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Bond set in Oneida County overdose death case

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

A combination signature and surety bond in the amount of \$10,000 has been set for a 42-year-old La Crosse County woman charged with one count of first-degree reckless homicide-drug delivery in connection with the death of a 45-year-old Rhinelander man in late January.

Andrea Jean Walker of Bangor made a voluntary appearance in Oneida County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon. A warrant for her arrest, issued on July 7, was quashed as a result of the voluntary appearance.

According to her attorney, Walker is on supervised electronic monitoring for the next three months while she completes a sentence handed down in La Crosse County. Given that, the attorney requested a signature bond in the Oneida County case.

Citing the gravity of the alleged offense, Oneida County district attorney Jillian Pfeifer requested some cash be posted.

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Two charged in human trafficking, solicitation investigation

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

Two local men are being held in the Oneida County jail, each on \$100,000 cash bail, in connection with mul-

tiplied felony charges related to human sex trafficking and solicitation of prostitutes.

In a criminal complaint filed on Aug. 16, Louis

Leroy Hallock, 62, of Harshaw, was charged with six counts of solicitation of prostitutes and one count of keeping a place of prostitution.

On Aug. 17, John Leo Hildebrand, 57, of Rhinelander, was charged with six counts of human trafficking.

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DRAKE WHITE-BERGEY / WISCONSIN WATCH

Sheila Lockwood holds a photo of her late son, Austin, in the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. In 2018, Austin, 23, was riding in the passenger seat of a drunk driver's vehicle in Three Lakes. The driver smashed into a tree, killing Austin.

Wisconsin's 'death grip with alcohol' is killing more residents

Excessive alcohol use is taking a heavy toll in a state that celebrates its drinking culture

By Sarah Eichstadt &
Anupras Mohapatra
WISCONSIN WATCH

Blanketing the wall of an American-style dive bar in Prague: the Milwaukee Brewers, the Tavern League of Wisconsin and the iconic phrase "Drink Wisconsibly."

Not only does Wisconsin consistently rank among the U.S. states with the highest excessive drinking rates, its high alcohol consumption draws global recognition.

While many Wisconsinites take pride

in this reputation, alcohol is taking lives at unprecedented rates in the state.

In 2020, Wisconsinites died from alcohol-induced causes at a rate nearly 25% higher than the national rate. The rate tripled from 6.7 to 18.5 per 100,000 from 1999 to 2020.

Wisconsin is "locked in this weird death grip with alcohol," said John Eich, director of the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health. "There's a cultural level of acceptance of excessive drinking."

Despite challenges, some are pushing

back against permissive drinking laws and culture.

After a drunk driver killed her son in 2018, Sheila Lockwood started lobbying to reform laws in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

"I don't know what else to do with the pain other than trying to change something," Lockwood said. "If I can help somebody from going through this, then you just turn your pain into some sort of change."

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ArtStart announces fall exhibitions

The fall exhibitions at ArtStart art gallery in Rhinelander are ready for viewing.

Hatch Show Print and New Works opened on Aug. 17 and will run through Oct. 28, in the ArtStart galleries, located at 68 S. Stevens Street Rhinelander.

Hatch Show Print, a Nashville landmark, is one of the oldest letterpress print shops in the country, according to a press release announcing the fall exhibitions. Since its start 144 years ago, Hatch Show Print has been in continuous operation, producing vibrant adver-

tisements and posters using the same approach to letterpress printing through the decades. Today, the staff of eight designer printers continue to work with handset wood and metal type, hand carving imagery into printing blocks. At Hatch Show Print, the printer is the designer and the designer is the printer. This exhibition is full of new and familiar images that will likely make you want to go home and throw on some classics from your vinyl collection, the release states.

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ArtStart's new fall exhibitions are now available for viewing.



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Pickleball continues to be a favorite pastime for Northwoods residents and Pioneer Park is the hub of the action. Next month, Rhinelander Pickleball and the YMCA of the Northwoods will team up for the annual Clash of the Paddles tournament.

YMCA, Rhinelander Pickleball to host 'Clash of the Paddles'

The YMCA of the Northwoods and Rhinelander Pickleball are hosting a pickleball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 at Pioneer Park in Rhinelander.

"Participants register with a partner and play a round robin format based on their USAPA ratings with possible mini playoff of top teams," organizers said in a press release. "There are 4 divisions. Men's and Women's on Saturday and Mixed and 65+ on Sunday. Brackets will be deter-

mined following registration deadline and based on the total of the partners' ratings. Please rate yourself fairly. Teams will be given a starting time based on the number of teams entered. Teams are guaranteed 5 games and USAPA rules will apply throughout the tournament."

