in the right-of-way adjacent to the MBC building in violation of the town ordinance. Contact was made with the people who said they didn't realize they couldn't drink in that area and went back to the Minocqua Brewing Company and were warned about open intoxicants.
6:10 p.m. – Harassment complaint from a woman at a business on Hwy. 51 who said the harassment was from a man and contact was not wanted. Contact was made with the man; he was warned about his behavior and advised continued behavior of that manner could result in enforcement action.

July 7

12:28 a.m. – Contact was made with a person with a apprehension request and through a probation officer and sought by the Vilas County Sheriff's Office and staying at The Waters of Minocqua subject was taken into custody and taken to the Oneida County Jail on the apprehension request.
12:52 a.m. – As the result of a traffic stop of a vehicle operated without headlights after dark on the causeway, the driver was issued a cita-

tion for open intoxicants and arrested for an absolute sobriety violation. Two passengers received citations for underage drinking.

July 8

12:52 a.m. – A traffic stop for expired reregistration was conducted on a vehicle in the municipal parking lot on First Avenue in Woodruff, the vehicle's driver arrested for operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent and on a probation hold.

July 9

7 p.m. – As the result of a traffic stop at County Highway J near the intersection of Hanson Road for improper display of registration, the vehicle's driver was issued citations for operating a motor vehicle while suspended, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 10

12:05 a.m. – A man was cited for disorderly conduct citation as the result of a disturbance in the police department's lobby.
3:40 p.m. – Contact was made with the driver of a tractor-trailer rig that damaged a traffic control light on State Highway 70 at the entrance to Marshfield Clinic. The semi's load had shifted and struck the traffic light. A state accident report was filed and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation contacted to have the traffic light replaced.

July 15

12:22 a.m. – The driver of a vehicle involved in a one vehicle accident at the intersection of Old Hwy. 70 and Doctor Pink Drive was arrested for first offense operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
3:58 a.m. – A small fire started in the road at the intersection of Yawkey Street and Hwy. 51 in Hazelhurst was extinguished by an officer.
3:03 p.m. – A jet ski operator having problems with starting their jet ski was assisted by a boat patrol officer who towed the jet ski back to shore and cited the jet ski operator for not having their boater safety certificate as required.

July 16

5:47 a.m. – A fawn that was badly injured and stuck in the fence near the soccer fields and tennis courts at Lakeland Union High School was dispatched after the Northwoods Wildlife Center was contacted and consulted.

July 17

12:59 p.m. – A person was observed by an officer parking a vehicle in a handicapped spot at the O'Reilly's Auto Parts store with no handicapped placard, It was determined that the vehicle was illegally parked in a handicapped spot and the driver was cited.
5:18 p.m. – A person was arrested for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia after a search warrant was executed at a residence on Richardson Plat Road.

ONEIDA COUNTY COURT

The following cases were recently filed or heard in Oneida County Circuit Court from June 20 to June 26:

Ramona C. Kuczmarski, 78, Rhinelander, is charged with bail jumping (felony), adjourned initial appearance on July 5 at 3:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$5,000.
Josephine A. Smith, 30, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with a hit-and-run, fleeing/eluding an officer while operating a vehicle, and recklessly endangering safety (1st degree), preliminary hearing on July 7 at 11:00 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.
Grant W. Trapp, 37, Woodruff, is charged with strangulation/suffocation (domestic abuse) and battery (domestic abuse), adjourned initial appearance on July 17 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$1,500.
Ryan M. Garza, 32, Rhinelander, is charged with theft of movable property (<=\$2,500) and bail jumping (felony), adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$10,000.
Morgan N. Hoople, 23, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of cocaine/coca (PTAC, as a Party to a Crime), possession of drug paraphernalia (PTAC, as a Party to a Crime), and possession of narcotic drugs (PTAC, as a Party to a Crime), adjourned initial appearance on July 17 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.
Benjamin E. Metz, 37, Rhinelander, is charged with false imprisonment, strangulation/suffocation, possession of an illegally obtained prescription, bail jumping (felony and misdemeanor), disorderly conduct (domestic abuse), maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession with intent of cocaine (>5-15g), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (2nd+ offense), possession of cocaine/coca (2nd+), adjourned initial appearance on July 7 at 1:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$15,000.
Bobbilee F. Feck, 33, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of controlled substance and child abuse (intentionally causing harm), adjourned initial appearance on July 17 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.
Terrie Ann Bowman, 60, Rhinelander, is charged with theft of movable property (special facts, increased penalty for elder person victim), adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$5,000.
Jody R. Wallace, 41, Woodruff, is charged with possession with intent of cocaine (>40g) and possession of drug paraphernalia,

adjourned initial appearance on July 6 at 2:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$10,000.
Christopher Peter John Pappas, 32, Eagle River, is charged with an OWI (1st with passenger < 16 years old), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotic drugs, and possession of methamphetamines, adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$8,000.
Andrew C. Wanty, 38, Rhinelander, is charged with resisting or obstructing an officer and neglecting a child (no harm and child < 6 years or disability), preliminary hearing on July 13 at 10:30 a.m. and a signature bond of \$7,500.
Cheyenne Dawn Johnson, 43, Shawano, is charged with bail jumping (felony) and retail theft (intentionally taking >\$500-\$5,000), prelliminary hearing on August 8 at 10:30 a.m. and a cash bond of \$1,000.
Gregory A. Caudle, 57, Minocqua, is charged with disorder conduct (domestic abuse), 3rd degree sexual assault (domestic abuse), adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$1,500.
Sarah J. Hagen, 40, Rhinelander, is charged with disorderly conduct and possession of a firearm (convicted of a felony), adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,000.
Andrea L. Daniels, 39, Rhinelander, is charged with theft (false representation, <=\$2,500; PTAC, as a Party to a Crime), adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.
Ashley A. Randall, 37, Rhinelander, is charged with intentionally failing to provide water and food for an animal, initial appearance on July 10 at 1:30 p.m.
Warren D. Rodgers, 53, Rhinelander, is charged with intentionally failing to provide water and food for an animal, initial appearance on July 10 at 1:30 p.m.
Steven S. Newbold, 56, Rhinelander, is charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor) and attempted theft of movable property (<=\$2,500), adjourned initial appearance on July 17 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.
Ronald J. Emmerich Jr., 40, Minocqua, is charged with disorderly conduct, adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.
Jordan A. Nitchoff, 26, Lemont, IL, is charged with negligent operation of a boat/water skis, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property, pre-trial conference on Aug. 15 at 2:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.
Reginald Allen

Felzkowski, 31, Tomahawk, is charged with disorderly conduct (domestic abuse), adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.
Edwin Andrew Johnson IV, 41, Rhinelander, is charged with an OWI (2nd), ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violating court order, operating without a valid license (2nd within 3 years), and bail jumping (misdemeanor), adjourned initial appearance on July 25 at 10:00 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.
Robert James Cunningham, 70, Tomahawk, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer and impersonating a peace officer, adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.
Tisha M. Mickelson, 42, Rhinelander, is charged with resisting/failing to stop, adjourned initial appearance on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,000.
Lilliana H. Burgess, 17, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with possession of THC, intake on July 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Aaron Saltzman, Minocqua, is charged with conditional use prior to issuance, intake on July 31 at 9:30 a.m.
Desiree N. Fitch, 24, Rhinelander (homeless), is charged with littering, intake on July 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Steven Edward Klingensmith, 33, Laona, is charged with shoplifting (<\$500), intake on July 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Destiny Aush Deverney, 18, Minocqua, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, intake on July 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Brittany C. Felten, 31, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of THC (ordinance violation), intake on July 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Russell J. Alioto, 60, Woodruff, is charged with trespassing to land (remaining after notice), intake on July 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Steven Scott Newbold, 56, Rhinelander, is charged with trespassing to land, intake on July 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Jordan A. Nitchoff, 26, Lemont, IL, is charged with operating a boat to create a hazardous wake and operating a motorboat within 100 feet of a dock, status conference on Aug. 15 at 2:00 p.m.
Elizabeth Jean Halverson, 56, Rhinelander, is charged with disorderly conduct (causing a disturbance), court trial on July 21 at 11:30 a.m.
Robert James Cunningham, 70, Tomahawk, is charged with disorderly conduct (causing a disturbance), status conference on July 24 at 2:30 p.m.



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Hearing

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overwhelmingly supported Bangstad both to stay in business and open a beer garden; and many said they were basing their support on information gleaned from Bangstad himself, either through the Minocqua Brewing Company (MBC) Facebook page or in other forms of communication. A common theme in many of the emails was that the town and the county were “harassing” Bangstad because of his progressive political views, and that he was being treated unfairly compared to other existing businesses. Only a couple of the mis-sives supported shutting Bangstad down, and none of the emails reviewed by The Times addressed the county’s reasoning or justification for holding the hearing — alleged ongoing violations of the existing administrative review per-

mit, which have resulted in multiple citations and enforcement letters. Indeed, last month, Minocqua town chairman Mark Hartzheim told *The Times* that it seemed to him that the county was looking for reasons not to enforce the county code against Bangstad. “From the town’s perspective, it appears that the county is limiting itself to finding reasons not to enforce the conditions of the current ARP (administrative review permit) and code instead of reasons to enforce conditions and code,” he said. “The business has been in continuous violation of most of the conditions of its current permit for a year-and-a-half now which, according to the county itself, would invalidate the permit.” After those remarks, the county scheduled the ARP revocation hearing, which is set to take place tomorrow (Wednesday July 26) in the county board room at the Oneida County Courthouse. At the June 28 meet-

ing in which the committee directed county zoning director Karl Jennrich to schedule the hearing, Jennrich discussed with the committee “complaints received with allegations of violations of the Permit Conditions,” according to the meeting minutes. “Evidence was obtained and enforcement letters sent,” the minutes state. “The property owner responded and corrected the violations. Complaints were again received with subsequent violation allegations and two (2) more letters were sent to the property owner. Staff investigated the allegations and informed the property owner of the ARP being placed on an agenda to discuss amending, suspending, or revoking ARP #2201108.” Revocation of the ARP would shut Bangstad down. A separate hearing is being held August 2 for a conditional use permit for the property, which — if Bangstad is still in business — would allow for a beer garden on the site.

Many of the letters received by the county and reviewed by The Times came after the CUP hearing was scheduled — and thus were supportive of the beer garden — and before the notice of the revocation hearing was scheduled. **Mobilization** On the MBC Facebook page, Bangstad made multiple appeals to his followers to write and call county supervisors. For example, in a July 15 Facebook post, MBC asked for help from those Minocqua business owners who “agree that the Minocqua Town Board and the Oneida County Zoning department have abused their power to stop us from building a beer garden by refusing to give us six parking exemptions while handing out 174 parking exemptions to other Island businesses over the last two years ...” MBC complained that the county was considering it a violation for letting customers sit and drink at “tables placed on a little

concrete slab that is still ‘on-premise’ but could be considered ‘outside ...’” The ARP does not allow for outside sales, hence the reason for the separate CUP application for a beer garden. “If you think it’s absolutely ridiculous that a brewery in Wisconsin is not allowed to let people drink beer outside in the summertime, we need your help,” MBC wrote, saying it would ask its 75,000 Facebook followers to patronize businesses if they “write an email to the entire County Board and ask them to stop harassing us, and if you show up to support us at the hearing on July 26 where they plan to shut us down.” *The Lakeland Times’* review of the supporting emails did not find any strong show of support from current business owners, though it remains possible that some did write separately to supervisors and they escaped review.