Registration is open to the first 36 teams and must be made by Wednesday, September 6.

"Last year's tournament was both fun and challenging," said Marilyn Duschl, tournament di-

rector. We look forward to another great event."

Food will be available for purchase. Spectators are welcome to sit and enjoy the competition from all over the state.

The fee per player is \$35 and \$10 for entering an additional bracket. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each bracket and participants will receive a custom Clash of the Paddles T-shirt.

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Free event for parents and caregivers of children with special health care needs

The Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs will be offering opportunities to connect with families in the area to share resources regarding services for children with disabilities/ special health care needs. A "Connect & Share" event will take place at Pizza Ranch in Rhinelander from 5 to 7 p.m. this evening, with dinner provided for families.

Allison Lourash, program manager, noted that families in rural areas are often looking for resources for their children with disabilities and can travel far for services.

"We see many referrals from the area, so we wanted to offer a 'Connect and Share' to provide resources and also offer an opportunity to connect other families," she said. "It is also an opportunity to make a Care Notebook to organize your child's information and track services."

For more information, call 715-261-1906 or email specialneedsinfo@co.marathon.wi.us

The Northern Regional Center's goal is to meet the needs of children and youth with special needs by focusing on the unique strengths of family members, responding to all requests in a timely manner, by finding resources as close to home as possible, and by working with local partners collaboratively to serve children and their families. The organization serves 15 counties and 6 tribal nations in Northern Wisconsin.

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City bow hunt to return in September

BY RIVER NEWS STAFF

In a sure sign that fall is drawing near, the Rhinelander Common Council on Monday renewed the annual citywide deer hunt.

The annual bow hunt for deer within city limits will open on Sept. 16 and run until Jan. 7, 2024, city officials announced in a press release issued following the council vote on Aug. 14.

"It was approved this year that the bow hunt will continue through the 9-day gun season, muzzleloading season and the antlerless-only hunt as long as hunters wear blaze orange during that time," the release notes. "Therefore, the only time bow hunting will be suspended is on Halloween (October 31, 2023)."

The mayor and police chief have the ability to suspend the hunt in emergency situations; in which case hunters will be notified by phone, the release notes.

Individuals interested in bow hunting deer within the city can pick up the hunter's/landowner's application at the city clerk's office at 135 S. Stevens Street, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or access it online at www.rhinelandercityhall.org.

Applications will be provided for hunters as well as city landowners who wish to have their property hunted. All hunters must hunt from a stand elevated at least 6 feet off the ground.

The deadline for applications is noon on Sept. 15.

Bow hunters must have a valid State of Wisconsin bow license and must bring their carcass tag upon applying for the program. Hunters and hunting properties that were authorized in past years are not automatically re-registered and those interested in participating have to complete a new application for this year's hunting season. Hunters must agree to a short waiting period after submitting an application to allow the Rhinelander Police Department to perform a criminal background check. Upon approval, hunters will be admitted to the program.

The State of Wisconsin has awarded the City of Rhinelander antlerless deer permits. Therefore, permits issued by the city are for antlerless deer only. Antlered deer may only be hunted and harvested if the hunter has their own WIDNR issued buck tag.

The city will issue antlerless deer permits one at a time to hunters who have been admitted to the program. Hunters must notify City Hall within 48 hours to inform city officials that they have harvested a deer. Please call 715-365-8600 and speak with Austyn Zarda. This will allow the city to maintain up-to-date harvest counts. Hunters will need to register their deer online at gamereg.wi.gov, by phone 1-844-426-3734 or by calling the WIDNR at 1-888-936-7463. Once hunters have filled the permits, they may be issued another permit to obtain another deer. You cannot register someone else's deer; nor can you ask someone else to register your deer.

Wild Instincts at 4621 Apperson Drive will take any deer shot and not wanted.

Forestry committee hears update on Town Line Lake Park projects

By Beckie Gaskill
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Not so long ago, Town Line Lake Park was in danger of losing its status as county park. It was saved when a group banded together to ask the county to keep the park and to offer their aid in updating and revamping the area. Since then, the Friends of Town Line Lake Park organization has been providing updates to the Oneida County forestry committee at their monthly meetings. This month Tracy Beckman, secretary of Friends of Town Line Lake Park, presented the latest update about happenings at the park.