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be shared because it was an open investigation or that the matter was with law enforcement.” “If the sheriff’s investigation didn’t start until June 20, this was misleading at best,” he said. “Further, in the beginning in the detective’s report, there was a list of documents provided to the detectives during the investigation. The SIFT report was not provided to the detectives.” Bogan wondered why the SIFT report was not provided to law enforcement. Sometime between June 14 and June 23, Bogan said the town received an invoice from SIFT for its forensic investigation into the computers for nearly \$11,000. The town paid for SIFT’s services, he explained, though the town board has yet to see the report. At the July 6 town board meeting, where there was mention of purchasing another new desktop computer by the town for the clerk to do her work, Bogan said the meeting’s minutes state a response to buying a new computer was that the investigation of the computers is still open and “is now with the state.” “And I believe that was interpreted as meaning the state was understood as being the Wisconsin Department of Justice,” he said. “The Vilas County Sheriff’s closed their investigation on June 28 as unfounded, so there was no open investigation up until July 6. Neither Vilas County ... nor the town board referred this matter to the Wisconsin DOJ or authorized the delivery of

any computer device to the Wisconsin DOJ; so where’s the desktop? I think it should be with the town.” Bogan said he was concerned the town board could’ve been misled over the last several months while incurring a bill for \$11,000, though it appears that money never needed to be spent in the first place. Town supervisor Cathy Logan Weber, opening the board’s discussion of the computers investigation, confirmed with town clerk Billy Rae Thoma the desktops haven’t been returned by SIFT. “So we still don’t have the computers and listening to the information that we were given here earlier (by Bogan), it’s very disappointing to me that at our last meeting the Vilas County investigation was already closed and people knew that,” she said. “I didn’t know that, I found that out after. So we now have that investigation closed as unfounded and we need to move on.” Weber said she has tried contacting SIFT multiple times via phone and email, but “cannot get an answer from them.” “How do we get our computers back?” she asked. “Well I think the Department of Justice probably has them,” Wolter said. “And, if I may elaborate on it a little bit, I believe the investigation had been turned over to the district attorney. And the district attorney has close ties to this town, so I think the reason that it was

dropped was because of that.” Weber asked Wolter who turned the investigation over to the district attorney. He said most likely the sheriff’s department. “The sheriff’s department closed their (investigation),” Weber said. “Well, I said my peace and that’s as much as I need to say,” Wolter said. “Are you telling me the DA (district attorney) dropped it because they have close ties to this town?” Weber asked. “I really don’t know,” Wolter said. Weber said, as far as she knows, there is no investigation going on. She again mentioned how she can’t contact SIFT and asked Wolter if he could try and contact them since he signed the contract with them in the first place. Wolter said he will try. “Because we kind of need those computers to come back,” Weber said. “We needed them right from the start,” Wolter said. “And the hard drive was thrown away, destroyed.” Weber asked Wolter what hard drive he was referring to. She clarified the hard drive was replaced in the laptop and the laptop has already been returned. “I’m talking about the desktops,” she said. “Well, I’m not knowledgeable on computers so I don’t have to say anything more,” Wolter said. “But all I know is that it wasn’t in the possession of this township when it should of been. So I will try

“So we now have that investigation closed as unfounded and we need to move on.”
Cathy Logan Weber
Presque Isle town supervisor

and talk to SIFT.” The town needs to get its desktop computers back, Weber again indicated, and the town board should have been provided the report because it has already been paid for. Towards the end of the meeting, part-time resident Ann Milne said she was concerned about the computer investigation issue, especially after hearing Bogan’s comments at the start of the meeting. She said she is worried about board members and members of the public receiving misinformation regarding the computer matter and SIFT investigation. Milne said at the July 6 meeting, she had the impression the sheriff’s office passed its investigation “up the ladder to DOJ for further investigation and possible serious charges.” “But that’s not the fact,” she said. “The facts are the Vilas County Sheriff’s department closed their investigation on June 28 as unfounded, and they are not going to pursue any further investigation because there is no criminal conduct and they have closed the case. But I was left with a very different impression on July 6 at the town board meeting, as I assume other people were as well.” There’s no investigation by the sheriff’s office and it did not refer the case to the DOJ, Milne reiterated. “I don’t believe either of you referred the case to DOJ, (but) a member of the public did refer the case to the DOJ, it appears,” she said. “But the Department of Justice was contacted, I know personally, by two individuals, to inquire if there was an investigation going on. And they haven’t advised

anyone that they have or will open an investigation.” Milne said the DOJ wouldn’t open cases that have already been closed. “And when a local sheriff’s department has investigated a matter thoroughly and had closed the case, and someone else goes — what I would call forum shopping — goes and finds some other body that will perpetuate the investigation, the Department of Justice is not in the business of looking for work,” she said. “So since there is no ongoing investigation by the sheriff’s department nor by the Department of Justice, I see no reason to be keeping the SIFT report secret from the two of you because you paid for it and the taxpayers paid for it. It was a very pricey service and you’ve gotten no product.” Milne said the town needs to bring this issue “some closure” by getting the SIFT report and determining once and for all if anything illegal occurred when Walters’s son had worked on the computers in the past. Wolter told Milne he felt she was singling him out. “We are a board, don’t single me out,” he told her. Milne apologized to Wolter, but added again she thinks the board needs to get to the bottom of the issue. “I have it on my agenda of list to do: ‘Call SIFT,’” Wolter said. “I appreciate it, thank you,” Milne said. “But somebody does have the report and I think it’s time for that report to be delivered to the town clerk so the two of you have access to that report and can put an end to this.” *Trevor Greene may be reached via email at trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com.*

Parking

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on Sept. 30. Town supervisor Brian Fricke, the current

president of the Lions Club, abstained from voting on that license application. • Approved a picnic license application submitted by the Howard Young Foundation

for the Dragon Boat Festival on Aug. 19. • Approved a picnic license application from the Minocqua Island Business Association for “Party in The Park”

at Torpy Park on Aug. 20. Prior to the meeting, the town board conducted a public hearing regarding a request for the discontinuance of a town road, Ellen-

wood Lane, in Pine Hill Estates and voted to approve the request. *Brian Jopek may be reached via email at bjopek@lakelandtimes.com*

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Group rides will start at the Woodruff town hall's parking lot at noon on Friday, and riders will travel to St. Germain for a fish fry. There will be stops at other participating businesses for rid-

"We have the Friday night fish fry for charity ... but it's just a fish fry for everybody," Fink said.

Heidi Fink

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A man wearing a white t-shirt, blue shorts, a tan hat, and sunglasses is standing on a red and black Sea-Doo pontoon boat, reeling in a fishing rod. A brown dog is sitting in the boat next to him. The boat has a black canopy with 'SEA-DOO' written on it. The boat is on a body of water with a green shoreline in the background.

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2" - \$13.90, 3" - \$20.85, 4" - \$27.80
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Classified Ads

DEADLINES

Tuesday's Lakeland Times — Noon Friday
Friday's Lakeland Times — Noon Tuesday
Wednesday's Super Shopper — Noon Friday
Phone 715-356-5236
EMAIL: classifieds@lakelandtimes.com

100. ANNOUNCEMENTS

140. MISCELLANEOUS

Gun Show July 30th
Manitowish Waters
Community Center 8 am - 3 pm. Admission \$5, Under 12 free. Lunch. More info call Bruce 715-476-0016

SCRAP METAL DRIVE:
Island City Masonic Lodge # 330 in Minocqua opens its scrap yard May 19th at 10 am. The yard will be open every Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm through August 5th. Located by Northwoods Zip Line off Adventure Lane, two miles south of Minocqua on Hwy 51. Accepting most forms of scrap metal: mowers, motors, grills, car batteries and parts, pipe, metal furniture, aluminum boats, wire, appliances, cars (by arrangement), and more. We do not accept electronics or tires. No drop offs outside of regular hours except by arrangement. Funds raised go to various community projects. For more information, call 715-614-2706.

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766 PWCS	
780 SNOWMOBILES	
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800 SERVICES	
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820 CONSTRUCTION/REMODELING	
830 GENERAL	
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860 SNOWPLOWS	
900 SITUATION WANTED	
930 WANTED TO BUY	

200. BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL

220. BUSINESS FOR LEASE

FOR LEASE
* Professional Office/ Business Space
* Units range from 800-2,000 sq ft.
* Charter/ Spectrum high-speed internet & cable available
* Impeccably maintained
* Ready for custom build-outs
* Close to Hwy 51/ 47 intersection
* Near hospitals and Walgreens
* Abundant parking & easy access
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715-614-5400
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High Traffic Flow
Corner of J & Hwy 51
100-3000 sq ft Offices
Suites Available
High Speed Internet
Signage Space Available
Professional Environment
Leasing Agent on Site
Monday - Friday 8-4:30

715-358-8300

240. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

For Sale
Kaufman Outlet.
Home of the Sharktooth.
Includes Trademarks,
inventory and two websites.
Great opportunity.
239.851.7669

250. EMPLOYMENT

252. EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATIVE

Front Desk Associate
Rynders Inc is looking for a front desk associate. We offer paid holidays, vacation time, retirement plan, health savings plan, dental, vision, and life insurance. Office experience required. Send resume and cover letter to:
Rynders, Inc
10322 Hwy 70
Minocqua, WI 54548
Or print an application online at rynders.com

Part-Time Bookkeeper
Rynders Inc is looking for Part Time Bookkeeper. Bookkeeping experience required. Send resume and cover letter to:
Rynders, Inc
10322 Hwy 70
Minocqua, WI 54548

The Town of Arbor Vitae is hiring a Deputy Clerk. The hours for the position are Mondays, 9 am – 3 pm with additional work days when the Clerk is out of the office and during elections. Pay for this position is \$15.60 an hour and duties include helping people at the front desk, answering the phone, assisting with elections, and working on town projects. Please contact Clerk Emily Bierter at the Arbor Vitae town office for further information, 715-356-3120.

258. EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE



Loving Touch Home Care, LLC is looking for CNA's or those with in home caregiving experience in the, Rhinelander, Minocqua or Eagle River areas. Flexible scheduling, full time or part time, with supportive management. Pay range \$15- \$20/ hour plus mileage reimbursement and bonuses.
Call Paul at 715-490-5800.
Or email resume to paul@lovingtouchhomecare.com
"Serve one another in love"
Gal. 5:13

260. EMPLOYMENT FOOD SERVICE

Cleaning person, bartenders and pin chasers wanted. Fun work environment! Apply in person at Island City Lanes Hwy 51 S, Minocqua. 715-356-7779

Ding-A-Ling is looking for bartender, chefs helper and waitress Wednesday thru Saturday 4 p.m. To 8:30ish. Call Betsy 715-476-2270

Guides Inn Boulder Junction is looking to hire a part time bartender. Competitive wages are offered. Please call 715-385-2233 and ask for Jesse. Thank you.

Help wanted: Full or part time cooks. Part time waitresses, dishwashers, bartenders, and servers. Very flexible, benefits available. Paying top wages! Apply in person at the Black Bear Bar Hwy 70 West, Minocqua or call 715-358-2116

Now hiring bar manager at Heart II in Arbor Vitae. Call Heather at 715-892-5707 for more info.

Pin chasers wanted. Fun work environment! Apply in person at Island City Lanes Hwy 51 S, Minocqua. 715-356-7779

T MURTAUGHS PUB, DOWNTOWN MINOCQUA, IS NOW HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS. SERVER, BARTENDER, LINE COOK AND DISHWASHER. GREAT PAY, FLEXIBLE HOURS. FULL AND PART TIME, SUMMER AND YEAR ROUND. APPLY IN PERSON. 500 ONEIDA STREET. 715-356-7712 OR SEND RESUME TO PO BOX 1041, MINOCQUA, WI 54548.

White Oak Grill in Manitowish Waters is hiring. Experienced Prep Cook, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$18/ Hr Starting. Experienced Line Cook, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 4 p.m. To 9 p.m. \$18/ Hr starting. Starting can be higher based on level of experience. Experienced Front of House Associate, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., starting \$18/ Hr. Email inquiries/ resumes to info@chippewaretreat.com.

262. EMPLOYMENT MISCELLANEOUS

Cut To Perfection Family Hair Care in St. Germain is currently looking for a stylist. Please contact Amanda @ 715.891.5161

262. EMPLOYMENT MISCELLANEOUS

Fun and fast paced downtown Minocqua Gift and Home Décor store looking to fill a year round daytime customer service position. We also have seasonal positions available. Please apply at A La Carte, Gaslight Square Mall. 715-356-5851

LA MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING

Now Hiring- Full & part time lawn cutting & landscaping crews. Pay based on experience, starting at \$16/ hour, bonus incentives. LAMaintenancelc@gmail.com
Larry Frentzel, Owner
920-285-7236 or 715-892-3479

Looking for a motivated, reliable, trustworthy self starter personality! Must have good people skills, team player for retail/ service employment. General knowledge of electric motors or willingness to learn is preferred. Some early morning and evening shifts required. Willing to work some, but not all weekends and Holidays a must. Knowledge of area and outdoor enthusiast preferred. Pay depends on skills and experience. Send Resume to: PO Box 1144 Minocqua WI 54548

Looking for person to edit hunting videos for a reasonable price. email info@revolutioninnovations.com

MotoMart is taking applications for part time cashiers. We offer a competitive starting wage at \$15.00, holiday pay, sick and vacation pay. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Apply at www.work4moto.com @ 7510 Highway 51 South, Minocqua.