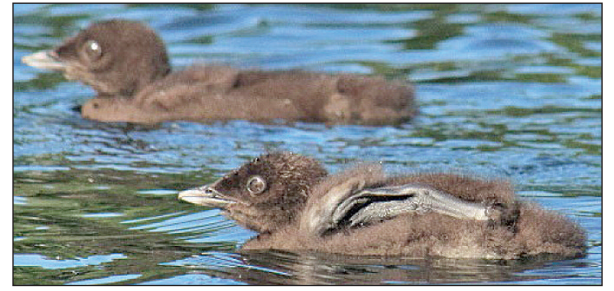
Beckman told the committee the park has seen tremendous use this summer. Visitors take part in many different types of recreation including walking the park paths with kids and dogs, swimming, bird watching, kayaking, fishing and photography.

The lake has been a hotbed of wildlife activity recently as well. Local photographer Denise Chojnacki was on the lake on June 30, 2023 and found two baby loons had been born. These young loons are thriving on the lake, Beckman reported.

The group procured a fishing pier and kayak launch earlier this year and are now making plans with the planning and development department to install an ADA-compliant path to that pier.

Beckman said the hope is to have the path complete in the next few weeks. The Friends group will then order an interpretive sign, get it installed, and then hold a ribbon cutting for the path.

Beckman also spoke about three benches the Friends of Town Line Lake Park organization is hoping to place at the park. The first was made possible by a donation from Leadership Oneida County (LOC). The second bench is also the result of a donation. It will be an add-on to be secured to the new pier. She said the group could not afford the bench



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Town Line Lake Park, near Rhinelander, is home to a variety of wildlife. This year, two baby loons were born on the lake and have been doing well all summer, according to Tracy Beckman's report to the Oneida County forestry committee.

when the pier was installed, but since then a donor had come forward.

The third bench will be a memorial bench. The group is not sure of the exact location where the bench will be placed, but Beckman indicated they have contacted Diggers Hotline and all of the underground utilities have been marked. The bench is dedicated to the son of one of the Friends group members, Linda Casey. Casey will fund the entire project, including the concrete base for the bench.

An individual has donated a 10-foot red maple tree that will be planted near the bench to eventually provide shade for anyone making use of the bench. Beckman said it is her understanding that the tree would need the approval of the committee.

She also told the committee about upcoming projects. The group will continue to work on connected trails and a possible park trail, she said. The group also wants to place another dock or platform, this one on the park side.

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Bradley blasts Protasiewicz for not recusing in redistricting case

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The state's Supreme Court has ordered the Wisconsin Elections Commission to respond to a petition for the court to take original action on a case challenging the state's redistricting maps, as conservative justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley denounced liberal justice Janet Protasiewicz for not recusing herself from the case.

In a withering dissent, Bradley also said the case itself was rigged — prejudged and pre-determined — using the very description that Protasiewicz has used about the redistricting maps themselves.

The petition asking the high court to take the case directly could have been accepted, or rejected. In this case, the court ordered the respondent, the Wisconsin Elections Commission, to file a response no later than August 22.

"Our standard approach when receiving a petition for original action is to allow the parties an opportunity to be heard," justice Brian Hagedorn wrote. "Doing so here should give us a fuller picture of the issues in this case and from there we can determine how best to proceed."

Bradley was the only dissenting vote, writing that the petition should simply be dismissed.

"The outcome of this original action has been predetermined," Bradley wrote. "Nevertheless, the majority forces the parties to expend considerable resources — including taxpayer money — to respond to a petition everyone knows will be granted by Ann Walsh Bradley, Rebecca Dallet, Jill Karofsky, and Janet Protasiewicz."

In addition, Bradley said the millions of dollars Protasiewicz received during her campaign from the Democratic Party, which backs the lawsuit, poses a conflict of interest requiring the liberal justice to step aside.

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Rhinelander Area Ambassadors greeting...



with a ribbon cutting...

HJ Express Mart,
Los Queso Mexican Grill,
Crescent Lake Bait & Tackle
and Rilla P!zza.

The Rhinelander Area Ambassadors welcomed Dale Hernandez Juedes as the owner of HJ Express Mart, Los Queso Mexican Grill, Crescent Lake Bait & Tackle and Rilla P!zza.

Dale Hernandez Juedes was looking for a permanent place to park his food truck and found in Rhinelander. He took the opportunity to purchase this property to help out his neighbors and friends in the Town of Crescent and has developed several businesses located in one location. He is supported by the community and the Town of Crescent Fire Department.

HJ Express Mart features much more than convenience items. There is food, beverages, dairy, frozen items, soda, beer, wine and spirits. Gift items and numerous miscellaneous items are available.