O'Reilly Auto Parts, Minocqua is hiring for a full-time counter position with benefits. If you have an excellent work ethic and great customer service skills, we would like to talk with you. Please stop in or apply at oreillyauto.com under "about us," "careers," retail counter sales.

Paginator / Layout / Graphic Designer

The Lakeland Times is now accepting resumes for an additional full-time or part-time experienced paginator / graphic designer to work in our production department. 2 years minimum experience with Macintosh Quark XPress, and adequate knowledge of Adobe Photoshop are required. Publishing, graphic design, marketing and/or customer service experience is a definite plus. The ideal candidate would also possess excellent organizational, communication and typing skills, efficiency, a positive attitude and the ability to pay close attention to detail in a fast - paced environment. Please send resume, samples and references to: Heather Holmes, General Manager, The Lakeland Times, P.O Box 790, Minocqua, WI 54548. Email: hholmes@lakelandtimes.com.

Part-time help needed for busy podiatry office. (2 to 3 days per week, no holidays or weekends) We

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262. EMPLOYMENT MISCELLANEOUS

will train the person hired for patient care and office responsibilities. Please send resume to PO Box 528, Woodruff, WI 54568

Rhinelander Flying Service is looking for a part time line crewman. Duties include fueling and towing aircraft, customer service, and janitorial duties. Stop in and fill out an application. 715-365-3456

Rynders, Inc. is seeking employees to fill Landscape Crew Member positions. Candidates should have landscape experience, valid driver's license, and experience in installation of retaining walls, paver patios, outdoor living areas, lawn seeding/ sod, decorative stone, mulch, and trees/shrubs. We offer 401K, Dental, Vision, HSA, Vacation and competitive wages. Please stop in to our office located at 10322 Hwy 70 Minocqua to complete an application. Or Email staff@rynders.com for an application package.

Service Tech/ Delivery Driver Immediate opening for our busy propane department. CLD and HAZMAT required. Competitive wages and benefit package offered. Please submit application or resume to john.stella@kristoil.com or go to kristoil.com to apply online.

264. EMPLOYMENT TRADE/SKILL

Carpenters with log home experience helpful, \$30- \$50/ hour- painters experience \$20- \$35/ hour. Call Terry at: 715-617-0684 or 715-479-2047.

Electrician- Highly skilled, Effective, and Efficient. Ready for all your electrical needs. No job is to small. Joe Blastic 715-716-1596

Family owned construction company in need of CDL driver. Site work/ operator. Carpenters, and mechanic. Full time work. Contact john@wickmanconstruction.com or call 715-356-2744

Help wanted for remodeling construction. 20- 25 hours per week. Great working conditions. Seniors welcome! 715-358-2255

Rynders Inc is hiring a part-time mechanic to help maintain our heavy equipment and vehicle fleet. Offering a flexible 10- 30 hour per week schedule. To apply please stop by our office at 10322 Hwy 70 West, Minocqua or email staff@rynders.com.

300. FOR RENT

340. FOR RENT DUPLEXES / HOUSES / CONDOS

3 bdrm 2 bath fully furnished home, all utilities included, air conditioning, heat, city sewer/ water, lawn care, snow plowing, garbage, and a boat slip on Lake Minocqua. \$2500 per month, one year lease. Must have references, 1st month and security deposit. No smoking. Available Aug 15th, 715.439.3381 email bohica_01@yahoo.com

Duplex for Rent: 2 bedrooms bilevel, 1½ baths, kitchen appliances. 1 car attached

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340. FOR RENT DUPLEXES / HOUSES / CONDOS

garage with nice yard and patio, on 5 acre lot. Secluded in the woods, close to town of St. Germain. 1 year lease, \$1,100 per month. 715-891-1649

350. FOR RENT- MISCELLANEOUS

FOR LEASE
* Professional Office/ Business Space
* Units range from 800- 2,000 sq ft.
* Charter/ Spectrum high-speed internet & cable available
* Impeccably maintained
* Ready for custom build-outs
* Close to Hwy 51/ 47 intersection
* Near hospitals and Walgreens
* Abundant parking & easy access
Call for private viewing.
Landmark Property Management
715-358-0494
715-614-5400
brenda@thenorthwoodsbest.com

Lease Commercial Offices Workshop Hwy 51 Hazelhurst 2 over head doors, high speed Internet, natural gas radiant heat bathroom. 715.493.7141

400. ITEMS FOR SALE

460. FOR SALE FUEL / WOOD

FIREWOOD- LOGGERS CORD, 12 cord minimum. 8 ft. logger cord. Maple/ Oak. Bruce or Monica 715-479-6309 or 715-891-2767

490. FOR SALE ITEMS UNDER \$50

HOW DO I GET AN AD IN ITEMS UNDER \$50 FOR **FREE?**

Visit www.rivernewsonline.com and click on the FREE CLASSIFIED link in the top tool bar.

Deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for the following Wednesday Shopper Please, no phone calls.

500. GENERAL SALES

530. ESTATE SALES

German Memorabilia: Lugers, P38s, K98s, helmets, dress daggers, medals, flags, belt buckles, armbands, Japanese flags, 1917 European wall phone. 715.499.2874

Pack Rats Estate Sales
is holding a sale at 3037 E Co Hwy K Conover, WI
Saturday, July 29th: 9:00 am- 2:00 pm
Sunday, July 30th: ***50% off from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm
***Bulk/ Wholesale hour 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm
Items will include: canoe, Dr. Timber, ladder, holiday decor, home goods, furniture, and so much more.
visit us on FACEBOOK or PACKRATSSALES.COM

Deadline to be in the Wednesday Super Shopper classifieds - Friday at Noon. 24 hours advance deadline for Holiday Weeks.

530. ESTATE SALES

Pack Rats Estate Sales is trying something new. On Thursday, July 27 from 9 am– 2 pm & Friday, July 28 from 10 am- noon, half off day. Noon to 1 pm, wholesale hour. Location: Mill St, Eagle River. Follow the yellow signs and remember this is an apartment complex, make sure we don't block anyone from their homes. This sale has antiques, weaving looms, kitchenwares, lamps, hand woven baskets, furniture, vintage clothing and so many oddities, it's gonna be fun! Visit us on Facebook or [packratsestatesales.com](#)

540. GARAGE / RUMMAGE SALES

***HOW TO GET GREAT**
RESULTS FROM YOUR
RUMMAGE SALE AD
Town of sale: _____
Dates of sale: _____
Time of sale: _____
Address of sale: _____
Directions to sale: _____
List your big ticket items. A thoroughly worded ad will produce BETTER RESULTS

RUMMAGE SALE
ADVERTISING DEADLINES
– 5 FULL BUSINESS DAYS
PRIOR TO 1ST RUN DAY
IS RECOMMENDED.

To be in the
Tuesday Lakeland Times
or River News:
THURSDAY at NOON

To be in the
Wednesday Super Shopper:
THURSDAY at NOON

To be in the
Friday Lakeland Times
or River News:
TUESDAY at NOON

PLEASE have your ad prepared prior to calling in - 715-365-6397 River News 715-356-5236 Lakeland Times or email your ad: classifieds@rivernewsonline.com classifieds@lakelandtimes.com **Include your name, mailing address and telephone number so that we can call you for payment. All rummage sale ads are prepaid.**

RUMMAGE SALE KEY	
AV.....	Arbor Vitae
BJ.....	Boulder Junction
CR.....	Crandon
CS.....	Cassian
ER.....	Eagle River
FI.....	Fifield
HR.....	Harshaw
HZ.....	Hazelhurst
LDF.....	Lac du Flambeau
LT.....	Lake Tomahawk
MC.....	McNaughton
MQ.....	Minocqua
MR.....	Mercer
MW.....	Manitowish Waters
NB.....	Newbold
NK.....	Nokomis
PF.....	Park Falls
PI.....	Presque Isle
PL.....	Plum Lake
RH.....	Rhineland
SA.....	Sayner
SC.....	Sugar Camp
SG.....	St. Germain
TO.....	Tomahawk
WB.....	Woodboro
WD.....	Woodruff
WN.....	Winchester

AV: Two Families 10540 and 10505 Townline Rd. July 28th and 29th 8- 4. Too much to list, including wicker furniture, house wares, cleaning supplies, bath and body works and free items.

LDF – Rummage sale 1531 Silver Beach Drive. Sat & Sun July 29th and 30th from 9 am to 3 pm. Household items, clothing and linens, adult raised potty chair and shower seat, small freezer and tvs, round table w/ leaf & 2 chairs and other chairs, beer signs, cameras, photo props, drop cloth and lights.

LOL- LARGE TWO DAY ONE OF A KIND SALE!!

6 vendors with quality items
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540. GARAGE / RUMMAGE SALES

Art- Charcuterie boards, found objects, furniture, lighting, antler art, fiber art, jewelry

Antiques / Collectibles- Native American, folk art, military, DeLaval ad cabinet, fishing medicine cabinets, textiles, ladders, Firefighter items.

Fashion- LuLaRoe clothing, jean jackets, women's designer clothing, shoes, and purses, men's RL and vintage clothing

Home decor- blankets, pillows, baskets, pine wardrobes, wooden bowls, antlers, birdcages, vintage suitcases, rugs, wood carvings

TOO MUCH TO LIST!!

Location- Snowflake Building (4331 Hwy B- Behind LOL town hall) Downtown Land O'Lakes Friday Aug 4th Noon - 5 pm Saturday Aug 5th 8 am – 4 pm

*** NO EARLY SALES – CASH ONLY PLEASE

MQ- Moving Sale, Downsizing. Furniture, kitchen items, All items excellent shape. Dining set; Hutch, Table w/ four chairs, Eathan Allen bedroom set hard maple. Dresser w/ Large mirror, chest of drawers, Night stand, Bed Frame, large Safe end tables, Lamps, glassware, Piano w/ stool, Excellent shape! Other house hold items 9890 Morgan oaks Don't miss this one! This sale is the whole month of JULY! Call for appointment to view at 715-439-4408

MQ: Memorial sale at 9633 & 9637 Manitou Park Dr. (across from Minocqua information center) Friday Aug 28th – 8-4 Saturday 29th – 8-3 Antiques, jewelry, home décor, furniture, kitchen items, scrap booking, quilting, Browning, fishing, picture frames, lots more.

WD: 7/28 & 7/29 8am- 4pm 9787 White Pine Lane (In condo development behind Walmart) Harley clothes, pub table & 4 chairs, Pampered Chef by former dealer, books, electronics, dishes, fabrics, fireplace utensils, clothing, tackle & lures, tackle boxes, rod rack, hand held augers.

WD: Rummage Sale (Three Families): Friday, July 28th and Saturday, July 29th. 7784 Walter Dr., Woodruff 8 to 3. Lots of Items: Household, Clothing, Décor, Tools, some furniture. Great Prices - want it to GO!

550. MISCELLANEOUS

Nicolet Welcome Service has a FREE welcome packet filled with gift certificates and information from Minocqua/Woodruff area businesses. For a friendly welcome, call Sue at 715-892-6181 or go to [nicoletwelcome.com](#)

600. REAL ESTATE

620. REAL ESTATE ACREAGE / LOTS

Patricia Lake Condo II single family lot for sale. Building site 80x100. Price reduced to \$15,000.00. Contact Peter at 262-893-4143.

640. REAL ESTATE MOBILE HOMES

FOR SALE: Two Bedroom, 1 Bath 14 x 72 Mobile Home in nice park on lake. Front & Back Porch, Large sliding door in Master Bedroom on lake side, Cathedral Ceilings, and large Bay Window on front. Home is an Artcraft 1997 in excellent condition and is being sold furnished for
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640. REAL ESTATE MOBILE HOMES

\$49,900.00. Park approval and application are required. For more details, call 715-356-3600, email staff@rynders.com or stop at Rynders located at 10322 Hwy 70, Minocqua.

650. REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

\$\$\$ - Perfect land development project for sale in Arbor Vitae on Hwy 51. 15.5 acres. Zoned for up to 92 units on two lakes. Existing business to help finance the project. Call for details/price - 715-892-8338

South of Minocqua (4997 County Rd Y) Lovely 3 bedroom home with appx. 13 acres, attached garage, an additional building and so much more! Nearby impressive Willow Flowage. Come and view.

670. REAL ESTATE WATERFRONT

Near the village of Lake Tomahawk and on the water! We have a one bedroom Park Model set on a treed lot with an assigned DOCK. The home features an 8 x 30 covered deck, storage building, fire pit and ample parking for a side x side and a car/ truck. The home and improvements are well cared for and will sell furnished. Priced in the \$50's, please call the owner for details. 512-971-6603

700. VEHICLES

710. VEHICLES AUTOMOBILES



2001 Chrysler LXI Sebring convertible; low 78,000 original miles; only driven in summer, stored winters. Great condition; \$4,750.00 715-588-3544 or 414-313-9100

750. VEHICLES / RECREATIONAL

754. REC. VEHICLES BOATS

16' Forester pontoon boat & trailer. 35 HP Mercury motor. Runs well. Asking \$5500 OBO 414.881.1829

Boat for Sale 14' Aluminum Star with trailer, new oars, anchor, 4 seats with one removable back. 715.588.7113 \$600.

Sunfish Sailboat, good condition. \$500. 920-841-0716

788. REC. VEHICLES TRAILERS / PARTS & ACCESSORIES

2018 Continental Cargo Trailer 16' x 8.5' wide body. 7000 GVW rear and side door, electric(s) and vents, new tires & wheels. \$7900 see in Woodruff old Hwy 51 208-755-3887.

800. SERVICES

820. SERVICES CONSTRUCTION / REMODELING

1: AAA Carpenter and 1 helper: 31 years experience. Framing, Custom finish work, Cabinets, Doors, windows- featuring Kolbe & Kolbe, Custom aluminum capping, Vinyl, Wood siding, All Ceramic tile. Fully Insured, references. We show up- on time. Jon 715-358-7927

16 years experience stick frame construction, dry walling, painting, stained concrete floors, window replacement, siding, soffit & fascia. 715-367-9710 or 715-358-5555

820. SERVICES CONSTRUCTION / REMODELING

35 years experience contractor in all phases of remodeling and new construction. Nothing too big or too small. Fast, reliable, top quality craftsmanship. References and pictures upon request. 262-620-9565

Geoff Bull Heating and Cooling. Service, replacements, and new construction. Licensed and insured, call today for help with your project. 715-401-4167

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Serving the Northwoods since 1975. Re-roofs, new construction and flat roofs. Fully insured and free estimates. Over 7,500 roofs completed! We truly are the leading roofing company servicing the Northwoods. **Brad and Todd Wipperfurth** 715-356-2210

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830. SERVICES GENERAL

"Got computer problems? Need it fixed? Contact the **Northwoods Nerds!** We're two young, experienced IT support professionals looking to help our community! We specialize in repairs, tune-ups, in- home services, and more! Reach us at northwoodsnerdsllc@gmail.com find us on facebook, or call us at 715-892-8581!"



AFFORDABLE ROOFING: Prompt, Courteous Service. Quality materials purchased locally. Locally owned for over 20 years. Fully insured. No deposit required. We specialize in ranch homes and garages. For a Free Estimate Call Rob @ 715-614-0809.

Art Handyman. For all your large and small repair and maintenance needs. Fair and honest. On time and done right. Free estimates. 715-892-5289

BRIGHTEN: Roofing and Home exterior pressure washing, mold/ algae removal. Roofs, decks, siding, piers, etc. No jobs too big or too small. Fully insured. Free estimates 715-479-8692

Complete Property Care We have been serving the Northwoods for over 20 years. We provide general property maintenance with attention to detail. Roof / gutter cleaning, power washing, mold / moss removal from roofs, window cleaning, painting / staining, and security checks. Check out our website for a complete list of services. [www.aceservicesupnorth.com](#)

CUSTOM TILE
APPLICATIONS: Sowatzkas Sole Proprietorship, 715-614-4591. gary@sowatzka.com Specializing in custom showers (built-ins), steam showers, bathrooms, floors, foyers. Free estimates and consultations on tile layout and design. Will bid new construction. Fully Insured

Interior exterior painting. Staining inside and out. 36 years experience, insured and incorporated, very conscientious, will do work in timely manner. Now offering interior log cleaning. Free estimates, call 563-370-5323, 563-370-8619.

Retired Plumber, will do hot water tank replacements, faucet replacement, hose faucet replacement & Copper
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830. SERVICES GENERAL

pipe repairs. Special price on comfort height toilets. Free estimates. Call Victor: 715.776.0712

J- Construction & Landscaping
Remodeling- Decks- Garages- Roofs (asphalt & metal)- Masonry (cultured stone work & cabin foundation) Repairs- Exterior Painting & Staining (pressure washing) Retaining Walls & Walkways (block, stone & treated timber) Lawn Care, (seeding & black dirt spreading, yard clean- up leaves & fallen trees) Problem Tree Removal- Red Granite & Gravel Driveways & Washout Repairs- Rip Rap Rock Shorelines- New Fences & Repairs. Serving The Lakeland Area Since '76. Fully Insured- Free Estimates- References. Call 715-388-0302.

Residential and commercial window cleaning services available. See clearly this Summer through your sparkling clean windows. Call or text Jeff 715.892.6996

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Seventeen runs paces Minocqua 89ers to one win in Medford

Minocqua 89ers go 1-2 at regional AA tournament

Brett LaBore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Legion baseball season came down to the Class AA Region 2 Tournament in Medford. The Minocqua 89ers had one more weekend to show what they could do in a double elimination tournament.

The 89ers went 1-2 in three games Friday-Saturday. First, they lost 4-18 to Merrill on Friday. On Saturday, the 89ers

came back to beat Eagle River 17-8. Medford eliminated the 89ers with a 7-0 win on Saturday night.

"I thought, given our personnel and the kind of lack of practice and amount of games we've played lately, I thought it went well," coach Steve Anderson said.

Merrill

Merrill didn't waste any time scoring in both team's first game. They scored three runs against Minocqua starter Ben Peterson in the first inning.

A big eight-run third inning

gave Merrill a huge advantage. Cooper Wendorf drew an RBI walk with the bases loaded. The big hit came courtesy of Issak Clapper. He hit a ball to deep left field. When all was said and done, Clapper had rounded all the bases with an inside-the-park home run.

The umpires got together afterwards to discuss the play. Minocqua left fielder Brent Olson had trouble fielding the ball when he got stuck in a ditch at the fence. He tried to stop play by putting his hands up. The umpires deemed it was a home run.

Merrill led 9-0.



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Merick Trotter hits an inside-the-park grand slam in the sixth inning against Eagle River during the Class AA Region 2 Tournament Saturday, July 22 at Jaycee Field in Medford. Trotter totaled five RBIs in the win.



BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES

Nate Ariola slides into home plate safely in the fourth inning of Minocqua's 17-8 victory over Eagle River during the Class AA Region 2 Tournament Saturday, July 22 at Jaycee Field in Medford.

A single and two walks chased Peterson out of the game. He last 2 1/3 innings, giving up 12 runs. Jayden Chapman came in to pitch for the 89ers. Merrill kept their foot on the gas pedal.

Tyson Glisch hit a two-run single to left. Brady Norton drew an RBI walk. That would be it for Chapman.

Mitchel Fulton came in as Minocqua's third pitcher of the inning. He induced a ground ball that turned into two outs.

Merrill led 12-0 going into the bottom of the third.

"Unfortunately, they've shelled us pretty hard every time we go up against them. Ben's been on the mound for most of those games," Anderson said. "I think what (happened is Merrill) kind of had a scouting report, if you will, on Ben, and we didn't make some plays behind him either which led to some runs ... which hurts everyone's confi-

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Three straight championships for Lakeland 12U softball

Brett LaBore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Another successful summer for Lakeland youth softball produced a number of championships. Before the 14U team won last week, 12U took home the title for the third straight season.

The Thunderbirds beat Laona 8-4 on June 29. Lakeland ended the league season a perfect 11-0.

"I'm seriously just happy for the girls. Half the team was on the championship last year," coach Trevor Awker said. "I'm happy for them. The first practice (there was) snow on the ground. (We were) in the Lakeland gym. That was the talk — was making it to the championship game."

Lakeland put in the time in order to take home the championship.

It all started at practice where they worked hard and had fun.

"They just worked hard. They listened very well when we were coaching them as a team and individually. We always have good turnout at practices," Awker said. "There's always that five percent of joking around. They came ready to practice no matter what day of the week and no matter what time. They're a dedicated team."

Scoring eight runs, the Thunderbirds used bunting to their advantage to move runners around the bases. They also stayed patient at the plate to draw walks.

"I think it was a mixture of hits and walks and we incorporated a decent amount of bunting. Some bunt and run situation, some bunts and steals,"

Awker said. "As the season went on, (we) started to do more of those plays. Every single one of our girls knows how to bunt at any given time."

Laona came into the game with a 7-1 record, making it no easy task for the Thunderbirds.

"Half the team had been used to playing close games and from the first game of the playoffs we kept warning the girls these could be close games," Awker said. "We've never played these teams before. We knew that playing Laona was going to be tough because they were 7-1 and scored 80 some runs throughout the year."

Britta Kemnitz and Shaye Trapp did the majority of the pitching for

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOGRAPH

The Lakeland 12U softball team won the championship for the third straight year with an 8-4 win over Laona Thursday, June 29 at Lenz Field in Minocqua. Pictured, back row from left, are Kaylee Somers, Ava Sauer, Alicia Kroening, Eavan Wauters, Alena Bohne, Audrina Skubal, Amelia Neri, Malin Awker, Esme Marshall; front row, Ava Eisenhower, Adalyn Bohne, Britta Kemnitz, Halle Petrie, Shaye Trapp, Zia Amer-shek.

Rebuilding all the way up to undefeated conference champions

Lakeland girls' soccer proved they weren't one-hit wonders

Brett LaBore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

A trip to state was the highlight of the Lakeland girls' soccer 2022 team. Losing eight seniors and four first team all-conference players, it was unclear as to how good Lakeland would be in 2023. The 2023 Thunderbirds showed that last year was no fluke by becoming undefeated conference champions.

The Thunderbirds won the Great Northern Conference title for the second straight season. They finished a perfect 10-0 in the conference, 15-2 overall. They scored 43 total goals (2.5 per game) while allowing just nine goals (0.5 per game).

Here is a look at the 2023 season by the numbers.

2 Lakeland had two Thunderbirds win a GNC Player of the Year award, both of them senior captains.

Callie Ullius won the Defensive Player of the Year. She was the leader of a Lakeland defense that stifled oppo-



BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES

In this April 27, 2023 file photo, Maya Savel steps up towards the ball in the first half vs. Rhinelander at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua.

nents. Her communication from the backline helped the Thunderbirds get organized and be in the right spot at the right time.

"Callie had an unbelievable season for only playing in high school for two years. She was a key player to have on the team as a leader. Having a leader as strong as her on the team made the season run smoothly and helped the players learn on the field. She is an overall one-of-a-kind person and player," coach Stephanie Hartzheim said. "She be-

came very confident with her skills on the field to help us with some great saves in the back. She had incredible speed and knew where to be on the field to help win the ball in the back. In conference we did not allow any goals except a PK. This shows how strong Callie and the rest of the defense was. Callie was very deserving of first team and all-conference for defensive."

Maria Gironella was co-Offensive Player of the Year with Rhinelander's Ava

Lamers (GNC leader in goals and points). Gironella totaled five goals and two assists for 12 points. All stats are from the conference season.

Gironella came up clutch during the season with the game-tying goal vs. Mosinee on April 13 and the game-winning goals vs. Northland Pines on April 20 and Medford on May 16.

"Maria was a positive leader that will be missed on and off the field next year," Hartzheim said. "I do not know anyone that

laughs so much while playing in an intense game."

Additionally, Gironella was also awarded Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association (WSCA) Academic All-State honorable mention for her achievements in the classroom.

"Maria is a very bright and talented student. The credentials are very challenging for many students to achieve. Maria knocked all of the credentials out of the park," Hartzheim said. "She is an excellent example of a student athlete. She works extremely hard in school and in her extracurricular activities. I am very proud of all of her accomplishments."