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Los Queso Mexican Grill features tacos, burritos and all Mexican foods. The food is made fresh for you and can be taken to go or to eat there on the picnic area in front of the store. Delivery service will be added at a later date.

Crescent Lake Bait and Tackle is also located in the Mart. They carry live bait and tackle and have even obtained their own line of Crescent Lake Tackle.

Rilla P!zza. The pizza is made fresh here for breakfast, lunch or dinner. You can call in, stop in, or dine in. Delivery will be coming to this business also. Subs and pasta dishes will also be added. There is an online menu on facebook for them. Rilla P!zza is their own brand developed by Dale.

Pictured are Linda Krebsbach, Tiki Krueger, Keven Mahner Fire Chief Town of Crescent, Tarsie Goes, Andrea Metz Town of Crescent Fire Department, Juan Hernandez Juedes of the Los Queso Mexican Grill, Dale Hernandez Juedes Owner, Dave Russ, Judy Lundin, Tony Mustacci, Jan Leschke. Photo by Chamber staff Angela Badeau.

Rhinelander Area Ambassadors greeting...



with a ribbon cutting...

Northern
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The Rhinelander Area Ambassadors welcomed Austin McGowan as the owner of Northern Auction and Estate Sales. He is located at 3388 Bacon Avenue in Rhinelander.

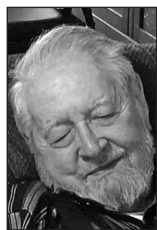
His phone number is 715-493-1279. The hours are Monday through Friday from 9-3 with appointments preferred. Austin is offering the community a new way for people to sell their estates or collectibles or business liquidations. He sells on many platforms and does consignment sales. He can help with clean outs from small to large scale projects. He will look at what you have to determine what may be the best way to liquidate your items. Northern Auction WI hybrid.com is his website.

Pictured are Tiki Krueger, Gail Kock, Karen Eckert, Austin McGowan owner, Linda Krebsbach, Matthew Elizondo, Bobbie Keso-Mode, Lauren Sackett, Tarsi Goes, Jan Leschke. Photo by Chamber staff Angela Badeau.

obituaries

Donald "Doc" Edward K Emmeter

Donald "Doc" Edward K Emmeter, 90, of Rhinelander, passed away on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at his home with his family at his side and under the care of Compassus at Home Hospice.



K Emmeter

Donald was born in Watertown on August 19, 1932, to Lee S. and Lucille E. (Schmid) K Emmeter. He was raised in Jefferson, and later in Beloit, graduating from Beloit Memorial High School in 1950.

He enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean War, serving in France as a Corporal in the Special Services attached to the Air Force from 1952 until 1954. Doc returned to Wisconsin where he attended Beloit College, graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was united in marriage to Ann Marie Friedl at St. Peter's Catholic Church in South Beloit, Illinois. The couple moved to Rhinelander where Doc taught Biology and Physiology for the next 31 years, from 1959 until 1990 in the same classroom, "Room 121".

Donald continued his studies during the summer months at U.W. Madison and then transferring to St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn. where he earned a Master's Degree in science in 1970.

Throughout his career at Rhinelander High School, Doc was an advisor and in charge of the Forestry Camping Club - Out For Fun, taking students along with his family, Ann, John, and Pat, on camping and canoeing adventures just about every weekend.

He was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church and a CCD volunteer for 15

years at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was a past member of and President for 10 years of the Oneida Wildlife Society.

Anyone who knew Doc, knew he had certain passions. One of these was gourmet cooking. Not only preparing the food, but his favorite food was anything he could get his hands on! His other passion was listening to opera music and classical music, with Canon in D being one of his favorites.

In retirement Doc stayed busy, he enjoyed reading and had been employed for 20 years with Forth Floral. Working there allowed him to purchase many different varieties of orchids.

Surviving Don is his wife, Ann, son, Patrick John K Emmeter of Rhinelander, sister, MaryLee Dusick of West Allis, two sisters-in-law, Cathie K Emmeter of Madison and Nodi K Emmeter of Rockton, Ill. Also surviving are nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends, along with his four-legged companions, Zip, and MeToo.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Lucille K Emmeter, son, John K Emmeter in 1980, and brothers, Bob K Emmeter and Jim K Emmeter.

The visitation for Doc will be held on his and Ann's 63rd wedding anniversary, Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the Hildebrand Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. funeral service. Chaplain John Uhlarik will officiate.