8 A total of eight Thunderbirds were named to the GNC's three all-conference teams. Ullius and Gironella were both unanimous first team players.

Junior Josie Wentland received first team all-conference honors, the third Thunderbird to make the first team.

"Josie stepped it up this year to fill some big shoes from last year. She is someone that will never give up and that is hard to come by these days," Hartzheim said. "She will battle and fight out every ball until that final whistle blows. This

helped Josie control the middle of the field and create many scoring opportunities. I know when Josie was shooting that other players did not want to be in her way with her strong shot."

Senior Alyson Lazaroff, junior Taylor Heleniak and freshman Ava Evenhouse were named second team all-conference. It was Lazaroff's third time making an all-conference team and the first for Heleniak and Evenhouse. Evenhouse was the only freshman to make the all-conference teams.

Sophomore Cale Quade and junior Charley Cleveland were both named honorable mention all-conference, their first time making an all-conference team.

10 The Thunderbirds went a perfect 10-0 in the GNC to win their second straight conference title. It is the first time ever that Lakeland has gone undefeated in GNC girls' soccer.

"We had lost many seniors last year, but that did not stop this group from being determined to be conference champs again. This year we were undefeated, which might of not been expected of this group,"

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Lakeland track and field teams experienced success from conference to state

Brett LaBore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Conference and regional championships and individual trips to state highlighted another successful season for the Lakeland track and field teams.

Coach of the Year

Stephanie Strasburg took over as head coach for the Thunderbirds' track and field teams. In a season full of emotion, she learned what it took to be a head coach. She was named Great Northern Conference Coach of the Year for the boys after leading them to a conference championship.

"My first year was a mixing pot of emotions. From frightening, overwhelming, challenging, frustrating, exhausting, humbling, motivating and exciting," she said. "Overall, I felt pure joy and was thankful for the experiences, the memories and all of the help along the way. It was easy to make connections with the kids."

More important than her own award, coach Strasburg is proud of what the boys accomplished as they bought home their first GNC title in five years.

"I never knew about the 'Coach of the Year' award so

it was a complete surprise and very much an honor," she said. "However, I'm still more excited for the boys on winning the conference meet vs. my award. Although, getting dumped on with the tub of water was pretty awesome."

Conference champs

On May 16, the Thunderbirds won the GNC Meet with 184 points, 34 more than the second place Medford Raiders.

"Our conference meet was about bringing in the most points, especially when we knew we could with the group of boys we had. Any new school records would certainly have been a bonus. If every one of our athletes performed at PRs, we could've gained another 20-plus points," coach Strasburg said. "As it was, we were 34 points ahead of the second place team. That just proves how much talent came out and stayed with the team this season. It was the perfect stage to showcase our depth of talent and especially on home field territory."

The Thunderbirds won a total of 10 events, including seven out of the eight individual running events.

"There was a lot of thought and analysis that went into

making the points happen for that meet on the boys' side," coach Strasburg said. "With so much talent, it was a juggling act on where to place our athletes in the best events to bring in the most points. Relays were again being juggled around to allow other athletes to compete and win points in individual events."

Several Thunderbirds won two or more conference championships. Junior Owen Clark won the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. First place took home first team all-conference, second place second team all-conference and third place honorable mention. He ended up as the boys' GNC Runner of the Year.

Senior Max Masayesva joined the track and field team several weeks into the season. It paid off as he won conference championships in both the 100- and 200-meter dash.

Freshman Erik Anderson had a standout campaign in his first season on the team. As an individual, he took home a conference crown in the 400-meter dash. He was also a part of the winning 4x400-meter relay team that included sophomore Ethan Gonzalez, senior Sean Gardner and senior Casey Van Hefty.



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In this May 22, 2023 file photo, Norah Strasburg leaps over the hurdle in the 300-meter hurdles during a WIAA Division 2 regional meet at Colby High School.

Maverick Metzger, a senior, shined in the field events for Lakeland. He placed first team all-conference in both the high jump and discus.

Junior Talon Haling won a conference championship in the 300-meter hurdles. In ad-

dition, Haling finished second in the 100-meter dash for second team all-conference.

Gonzalez displayed his speed with runner-up finishes in both the 200- and 400-

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89ers

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dence.”

The 89ers showed their toughness by scoring four runs in the bottom half of the inning. Logan Gray-Ives walked, Ashton Bremer got hit by a pitch and Danny Gahler walked to load the bases. This all came against Merrill’s reliever Sam Reimann.

Like he has all spring/summer, Nate Ariola had the big hit with a two-run double to right. Then, with two outs, Fulton plated two more with a single to shallow center.

“That’s a big thing I’ve been trying to get through to those guys. The game’s not over till it’s over,” Anderson said. “We have to continue to compete and use every rep to get better. If we didn’t have that approach, the Eagle River game could’ve gone a lot differently.”

Four runs made it a 12-4 game, Merrill’s lead.

Merrill added six runs in the fifth inning. Wendorf had a single to center that scored two runs. Clapper totaled four RBIs in the game, as did Reimann. Merrill won a total of four games over Minocqua/Lakeland during the prep and Legion seasons.

Eagle River

A crazy game that featured 25 total runs saw Minocqua making a comeback to ensure they wouldn’t walk away empty-handed in the Class AA Region 2 Tournament.

Like Merrill, Eagle River jumped in front right away

with four runs in the first inning. Jonathan Miller scored two runs on a hit to center. Ariola got the start for the 89ers.

Minocqua got one run back in the top of the second inning. Merick Trotter drew a walk. He used his speed to get to third base. Peterson drove him in with a sacrifice fly RBI. Eagle River starter Austin Samanske stranded two runners on base.

Samanske helped his own cause in the bottom of the second. First, Jared Kaufman reached with a two-out error in the field. Next up, Samanske homered over the left field fence. Eagle River led 7-1 after two innings.

It looked like it was going to be another loss for the 89ers. They had other ideas.

Cooper Johnson hit a two-run single to left with two outs in the third inning. Olson reached on an error and Chapman walked to load the bases. Gray-Ives had one of the biggest hits of the game. He cleared the bases with a triple to left. All this came against Eagle River reliever Alex Wethington.

Just like that, the game was tied at 7-7.

“There was some frustration amongst all of us based on our performance vs. Eagle River this year. So we really wanted to find a way to go get that one. Early we saw that if we put the ball in play, some good things can happen,” Anderson said.

Ariola, with all the momentum, pitched a quick one-two-three inning to get the 89ers right back to the plate.

Minocqua did more dam-

age, this time against Brady Beyer in the fourth. Bremer got things going with a double to right. He was a spark plug for the 89ers all game, totaling three runs and four stolen bases.

Later, Trotter had an infield RBI single that gave the 89ers their first lead of the game at 8-7. The 89ers scored runs in different ways. Johnson had a sacrifice fly and Trotter scored on a wild pitch. Gray-Ives drove in his fourth run of the game with a fielder’s choice.

Ten unanswered runs gave Minocqua an 11-7 lead.

Eagle River looked to get back into the game. Beyer had a sacrifice fly to left field to score Samanske in the fifth. Ariola stayed in the game, getting two flyouts and stranding a runner on base. Minocqua led 11-8.

A six-run sixth inning by Minocqua put the game away. All six runs came with two outs. Bremer and Ariola drew RBI walks. That set up the big hit of the game by Trotter.

Trotter hit an inside-the-park grand slam to right field. The score quickly jumped to 17-8 and Trotter ended the game with five RBIs. As a team, the 89ers hit for the cycle.

“We didn’t back down and continued to battle,” Anderson said. “Obviously got the bats going and found a way to win that one which was awesome.”

It didn’t matter who the pitcher was for Eagle River. The 89ers scored at least two runs against all five pitchers.

Meanwhile, Ariola kept going. He got two outs in the

sixth inning before leaving with the bases loaded with his pitch count at 105. He went 5 2/3 innings with 10 hits, eight runs, five earned runs, four walks and three strikeouts. He got the win.

“I thought Nate had a great performance. Nate’s great cause he has a positive attitude, and he’s going to compete and compete and compete and just keep going,” Anderson said. “So I can’t say enough good things about Nate and go out and get us deep into that game and buy us a chance to play another one that night.”

Gray-Ives came in to relieve Ariola. He stranded the bases loaded with a flyout. In the seventh inning, Gray-Ives gave up just a couple of hits before putting a zero on the board in a convincing win.

Medford

In another elimination game, the 89ers needed to find more magic to keep themselves alive. They ran into Medford’s Nick Steliga who ended up throwing a complete game shutout.

“He was locating well which is big. One of those (nights) where we couldn’t piece quite as many as we needed to and fatigue was setting in and Steliga pitched well,” he said. “That’s just how it goes sometimes.”

The 89ers totaled just two hits in the game — one by Ariola and another from Johnson, both singles. Gray-Ives, Trotter and Peterson all had walks in the game.

Minocqua had a few chances to score, but couldn’t find the clutch hit they

needed. They left six runners on base and struck out nine times.

“We had runners on first and second with nobody out, and we just couldn’t find a way to (score) anyone there,” Anderson said. “Really proud of the effort. Had we found a way to score a few that were in scoring position, who knows how that turns out.”

Getting the start for the 89ers was Gray-Ives. He went five innings, giving up three hits, six runs, four earned runs and four walks with two strikeouts. Johnson pitched the sixth inning, giving up one unearned run.

“I love Logan. He’s a great ballplayer, so excited he’s on my team,” Anderson said. “(He’s) probably our fourth or fifth pitcher so for him to go out and give that performance was awfully gritty and gave us a chance to stay in the game and that’s all I’m asking for.”

Six Minocqua errors led to three unearned runs.

The 89ers finish the summer with a 6-10 record. Anderson is excited for the future of the Thunderbirds/89ers.

“The biggest thing really proud of these guys coming together and starting to buy into the process and culture we’re trying to create here. A willingness to compete,” he said. “I’m proud of where we’re at, and I think the future is bright for Minocqua/LUHS baseball. I’m really looking forward to the future.”

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UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS

The Lakeland 11U baseball team took first place in a baseball tournament July 14-16 in Antigo. Lakeland went 4-0 over the weekend, starting with a 15-0 win over Crandon on Friday, July 14. Lakeland then beat Rapids 5-2 on Saturday, July 15. On Sunday, July 16, Lakeland beat Antigo 6-5 to get them to the final game. In the championship game, Lakeland defeated Manitowoc 4-0. Pictured, back row from left, are head coach Robert Blohm, assistant coach Victor Gee, assistant coach Travis DeGolier, assistant coach Lawrence Eslinger; middle row, Caleb Karch, Parker Ecklund, Michael Blohm, Owen Sauer, Colton Crass, William Schuman; front row, Logan DeGolier, Emmit Gee, Easton Crass, Levi Eslinger.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

LEGION BASEBALL

Class AA Region 2 Tournament

Friday's Games

Rhineland 6, Eagle River 3
Merrill 18, Minocqua 4
Rhineland 8, Medford 1

Saturday's Games

Minocqua 17, Eagle River 8
Merrill 2, Rhineland 1
Medford 7, Minocqua 0

Sunday's Game

Medford vs. Rhineland, late
TBD vs. Merrill, late

Monday's Game

TBD vs. Merrill winner (if necessary), late

Merrill vs. Minocqua
Jaycee Field, Medford
Class AA Region 2 Tournament
Friday, July 21

Merrill 318 06 — 18 16 1
Minocqua 004 00 — 4 3 0

MERRILL

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Clpr 3b,ss	4	2	4	2	Graylvs ss	2	1	0	0
Cortright c	3	1	3	0	Bremer c	2	1	0	0
-Voigt c	2	1	1	1	Gahler 3b	1	1	0	0

Rm ss,p,ss	4	2	2	4	Ariola rf,1b	3	1	1	2
Kanitz 1b	3	2	1	0	Trotter cf	3	0	1	0
Gish p,3b,rf	3	2	3	2	Fulton 1b,p	3	0	1	2
Brznwskl cf	1	2	1	0	Peterson p	0	0	0	0
Norton rf,p	3	2	1	2	-Chpm p,rf	1	0	0	0
Wendorf 2b	2	2	1	3	Olson lf	2	0	0	0
Polacek lf	4	0	1	1	Johnsn 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	29	18	16	17	Totals	19	4	3	4

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Glisch, W	2	0	0	0	0	3
Reimann	1.2	2	4	4	2	4
Norton	1.1	1	0	0	0	2
Minocqua	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Peterson, L	2.1	10	12	6	2	2
Chapman*	0	1	0	0	1	0
Fulton	2.2	5	6	6	1	1

*Chapman faced three batters in the third inning

LOB: Merrill 6, Minocqua 5. **2B:** Me_Kanitz, Clapper. **MI_Ariola. HR:** Me_Reimann, Clapper. **CS:** Me_Wendorf. **HBP:** Me_Brzoznowski 2. **MI_Bremer, Gahler, Peterson. SB:** Me_Clapper. **MI_Trotter 2.**

Minocqua vs. Eagle River

Jaycee Field, Medford
Class AA Region 2 Tournament
Saturday, July 22

Minocqua 016 406 0 — 17 9 1	Eagle River 430 010 0 — 8 12 2		
MINOCQUA	EAGLE RIVER		
ab r h bi	ab r h bi		
Gry-lvs ss,p	5 0 1 4	Hft 3,lf,3,p	5 1 2 0
Fultrn 1b,2b	6 1 1 0	McCrnck cf	3 1 1 0
Bremer lf	4 3 1 1	Kfrmn 1b,p	3 2 0 0
Ariola p,1b	2 3 0 1	Smk p,3b,c	3 3 3 4
Trotter cf	4 3 3 5	Beyr ss,p,ss	2 0 0 1
Peterson c	3 2 1 1	Terlzi c,3b	3 1 1 0
Jhnsn 2b,ss	3 2 2 3	Miller 2b	4 0 1 2
Olson 3b	2 2 0 0	Warwick rf	4 0 1 0
Chapman rf	2 1 0 0	Wthg lf,p,lf	4 0 3 0
Totals	31 17 9 15	Totals	31 8 12 7

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ariola, W	5.2	10	8	5	4	3
Gray-Ives	1.1	2	0	0	0	0
Eagle River	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Samanske	1.1	1	2	1	2	1
Wethington	0.2	2	5	2	3	1
Beyer	0.2	2	4	4	2	0
Hoelt	2.1	2	4	4	3	4
Kaufman, L	1.1	2	2	2	2	2

LOB: Minocqua 9, Eagle River 8. **2B:** M_Peterson, Bremer. E_Miller, Hoelt. **3B:** M_Gray-Ives. **HR:** M_Trotter. **E_Samanske. SAC:** E_Beyer. **SF:** M_Johnson. **E_Beyer. HBP:** M_Chapman, Ariola. **SB:** M_Olson 2, Peterson,

Johnson, Gray-Ives, Bremer 4, Trotter, Ariola. E_Samanske, Wethington.

Minocqua at Medford
Jaycee Field, Medford
Class AA Region 2 Tournament
Saturday, July 22

Minocqua 000 000 0 — 0 2 6	Medford 011 203 x — 7 4 1		
MINOCQUA	MEDFORD		
ab r h bi	ab r h bi		
Grylvs p,2b	2 0 0 0	Hraby ss	3 0 1 2
Fultrn ss	3 0 0 0	Lissner 2b	3 0 0 1
Bremer lf	2 0 0 0	Wssrnlllr c	3 0 0 0
Ariola 1b	3 0 1 0	Dietzmn 1b	2 1 1 1
Trotter cf	2 0 0 0	Kawa lf	4 1 0 0
Peterson c	2 0 0 0	Gierl 3b	3 1 1 0
Jhnsn 2b,p	3 0 1 0	Steliga p	2 1 0 0
Olson 3b	3 0 0 0	Wojcik rf	1 0 0 1
Chapman rf	3 0 0 0	-Crbagh rf	1 1 1 1
		Wilkins cf	2 2 0 0
Totals	23 0 2 0	Totals	24 7 4 6

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gray-Ives, L	5	3	6	4	4	2
Johnson	1	1	1	0	2	0
Medford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Steliga, W	7	2	0	0	3	9

LOB: Minocqua 6, Medford 7. **HR:** Me_Dietzman. **SF:** Me_Wojcik. **CS:** Mi_Gray-

Ives. **HBP:** Mi_Bremer. **Me_Lissner. SB:** Mi_Johnson, Ariola. **Me_Hraby, Lissner 2.**

GOLF

ST. GERMAIN G.C.

Tuesday Night League

Tuesday, July 18

Low Gross: Mike McCormick - 39
Low Net: Greg Hanson - 36*
Closest to Pin Hole #6: Jeff Malison
Longest Putt Hole #7: Doug Trembath
*Scorecard Playoff

Men's League

Thursday, July 20

Game: Low Team Putts
First Place Team: Dave Brown, Dick Helling, Ron Drake - 117
Second Place Team: Dave Mitchell, Ed Tiezzi, Pat Crotty, Jim Modlinski - 128*
Third Place Team: Carl Gretenhardt, Michael Quehoff - 128*
Longest Putt Hole #11: Norm Schuettner
Closest to the Pin Hole #2: Jim Modlinski
*Scorecard Playoff

PINEWOOD C.C.

Mixed Fun League

Thursday, July 20

Men's Low Gross

38 — Mike Fleury
42 — Mike Karle
44 — Stephen Knable

Women's Low Gross

42 — Paula Fleury
43 — Ricki Berrell
48 — Amy Spencer
49 — Sharon Wales

Men's Low Net

32 — Dick Lane
33 — Mike Fleury
34 — Stephen Knable
35 — Mike Karle

Women's Low Net

31 — Val Mesun
32 — Kathie Woodford
33 — Paula Fleury, Sharon Wales
36 — Chris Flannery, Ricki Berrell, Amy Spencer

Birdies:

Mike Fleury (10, 11, 16),
Stephen Knable (14).

Softball

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the Thunderbirds this season. When it came to the championship game, it was all Kemnitz. “They’re both extremely reliable and

good, this year pitching a lot faster and a lot more accurate than they did last year,” Awker said. “But they’re both awesome pitchers, and they’re only going to keep getting better and be really good in 14U

and high school.” Lakeland outscored their opponents 148-16 this season on their way to their third straight championship. The future is bright for Lakeland softball. “Just happy overall

for Lakeland youth softball. This is the third and fourth year overall the numbers have grown, girls coming back to play, girls looking forward to playing next year,” Awker said. “Overall the program

has grown so much. This year, first time we’ve had an 8U team, never had an 8U team and started that with 17 girls on it. It’s only going to keep growing which is awesome. There wasn’t even youth softball

five or six years ago. That’s awesome that this program can grow that much.” *Brett LaBore may be reached at brett@lakelandtimes.com or sports@lakelandtimes.com.*

Champions

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Hartzheim said. “We talked about rebuilding our team this year. We had to use our talent to reorganize a lineup that would make us the most successful team. These ladies would battle out to the end of each game.” After not having won conference since 2011, the Thunderbirds have now won two straight GNC championships with the latest one being undefeated.

12 This is the number of times the Thunderbirds shut out their opponent this season. Of their 15 wins, 12 came when they allowed zero goals. In fact, Lakeland had a streak of five straight shutouts from April 20-May 2, including a shutout of Rhinelander on April 27.

Evenhouse became the Thunderbirds’ new goalie this season. She had never played goalie prior to the 2023 campaign. As the season went on, Evenhouse improved and became one of the best goalies in the GNC.

“Ava is such a great person to work with. She is very coachable and willing to learn and take on new challenges. She was able to step up this year and wants to learn a new position that is one of the most difficult ones on the field,” Hartzheim said. “She grew so much this season, and we know she will continue to grow over the next three years to get her to the next level.”

Evenhouse led the GNC in save percentage at .964 and goals against average at 0.13. She allowed just one goal to get by her in conference play.

1 This is the number of goals the Thunderbirds allowed in conference play. The lone goal came from Mosinee’s Kaitlyn Selle on a penalty kick on April 13.

Lakeland’s defense of Ullius, Quade, Cleveland, senior Noley Guthrie and sophomore Landry Lenz were a big part of Lakeland’s success. Even though Lakeland only returned Ullius on defense from last year’s state team, the Thunderbirds quickly rose to the challenge to become one of the best defensive groups in the GNC.

“Our defense really stepped up to not allow goals to be scored. Callie controlled the backline to make sure that any balls close to the goal were not going in,” Hartzheim said. “The entire defensive line worked well together and did not let the other team turn to create offensive opportunities.”

In their playoff game vs. Rhinelander, freshman Molly Jorgensen started at defense in her first career varsity start.

31 The Thunderbirds’ offense

had big shoes to fill when Leah Wolfe, Sophia Myshchyshyn and Olivia Melka, among others, graduated. Different players stepped up throughout the season to help fill the void.

After allowing a goal to Mosinee in Lakeland’s first conference game, the Thunderbirds proceeded to score 31 consecutive goals in conference play without allowing a goal.

Wentland led the Thunderbirds in goals (11) and points (27). Those marks ranked third in the Great Northern Conference. Moving from outside wing to the midfield, Wentland became one of Lakeland’s top offensive threats.

Lazaroff scored four goals and had six assists for 14 total points. Her six assists were tops for the Thunderbirds and third in conference. The 14 points ranked second for Lakeland. Lazaroff moved from defense to midfield this season. It paid off in a big way. She had the assist on Heleniak’s game-winning goal vs. Rhinelander on April 27. Lazaroff also had the winning goal vs. Rhinelander on May 19.

Later this week, Lazaroff will compete in the WSCA High School Senior Girls’ All-Star Game on Saturday, July 29 at Breese Stevens Stadium in Madison.

“Alyson has worked hard in her soccer career to get the point she is at. She has traveled to the states to gain her skills in soccer to be able to play at the college level,” Hartzheim said. “She is a hard working player that deserves to be able to play in this game that recognizes the talent we have all over the state of Wisconsin.”

Heleniak totaled 10 points on three goals and four assists. Sophomore Bobbi Lee had six points on two goals and two assists. Heleniak and Lee moved around the field throughout the season, playing whatever role was needed.

13 This was the number of consecutive games the Thunderbirds won this season. They won 13 straight games from April 20-June 1. During this stretch, Lakeland outscored their opponents 35-2.

The 13-game win streak is the longest streak Hartzheim has seen in her time as head coach of the Thunderbirds.

Even with players that were injured or out, Lakeland found a way to win.

“We played some tough games and some games we’re missing players, but the entire team stepped up to make this happen,” Hartzheim said. “We played games that were 1-0 and left everything on the field to get these wins.”

3 Mike Webster Stadium in Rhinelander became the Thunderbirds’ home away from home. They went 3-0 in games played there.



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In this April 11, 2023 file photo, Mercedes Thoms runs up the field in the second half of the season opener vs. Wausau East at Mike Webster Stadium in Rhinelander.

Lakeland’s season opener vs. non-conference Wausau East took place April 11 in Rhinelander due to snow at IncredibleBank Field. The Thunderbirds won 3-0.

Then on April 20, Lakeland and Northland Pine’s game had to be relocated to Mike Webster Stadium due to both teams’ fields being unplayable. Lakeland won that game 1-0.

The final game at Mike Webster Stadium came in a traditional road game vs. the Hodags on May 19. The Thunderbirds used a first half goal to win that game 1-0.

Regardless of the location or opponent, the Thunderbirds worked together to maximize their talent.

“We have been using our entire team to successfully get the wins,” Hartzheim said after a May 9 win over Mosinee. “We have been moving the girls around based on the team we are playing to get the most out of each player. It’s like a puzzle each game to see what works.”

20 Coming into their playoff game to Rhinelander, Lakeland had won 20 straight games that started at IncredibleBank Field. The streak started June 10, 2021 and lasted until Lakeland’s playoff loss to Rhinelander on June 3. The Thunderbirds showed the importance of home games.

“Each team’s field is unique in its own way. We get used to how the ball rolls, bounces and the way the field layout is with the width and the set up,” Hartzheim said. “Having your fans fill the stands also helps motivate the team. It has been so much fun to have so many home field playoff games.”

16 Lakeland had scored at least one goal in 16 straight games. Coming into their playoff match vs. Rhinelander, the Thunderbirds hadn’t been shut out since their WIAA Division 3

state semifinal playoff game vs. New Berlin Eisenhower in June 2022. New Berlin Eisenhower ended up winning the state championship that year.