Immediately following the service, there will be a procession to Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Cemetery for the Committal Service. Military honors will be conducted by the Northwoods Honor Guard and by two representatives from the United States Army.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to sign the guestbook or leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com.

Minocqua's labor and housing committee begins land discussion

Committee reduced to five people

By Brian Jopek

OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Minocqua town board's ad hoc committee on labor and housing met last week for the first time since holding a joint meeting with the town board on Aug. 8.

During the meeting, it was decided to have the committee identify suitable property in Minocqua and Woodruff, parcels totalling up to four acres, that would be suitable for workforce housing development.

A town land purchase would require a meeting of the town electors to decide whether or not to proceed with the purchase.

If the electorate decides to move forward, a contractor, such as Holtz Companies based in Lake Delton and a firm that specializes in housing for JI students working at area businesses, would then develop the property as needed.

During the Aug. 17 meeting of the ad hoc committee, *Lakeland Times* publisher Gregg Walker stressed that the committee needs to look at not just JI housing but provisions for housing for the area's workforce in general.

Early in the discussion about some possible properties, Minocqua town supervisor Brian Fricke, also a committee member, said his problem with the discussion is "as soon as we identify this property or that property for sale or not for sale, that it's going to be publicized and then the price is doubled on it."

Walker, who is not a committee member but a supporter of the work it does, said his recommendation would be to have one person negotiate on the town's behalf "then that way, he's doing the due diligence of the town and he reports back to the town board."

"At that point, I think under the open meetings law, you guys can go into closed session to do a land deal," he said.

"That way, it gives you the best price for the town."

After much discussion, Fricke was chosen by the other committee members to be that point of contact as the land search continues.

Committee reorganization

Two days before the ad hoc group met, the town board at its Aug. 15 meeting, decided to reduce the size of the group from seven to five members.

With the relocation to Texas of Scott Meitus, vice-chair Michael Tautges was chosen as the new chair and Let's Minocqua executive director Krystal Westfahl as vice-chair.

The other three members are Fricke, town supervisor Ericka Peterson and Bob Jaskolski, president and chief executive officer of the T.A. Solberg Company.

Teri Theiler, president of the Aspirus Health's northern region, stepped down from the committee.

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Elementary school in St. Germain seeks cash for fireworks damage to roof

By Fred Williston

SPECIAL TO THE LAKELAND TIMES

During a town board meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, supervisors in St. Germain voted unanimously to reject a request from Northland Pines Elementary School - St. Germain for cash compensation. School officials claim the town's July 4 fireworks display damaged the building's roof.

Town Board Chairman Tom Christensen served on the school board from 2000 to 2009. He informed his fellow supervisors the situation is not without precedent.

"A little history: when I was on the school board, two examples of this happened," he said. "This happened to the St. Germain Elementary School one year by St. Germain fireworks. And that year, it was to the point where the roof had to be replaced. The town at that time told the school district 'That's your building; that's your insurance, and you need to file a claim.' And they did file a claim and the school district's insurance paid for it. And to my knowledge, the school district paid the deductible for the claim."

"The second situation in my history on the school board was the middle school roof (in Eagle River) was damaged by the fireworks display at the derby track, and that roof needed to be replaced completely," Christensen told the board. "And again, the derby track told the school district that was their responsibility; that was their insurance. And their insurance company paid for it. To my knowledge, the school district paid the deductible. That's what I remember."

School officials called in Custofam Roofing Solutions of Mauston to assess the roof following the fireworks display.

Christensen told the board he had received "two pieces of

paper from Custofam Roofing Solutions. The first one is an actual invoice for \$651. That's a roof inspection of fireworks damage at the St. Germain Elementary School. And the second one is a proposal for damage they saw — that took \$651 to tell them — is \$985 to fix. That's what the school district is asking us to pay, because our fireworks have damaged their rubber roof on the St. Germain Elementary School."

"I think this is a claim against the school district's insurance," Christensen said. "However, the school district has a \$20,000 deductible, so they're asking us to pay the amount so that they don't have to pay anything. And I guess there's precedents out there that their roofs have been damaged by fireworks in two different times prior to this, and the school district has paid for the damage."

"Custofam came up specifically to inspect the roof for fire damage from the fireworks," he said, "So they are asking us to pay both of those: \$651 plus \$985."

So, if we were to say 'No, your insurance should cover it', then they can get ahold of our insurance company and take care of it that way?" supervisor Brian Cooper asked.