A total of 10 Thunderbirds scored at least one goal during the conference season. Junior Rylie Wise, senior Mya Solis, Quade, Ullius and Guthrie all scored in conference play. Junior Elsa Shockley also came up big during the season especially with injuries to senior Mercedes Thoms and sophomore Maya Savel.

Lakeland’s lone goal against Washburn on April 24 came on a penalty kick by Lazaroff in the second half. Lazaroff went a perfect 3/3 on penalty kicks during the season.

“Every game (Alyson) would be so close to scoring a goal, but would always go a little over until we needed it most. She stepped up and finished in the Rhinelander game to get us a win and to create an opportunity to get a win,” Hartzheim said. “She knows how to use her body to create the opportunities that we needed to win games by controlling the middle of the field.”

One of the most important goals came courtesy of sophomore Jenna Klappa on May 6 vs. Barron/Cumberland. Down 0-1, Klappa’s goal tied the game at 1-1 in the second half. Lakeland went on to win the game 3-1.

3 Lakeland came into 2023 with three straight regional championships (2019, 2021, 2022). That streak all came to an end in Lakeland’s June 3 playoff game vs. Rhinelander.

After sweeping Rhinelander during the regular season, the Thunderbirds earned the two-seed with Rhinelander being the three-seed. The regional final game took place at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua.

Lamers scored a goal late in the second half that proved to be the difference. For the first time all season, the Thunder-

birds were unable to find the back of the net.

“We pushed through some really close games all season and battled until the end. Losing the game in playoffs to Rhinelander was heartbreaking,” Hartzheim said. “A 1-0 game in the playoffs vs. a team we beat twice 1-0 was a tough lose. All three games were great games by both teams.”

In just one game, Rhinelander snapped Lakeland’s three-season regional title streak, their 16-game goal streak, their 13-game win streak and their 20-game IncredibleBank Field win streak.

16 This is the current win streak the Thunderbirds have against GNC opponents in the regular season. The streak started on May 3, 2022 and is currently ongoing thanks to Lakeland going a perfect 10-0 during the conference regular season. This included two 1-0 shutout wins vs. Rhinelander.

“Rhinelander has always been our rival team,” Hartzheim said. “The team supported each other all over the field to prevent them from getting a win. These truly were team efforts to make it happen.”

Lakeland’s last regular season conference loss came to the hands of the Hodags on April 28, 2022.

2024 This isn’t so much a number as it is a year. The Thunderbirds’ quest for three straight GNC titles continues in 2024.

The Thunderbirds will have key players to replace once again. Senior captains Ullius and Gironella both graduated. Lazaroff also graduated, one of the key pieces to Lakeland’s offense.

“We will miss all of the seniors and the impact they made on this team,” Hartzheim said. “We had made many memories and accomplishments together and that is what we will all remember after they leave.”

Lakeland can return five of their eight all-conference players. Wentland will be the focus of the offense with Heleniak, Lee, Wise, Shockley and Savel returning.

The continuity of Lakeland’s defense figures to be a strength with Quade and Cleveland (all-conference players) returning, as well as Lenz and Jorgensen. Goalie Evenhouse can return as well.

The Thunderbirds will look for more players to step up as they start a brand new win streak.

“Losing seniors each year always makes an impact on the team. The younger players have done a great job stepping up to fill those positions,” Hartzheim said. “The offseason workouts and open gyms have made a huge difference for many of the girls in the past. The more girls put in, the more the program succeeds. We are looking forward to another successful year next year.”



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TAKING THIRD PLACE IN ANTIGO

The Lakeland 9U baseball team took third place at a tournament July 14-16 in Antigo. Lakeland opened with a 10-11 loss to Antigo on Friday, July 14. Lakeland responded with a win on Saturday, July 15, beating Crandon 18-10. Lakeland won their second straight game on Sunday, July 16 with an 8-4 win over Eau Claire. A 1-17 loss to JBA Clutch on Sunday, July 16 wrapped up the tournament for Lakeland. Pictured, back row from left, are coach Travis DeGolier, coach Kitt Koski, coach Tom Lorenzen; middle row, Lukas Lorenzen, Hudson Chupita, Logan Karch, Henry Koski, Parker Kuklok, Charlie Better, Alex Taylor; front row, Barrett Perron, Walker Henderson, Rilen Sauer, Jordan DeGolier, Finn Paetow.

Track

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meter dash.

Haling, sophomore Ethan Erickson, junior Maccoy Holmquist and Masayesva gained more points for Lakeland with a second place finish in the 4x200-meter relay. Senior Desmond Young received second team all-conference honors with runner-up finishes in both the shot put and discus. Junior Levi Reimer was the only Thunderbird to make honorable mention all-conference. He placed third in the 1,600-meter run.

Lakeland girls

The Thunderbirds placed fifth out of seven teams with 93 points at the GNC Meet on May 16. Though numbers weren't super high for the girls, they had a number of standout performances throughout the spring. "Despite having really low numbers, our girls had a fantastic season — from throwing, jumping, sprints and distance. One of my favorite things with the girls was to watch the sprinters, jumpers and throwers blossom into happy, confident, more mature strong athletes," coach Strasburg said. "Each of them had great performances that played into the numerous PRs they each and collectively earned throughout the season. Hopefully the returning underclassmen will encourage other girls to join next year."

Senior Grace Kern had a season to remember for Lakeland. She won the 400-meter dash at the GNC Meet to give her the championship. She was also part of the winning 4x800-meter relay team that included sophomores Ada Ernst, Stella Meza and Sherri Handeland. Kern also finished third in the 200-meter dash at the conference meet. "The distance girls have known each other for a long time from years of sports together so they have a strong, trusting relationship already," coach Strasburg said. Senior Sylvia Meza took home second team all-conference honors in the 3,200-meter run. She was also part of Lakeland's 4x400-meter relay team that got third place. Other runners in that relay included junior Emma Smith, freshman Maddie Curtis and Handeland. Miah Newport, a junior, finished third place in pole vault at the GNC Meet. That put



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In this May 16, 2023 file photo, the Lakeland boys lift high their conference championship trophy after winning the GNC Meet at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua. It was their first conference title since 2018. Pictured, back row from left, are Talon Haling, Miles Magee, Maccoy Holmquist; middle row, Erik Anderson, Owen Clark, James Gaulke, Lucas Koplin, Lucian Gindorff, Connor Simpson, Kendall Merrill, Judah Clark, Barrett Eggen, Gavin Saunders; front row, Maverick Metzger, Max Masayesva.

her on the honorable mention all-conference list. Lakeland had several Division 2 regional champions from the May 22 meet at Colby High School. Kern won the 400 with a time of 59.78, the only runner to run under one minute. Stella Meza placed second with a time of 1:03.89. The 4x800 continued to be a strength for Lakeland. They took home the regional crown with a time of 10:16.18. Ernst, Handeland, Stella Meza and Kern ran the relay. Sophomore Katherina Clay had one of the top performances in the triple jump. She had a huge PR with a mark of 31.4.5 that placed her second in the event, moving her onto sectionals. In the 1,600, Ernst ran a time of 5:39.26 at the regional meet for third place. The time was good enough to advance her to sectionals. Norah Strasburg, a sophomore, competed in sprints, hurdles and jumps. Though she wasn't all-conference in any particular event, she gained many points for Lakeland throughout the season with consistent top eight finishes. **Winning regionals** The GNC title was just the start of the accolades for the Lakeland boys' track team. On May 22, the Thunderbirds took home a Division 2 regional championship at Colby High School. They won the meet with 149 points, just beating out Stanley-Boyd who had 145 points. "I think we were all flying high with our conference win

that kept flowing into the regionals. A bit different game plan was focused by stacking our talent into a few events which would hopefully push them towards sectionals and state," coach Strasburg said. "To come out with another first place team finish with the boys was beyond exciting. It took me by surprise." Some of the highlights of the boys' regional championship included a regional title by Metzger in the discus. He threw it 134-11 in the finals for first. Lakeland's 4x400 team of Gonzalez, Van Hefty, Haling and Anderson ran a time of 3:32.41 for the regional title. That was Lakeland's second relay victory of the night. Gonzalez, Haling, Anderson and Masayesva won the 4x200 with a time of 1:32.34. "To see and experience with them, the true innocence and adolescent excitement and joy is so cool; something that I'm so honored to have had," coach Strasburg said. In the 300 hurdles, Haling won with a time of 42.99. Clark won both the 1,600- (4:33.72) and 3,200- (10:11.2) meter runs once again. Gonzalez and Anderson went one-two in the 400-meter dash. Gonzalez ran a time of 51.45 while Anderson had a time of 51.54. **State standouts** A total of 11 athletes qualified for the WIAA Division 2 Track and Field State Championships on June 2-3 at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. "Having athletes partici-

pate in the state meet at the end of the season is icing on the cake. It's the ideal goal for any coach, athlete and parent involved in any high school sport," coach Strasburg said. "Being able to be in that atmosphere is incredible. With hundreds of talent and spectators and then to experience running on that track or field event is awe-inspiring." Clark qualified in both the 1,600 and 3,200. He had one of Lakeland's best placements at state with a fifth place finish and time of 4:21.57 in the 1,600. That was good enough to put him on the podium. Kern, Handeland, Stella Meza and Ernst were the only Lakeland girls to qualify for state. Sylvia Meza traveled as the alternate. They did so in the 4x800, a race they had won at conference and regionals. They finished fourth at sectionals in Arcadia and 12th at state with a time of 10:01.86. "Sylvia Meza is one of our seniors and alternates for our girls' 4x800 relay. She has had an exceptional year as a strong multi-event athlete within our distance crew. Even though I'm not her direct coach, she has a calm and controlling competitiveness about her that is fun to watch," coach Strasburg said. "Sylvia has been a versatile athlete within our team, and I know she will be deeply missed too. I wish Sylvia the best of luck." Metzger ended his season with a podium finish in the high jump. He had a mark of 6-2 that tied him for fifth. Anderson made it to the 400 finals, the only freshman

to do so. He finished 10th with a time of 50.74. In the prelims, Gonzalez finished 12th. Haling continued his run in the 300 hurdles all the way to state. Making it to the finals, he placed eighth with a time of 41.33. The Lakeland boys' 4x200 and 4x400-meter relays made the state meet. In the 4x200, Gonzalez, Haling, Anderson and Masayesva finished 12th. Holmquist was the alternate for the 4x200. Gonzalez, Haling, Van Hefty and Anderson placed 11th in the 4x400. The alternate for the 4x400 was Gardner. "Maccoy had multiple PRs this season in several events, and it has been a joy to see the advancement. He also has developed into a strong competitor physically and technically. I enjoyed placing him in different events to see what he can do and how he was progressing," coach Strasburg said. "I see Maccoy becoming a top performer for our sprinting, throwing or even jumping group next year." **Looking ahead** Of Lakeland's 20 athletes that made at least one all-conference team, 13 of them can return next season. "The next few years will be exciting with the hopefully returning athletes that we had this season. I'm hoping that the number of our experienced coaches can continue to return and grow even more," coach Strasburg said. "We can't replace the wonderful athletes that graduated as they are all special, but I'm excited for the incoming freshmen and other potential new athletes that we could bring in." The Lakeland boys will try to make it back-to-back conference titles. Clark, Haling, Anderson and Gonzalez highlight those that can return next season. The Lakeland girls will have the chance to return three of their four runners in the 4x800 — Ernst, Handeland and Stella Meza. They'll lose important runners in Kern and Sylvia Meza, but return Newport, Curtis and Smith. "I think the girls will come in next year, roaring like a lioness," coach Strasburg said. "How awesome would it be to be dominant in both girls and boys next year." Brett LaBore may be reached at brett@lakelandtimes.com or sports@lakelandtimes.com.

ADRC specialist Laura Rozga at Winchester Library July 25

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are welcoming and accessible places where older people and people with disabilities can obtain information, advice and help in locating services or applying for benefits. They provide a central source of reliable and objec-

tive information about a broad range of programs and services to help people understand and evaluate the various options available to them. By enabling people to find resources in their communities and make informed decisions about

long-term care, ADRCs help people conserve their personal resources, maintain self-sufficiently and delay or prevent the need for potentially expensive long-term care. ADRCs also serve as the single access point for publicly-funded long-term care, including family care and IRIS.