"That would be the correct way of doing it, where they to file a claim," Christensen replied. "However, they won't file a claim because they have a \$20,000 deductible, so there's no claim to be filed ... I don't know how they make a claim against our insurance company ... I think if that damage was on our roof, we wouldn't file a claim for it, either. We would just have the roof fixed, because it doesn't make sense to file a claim."

"I know I sound like a lawyer here," Cooper said, "But do they know that prior to our fireworks display, that roof

was not damaged?"

"I can't answer that," Christensen said. "They didn't tell me that."

"What prompted them to suspect that there was damage?" supervisor Ted Ritter wanted to know. "What prompted the inspection?"

"It's my understanding that after each one of the firework displays, (a school district employee) goes up and looks ... Because of past damage," Christensen answered.

Custofam's inspection pointed out five places where the flat roof over the school's gymnasium suffered damage. The company sent documentation to Christensen.

"There are pictures," Christensen told the board, "But it just looks like a spot on a roof." He said the photos provided no scale, so the size of the damage was difficult to discern. "They don't say how big these spots are, so they could be the size of a quarter, I would think," he said.

"Whose property are we on when the fireworks are being let off?" supervisor Kalisa Mortag asked

"The town's," Christensen answered. "It's probably that the wind is just the right miles per hour in the right direction where everything falls into line and it happens. But it doesn't happen very often, obviously, because this isn't an every-year event."

"It's been 14 years at least — probably more than that — since there was any damage," Christensen said. "My personal opinion is that it still falls under the same decision that was made years ago by two different entities: it's the responsibility of the school district, and not that of the town."

He said the school district is "Looking to save money however they can, and we're looking to save money, too."

POLITICAL DIGEST

Murphy to introduce highway setback legislation

State Rep. Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) is set to introduce legislation that he says will give Wisconsinites more access to their own property.

The bill, which is currently out for co-sponsorship, limits the Department of Transportation's authority to apply setback restrictions from roadways.

Specifically, it changes the setback area from 100 feet to 50 feet.

"This bill will protect property owners' interest in the free use of their property," said Murphy. "You'll be able to use more of the land you already pay property taxes on."

With the stroke of his pen, Murphy said, Gov. Evers can sign the bill and create more wealth in the state by giving property owners more use of their own land.

After the co-sponsorship period ends, Murphy will submit his bill to the Assembly chief clerk for official introduction.

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Final word should belong to the people

By Bill Barth

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It's a question that goes to the heart of the American experiment: Is this a republic or a democracy?

Founder Benjamin Franklin's famous quote comes to mind. While exiting the Constitutional Convention, Franklin was asked by a citizen what sort of government had been created. He is reported to have replied, "A republic. If you can keep it."

Consider, though, Franklin's statement regarding his misgivings about human nature and the importance of character among those who would govern. "When you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men, all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views."

A republic's reliance on representative government intends to temper the passions of the people. Pure democracy, absolute majority rule, was thought to embrace the emotions of the moment in such a way that character and deliberation might be overwhelmed by the mob.

The constitutional experiment has worked imperfectly, but has survived for nearly two and a half centuries through checks and balances that promote sober reflection to cool populist passions.

Genius.

But what happens when government representatives elected to reflect the will of the people do just the opposite, instead thwarting directions favored by strong majorities? How does that fit in a system designed to draw its legitimacy from the consent of the governed?

Short answer: It doesn't fit. And it threatens the foundation of freedom.

Those readers who have been paying atten-

tion, though, can see the solution at work in several states that allow citizens to reassert their control over rebellious representatives who insist on imposing policies that lack public support.

Let's pause a moment to take stock of the divisiveness of the issue at hand, which is abortion. For 50 years *Roe v. Wade* established a constitutional right for women's choice. In *Dobbs v. Jackson*, that ruling was overturned and the Supreme Court handed the issue back to the states. Since then, a number of states have adopted strong restrictions nearly amounting to outright bans, while others have established policies mostly leaving the decision up to women and their doctors. Clearly, that's inconsistent. Just as clearly, it's what the court intended under the principles of federalism.

What's interesting, though, is what happened next. In states where the law allows citizens to petition and weigh in, the people have been overruling elected representatives. The most recent example comes from Ohio. Citizens petitioned to place an abortion-rights referendum on the November ballot. The state, in this instance controlled by Republican representatives, placed a hurry-up question on a special election ballot to raise the referendum threshold from 50% to 60% for passage, counting on a low-turnout vote to carry the day. Instead, turnout was more than four times the normal rate and the proposed change went down in flames. It's logical to conclude the November referendum will pass and deep-red Ohio will become the latest state where the people's voice is heard.