Laura Rozga, Lead ADRC specialist of Vilas County, will help you in the decision-making process regarding your individual situation. This presentation is for information and assistance. Bring your questions and get answers on Tuesday, July 25, at 2 p.m.

Hearing

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However, Bangstad’s Facebook followers did write emails, and plenty of them.

Most of those emails simply reiterated Bangstad’s publicly expressed point of view, many doing so after they said they saw his Facebook posts or after Bangstad otherwise contacted them.

One couple from Westby, Tom and Sharon Sharratt, did ask for the other side.

“We don’t own any stock or have a piece of the ‘action’ so to speak in that company,” the Sharratts wrote. “But we do believe in promoting local businesses. We’re on their mailing list, and we have been following their struggle for several years.”

The Sharratts acknowledged that they were getting only Bangstad’s narrative.

“His emails tell one side of the story about his feuding with the city officials (are they like us and don’t drink beer??),” they wrote. “We assume that he pays his property taxes on time and does employ some local people. But for some reason, the council members don’t want to encourage his business to succeed. There’s always two sides to a story, and we’d like to hear the other side if you have time to explain.”

Bangstad was only seeking parking permits that the town had “routinely denied,” the Sharratts wrote.

“We urge you to encourage his business by approving such parking spaces and get on with life in your beautiful part of Wisconsin,” they wrote. “While we may not always like our neighbors, we do try to get along with them. If you have reasons why the Minocqua Brewing Company is not a worthwhile business please share ‘the other side of the story’ with us. We’re good listeners.”

Dialing it up from 608

Some letter writers were engaged in nonprofit work, and many had downstate 608 area codes, which includes the city of Madison. That was the case with Claira Stollfus, who described herself as having an “MBA in nonprofit management.” Stollfus urged fair treatment for the MBC.

“I also heard that the same Town of Minocqua has given 147 parking exemptions to other Minocqua businesses, but refused to do the same for the Minocqua Brewing Company,” Stollfus wrote. “As a tourist, and as someone

whose family owns a cabin in Hazelhurst, and whose partner owns land in Woodboro, I would love to see my favorite businesses in Minocqua treated fairly. If I saw that, I would be happy to spend more of my tourist dollars throughout the town and county.”

Liz Tucker said she was an “occasional tourist” to the area and, as many of the writers did, she accused the county of trying to “destroy” the business because of Bangstad’s politics.

“Additionally, the news that there is now a hearing to revoke their permit to do business at all is distressing and appears to be part of a campaign to outright destroy a successful local business that undoubtedly brings tourists that spend money in several establishments while they are visiting the area,” Tucker wrote. “The continued attacks on the MBC certainly seem to be due to the political leanings of the owner, and are certainly not a ‘Pro Business’ approach that county boards tend to take.”

Tucker said the people should be able to decide Bangstad’s fate through their consumer choices.

“When a business is overtly political, people will choose to support them or not — and that support or lack thereof should determine their success or failure,” she wrote.

Susan McFaul wrote that she visited Minocqua a couple of times a month and only goes to the MBC because of the town’s harassment of Bangstad.

“We used to stop at the grocery stores, gas stations & restaurants but have been disgusted with the continued harassment of a successful local business that is known nationally,” McFaul wrote. “We have choices where to spend our money & it will not be in Minocqua until you provide MBC the same allowances & consideration given to other businesses. What’s next? Police arresting customers at MBC? Targeting folks who have the audacity to wear MBC T-shirts in public? Conducting home raids to see who purchased MBC beer? That is how we see Minocqua — a cute vacation town turning into a draconian & unwelcoming place that must be avoided.”

A writer simply called “tacoenthusiast” said officials were persecuting Bangstad.

“I believe that you are subjecting Minocqua Brewing Company to unfair persecution because you do not support their views,” tacoenthusiast wrote.

“Oneida County has embraced the conservative party. Minocqua Brewing Company has embraced the liberal party. Because of this, I believe that Minocqua Brewing Company has been subjected to unfair treatment from the Oneida County Zoning Committee.”

As many did, Nicole Scott stressed the alleged preferential treatment of others while Bangstad suffered.

“Based on records, the City of Minocqua has given 147 parking exemptions to other Minocqua businesses but refuses to for Minocqua Brewing Company,” Scott wrote. “As a tourist, I would love to see one of my favorite establishments in Minocqua treated fairly.”

Benjamin Barlow, another writer with a ‘608’ area code, was defiant.

“I find it funny that you’re accomplishing next-to-nothing by putting these minor obstacles up in front of Minocqua Brewing Company,” Barlow wrote. “They’re going to be around tomorrow. They’re going to be around next year. They’re going to be around longer than your service to big government. You’re doing nothing other than showing the world how the people in a small town can be big snowflakes.”

Robert Hoffman of Park Falls urged the committee to “stand up for what is right once and for all” and recognize that Bangstad had “insofar as humanly possible, complied with all aspects of the CUP requiring him to sell his product inside the establishment and not dispensing it outside.”

Comparisons to Jesus

Kim V. (email from Kay Vi) wrote that V. was appalled at how the town was treating a small business that was only asking to “exist, to build a business, and to be inclusive of any and all types of people.”

“Instead, they are met with slander, lawsuits, and pathetic attempts to shut down their ‘woke’ messages,” V. wrote. “If any of you are good Christians, you’d know that Jesus Christ himself was a poor, radical, Palestinian Jew that hung out with prostitutes, lepers, and the like. He was loving and accepting of ALL people, which is the exact message Minocqua Brewing Company is perpetuating. Why in the world is this business constantly being met with barriers created out of thin air and crooked politics?”

V. said the county was “creating a community of hate, which is entirely un-

christian of you.”

Former Woodruff town supervisor Pat Bickner joined in with an email to zoning committee chairman Scott Holewinski and another to Timmons.

“It’s been a little disheartening to see how the Minocqua Brewing Company has been singled out for obstruction by the Minocqua town board because of the owner’s political activity,” Bickner wrote. “The Northwoods needs to be safe for multiple points of view. In local politics, more than anywhere else, it’s essential that differences of philosophy can be set aside so that neighbors support neighbors in their good faith and often precarious efforts to contribute to the community through owning and operating legitimate businesses.”

Bickner said the controversial “pork chop” was used by Z-Best for years without question.

“It’s an awkward property that, as I recall, sat empty for a long time because nobody could figure out anything profitable to do with it,” she wrote. “Now a strong business has found an excellent use for it that will make it an asset to the town and the Lakeland area.”

Nina Pelo, writing to Woodruff town chairman Michael Timmons, said she had been following the situation for several years as a regular visitor to the Northwoods, and especially to Minocqua. But, Pelo wrote, she had noticed a troubling trend.

“Politics have grown to play a huge, and I believe detrimental part in the economy of the area,” Pelo wrote. “Not just partisan, but seemingly vindictive. The Town of Minocqua has repeatedly blocked parking [sic] 6 parking exemptions to Minocqua Brewing, while granting 174 to other businesses. The brewing company needs the exemptions to create a beer garden to increase enjoyment of their customers — by blocking the exemptions, the Town Board seems to be indicating that they don’t want ‘that kind’ of visitors to the area.”

Even Scott Walker weighed in on behalf of Bangstad. Dr. Scott Walker of Prairie du Chien, that is, not the former governor. Walker said Bangstad had told him about Bangstad’s efforts to establish a beer garden, and, “[f]or the sake of us tourists, please afford him the consideration that the law requires. I will be watching with great interest.”

Some local residents did weigh in, though they were

by far fewer in number than non-locals. Sue Damske, writing to multiple supervisors, wrote that it “appears that this business is being harassed because of differing political views.”

“I don’t understand not wanting additional tourism dollars,” Damske wrote. “My adult children who all live out of town and my visiting friends support this business. Thank you for your consideration.”

Nancy Heykes of On Point Consulting in Hazelhurst said the whole process had been hard to understand.

“It’s apparent from all the back and forth over the past year that decision-makers personally may not like the company, but in your collective governance role your responsibility is to let businesses rise and fall based on their products and services, not because you have permitted unfair and unneeded barriers to success,” Heykes wrote.

Toni Polfus of Lake Tomahawk asked supervisors to do the right thing and award The Minocqua Brewing Company the same parking exemptions that she said have been awarded to most other business that applied for them over the last two years.

“Over the last two years, you have awarded 174 parking exemptions to practically every local business that has asked for them, but has consistently rejected the Minocqua Brewing Company request for the 6 exemptions needed to create enough space to build a beer garden,” Polfus wrote. “Please be fair, The Minocqua Brewing Company is a wonderful addition to our community.”

A few people opposed the MBC.

“Minocqua does not need a hateful beer stop,” Tom Meisenheimer wrote to supervisor Mike Roach on July 9.

One writer targeted alcohol as a reason to oppose the beer garden.

“I would like to thank you all for the nix on the beer garden in Minocqua,” Juli Bauer wrote. “There are far too many alcoholic establishments in Wisconsin which has become a state that promotes alcoholism. Having parking would also encourage drinking and driving. I think you should treat ALL drinking establishments in this fashion. We need to combat the scourge of alcohol abuse for profit. We do not need tax income from these businesses.”

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Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play coming to Campanile

The Campanile Campus Players production of ‘Proof’ is set for Aug. 12-13

Former Campanile Center for the Arts youth theater students participate in this summer’s Campanile Campus Players production of “Proof.”

Directed by Vicki Fleming, “Proof” is a play by David Auburn that received a Tony Award for best play and a Pulitzer Prize for drama. It tells a passionate, intelligent story about fathers and daughters, the nature of genius and the power of love.

“I am excited about doing this play with this group of actors as several that have come up through the Campanile youth theater program, as well as Lakeland Union High School’s theater program,” Fleming said. “It has been a wonderful experience directing this team of young adults. Each is very talented and our play lead, Zoey Davis-Jahnke, is currently pursuing a major in theater at UW-Stevens Point.”

Play summary

In “Proof,” the young but guarded Catherine grieves over the loss of her father, a famous mathematician who had become a legend at the

local university for solving complicated proofs, and for suffering from dementia.

Just as Catherine begins to give in to her fear that she, too, might suffer from her father’s condition, Catherine’s older sister Claire returns home to help “settle” family affairs, and Hal, one of the father’s old students, starts to poke around the house. What Hal discovers in an old speckle-bound notebook brings to light a buried family secret.

It tests the sisters’ kinship as well as the romantic feeling growing between Catherine and Hal.

This poignant drama about love and reconciliation unfolds on the back porch of a house settled in a suburban university town, that is, like David Auburn’s writing, both simple and elegant.

“Proof” is appropriate for ages 14 and older. Productions will be held Saturday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at campanilecenter.org or by phone at 715-356-9700.

The Campanile Center for the Arts, located in downtown Minocqua at the corner of Milwaukee and Flambeau streets, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to developing, promoting and supporting the arts in the Lakeland community.



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Former Campanile Center for the Arts youth theater students, from the left, Jonah Gilbert, Lilah Kirkham, Zoey Davis-Jahnke and Kendall Merrill, will participate in this summer’s Campanile Campus Players production of “Proof,” written by David Auburn.

Boulder Junction’s Musky Car Show is Sunday Aug. 13

The Musky Capital of the World is hosting the Musky Jamboree this summer, from Friday, Aug. 11, through Sunday, Aug. 13, with a variety of activities happening each day. Moving forward, Boulder Junction’s Musky Car Show will now take place on the Sunday morning of Musky Jamboree weekend, Aug. 13.

This 31st Annual Musky Jamboree Car Show, at Highway M and Main Street, is an opportune chance for

new and experienced competitors to shine. Voting will take place between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The Musky Car Show is by pre-registration only. Printable entry forms are available online at <https://boulderjct.org/musky-jamboree/> or stop by the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce (5352 Park Street) during normal business hours to receive a copy.

No day of registration will be per-

mitted. The registration deadline is Aug. 2 and mail-in applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, Aug. 2. One class per registration form please. The total capacity is limited to 130 vehicles, so don’t wait until it is too late!

Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. for the following categories:

- First, second and third place winners in all classes.
- Overall People’s Choice Best of

Show Award — voted on by the public.

- Kid’s Choice Award — voted on by the public.
- Best of Show Award — voted on by entrants.

For a detailed schedule of the entire Musky Jamboree weekend, visit muskyjamboree.com. For general information about Boulder Junction, visit boulderjct.org or call the chamber at 715-385-2400.

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