Referendum details vary from state to state, but where voters have weighed in abortion rights generally have won. It's happened in blue states like California and Vermont, in purple states like Michigan, and in red

states like Kansas, Montana and Kentucky.

I use the abortion issue to illustrate a point. It's fair to say my thoughts lean toward pro-life positions, while reflecting the widespread ambivalence evident in the country. Polling clearly shows most people do not like abortion. At the same time, most people are not comfortable with the government imposing its will and standing between a woman, her family and her doctor.

The proper answer, in this writer's view, is what we've been seeing. When an issue is so divisive, and when elected representatives appear to be acting against the people's will, there should be a safety valve to settle matters. Citizens should be able to gather sufficient signatures to force a binding referendum onto the ballot, where the people can assert themselves.

Empowering the people could bring about changes that politicians of both parties fiercely resist. Balanced budgets. Term limits. Gerrymandering. Voting rights. Gun rights. Big-money meddling in elections.

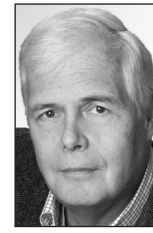
Even staunch conservative U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson has advocated for an abortion referendum in Wisconsin, so this is not just another blue versus red conflict. To Johnson's point, though, Wisconsin does not allow binding petition-and-referendum practices. That's wrong and needs to change.

Leaving policy up to elected representatives generally works. Not so much, though, when those elected representatives take stands that, essentially, tell the people to shut up and go away.

Republic or democracy? Neither one applies if the system is rigged against the people.

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Televised the trials

Gene Lyons
COLUMNIST

Here's the thing about Donald Trump: He's not a real mobster, just a mouthy blowhard who plays one on TV. A trust-fund preppe surrounded by bodyguards all his life — bodyguards and lawyers, not gangsters and hit men. It's a good bet the big man himself has never so much as had a fistfight. Never even played a contact sport. He's a country club bully and notorious golf cheat.

So when he tries to intimidate people — judges, prosecutors, witnesses, whomever — it's always over the telephone or in ALL CAPS social media posts in the middle of the night, weasel-worded to preserve deniability.

"IF YOU GO AFTER ME, I'M COMING AFTER YOU!" he tweeted the other night after carefully behaving himself in Judge Tanya Chutkan's courtroom. Basically meaning he'll run his mouth in the hope of inspiring some weak-minded MAGA fool to do something foolish.

"Let's you and him fight." That's how Trump rolls. Remember back on Jan. 6 when he urged the mob to march down to the U.S. Capitol to "fight like hell, because if you don't fight like hell, you won't have a country anymore"? He also promised he'd be marching with them. But, of course, he was a no-show; he watched the riot for hours on TV while aides begged him to act.

Trump's idea of a fight is a scripted professional wrestling event.

Come the trial in Judge Chutkan's court, it will be more of the same. Because he doesn't dare face cross-examination, Trump won't be testifying and will need to restrain himself lest the no-nonsense jurist lock him up for contempt. No courtroom outbursts and no mugging for the cameras.

No stupid red MAGA hat. Which is pretty much why this trial — arguably the most consequential criminal trial in U.S. history — must be televised nationwide (hell, worldwide), so that Trump's deluded supporters can witness his humbling. I agree with Court TV founder Steven Brill, who argues in a *New York Times* op-ed that "Americans Will Believe the Trump Verdict Only if They Can See It."

Although federal court rules currently forbid cameras, those rules are not graven in stone. The Founding Fathers clearly meant for jury trials to be public. That's why courtrooms have large galleries — just not large enough, in this instance, when the potential audience numbers in the millions. It'll be a legal Super Bowl.

"The last thing our country and the world needs," Brill

writes, "is for this trial to become the ultimate divisive spin game, in which each side roots for its team online and on the cable news networks as if cheering from the bleachers."

The process of changing the no-TV rule begins with Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who should definitely recognize the potential harm to the judicial system's prestige, and ultimately its legitimacy, if Trump's trial were to devolve into a contest among cable news spin doctors.

Already, Trump apologists argue that he has a First Amendment right to say anything he pretends to believe about who won the 2020 presidential election. But that's not what he's charged with. Trump can (and surely will, albeit not under oath) say anything he likes about that. What he can't do, however, is enter a conspiracy using fraud and deceit to prevent votes from being tabulated and certified in violation of the Electoral Count Act of 1887. Unless he goes with an insanity defense, his subjective delusions don't matter.

Special counsel Jack Smith has compiled scores of examples of Trump being credibly informed that his allegations of fraud had been investigated and dismissed. Almost without exception, the witnesses will be Republican elected officials — Trump supporters, most of them, who, like Vice President Mike Pence, put country above party. Smith's indictment quotes one such GOP official to the effect that "it's tough to own any of this when it's all just conspiracy s---t beamed down from the mothership."

Kevin Drum explains: "The prosecution doesn't have to prove that Trump knew he was lying ... The standard of proof stops short of requiring mind-reading: 'Reckless disregard of whether a statement is true, or a conscious effort to avoid learning the truth, can be construed as acting 'knowingly.'"

No, not everybody will be persuaded. Many in the MAGA cult are clearly beyond reason. But if nothing else, the sheer tedium of a weeklong federal trial will wear down all but the most deluded.

As for Boss Trump's mobster act intimidating witnesses, that's not happening. Most have already defied him in person — there's an audiotape of Trump threatening to prosecute Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger for refusing to play ball — and have previously testified to the Jan. 6 commission.

Tough sentences handed down against Jan. 6 rioters have also had a calming effect. Nobody's eager to do prison time for a loudmouth politician in a baggy suit.

Americans have every right to witness this spectacle live. *Arkansas Times* columnist Gene Lyons is a National Magazine Award winner and co-author of "The Hunting of the President" (*St. Martin's Press*, 2000). You can email Lyons at eugenelyons2@yahoo.com.



Trafficking

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Hildebrand made his initial appearance on the trafficking charges on Friday afternoon at which time Oneida County circuit judge Mike Bloom set bail in the amount of \$100,000 cash.

Assistant district attorney Mary Sowinski requested a significant cash bail, noting Hildebrand's extensive criminal history, recent behavior and the gravity of the new allegations.

"The defendant has made clear in his behavior over the past couple of weeks that he is not interested in following court orders," she said. "He has repeatedly returned to the address on Highway 8 where he was told not to go" and has not made arrangements to get a "drug patch" as directed by the court in connection with a separate pending charge.

She also noted the state is concerned Hildebrand might flee the area.

Given his chance to speak,



Hallock



Hildebrand

Hildebrand told Bloom he has no attention of going anywhere and would be willing to relinquish the keys to his vehicles.

"I'm not going anywhere in terms of trying to fleeing," he said. "I've no place to go really."

"I've learned... I've been in and out of the county jail three times in the last week and I mean I don't want to do this anymore," he added. "I'll just give you my word I won't go anywhere ... I want to work with you guys, whatever I have to do."

After first admonishing the defendant for referring to the court as "you guys", Bloom noted the "nature, number and gravity of the offenses" alleged, as well as the apparent strength of the

state's evidence as presented in the complaint.

"The complaint in this case sets forth a consistent series of allegations from multiple individuals that woven together is a relatively convincing description of what went on," he said.

"Without going into unnecessary detail, the conduct alleged in the complaint is extremely distasteful and predatory," the judge added.

According to that complaint, Hildebrand is accused of requesting various sex acts in exchange for providing various individuals with methamphetamine.

One of the alleged victims told investigators they did not want to participate in sex acts with Hildebrand but they "cared more about meth than food or water."

The same individual also told police they felt as they were selling their "soul" for meth.

Hildebrand is due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 28.

According to court

records, Hallock made his initial appearance on Thursday afternoon, also before Bloom, at which time bail was set in the amount of \$100,000 cash.

According to the complaint filed in that case, the solicitation charges are related to an investigation conducted by the Oneida County sheriff's office over the last several months involving victims performing sexual acts against their will in exchange for "narcotics, employment, residency, bail money, future ownership of land and property, as well as vehicles."

"Some of these victims were coerced into performing sex acts while under the influence of narcotics, alcohol, the threat of great bodily harm or death, the use of law enforcement to apprehend individuals with bondable warrants, pay for the victims' bond in exchange for sex acts, the threat of apprehension from law enforcement or probation, as well as being physically restrained and sexually as-

saulted," the complaint states.

The complaint also notes that Hallock is on probation for second degree sexual assault of a child and has "an extensive history with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office in regard to sexual assaults dating back to the 1990s..."

He is due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance on the afternoon of Sept. 11.

Each of the six solicitation charges against Hallock refers to a different individual, for a total of six alleged victims.

The six human trafficking counts filed against Hildebrand also refer to six different alleged victims.

The solicitation charges are Class H felonies carrying a maximum sentence of 6 years in prison. The human trafficking charges are Class D felonies carrying a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

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Roof

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From the audience, resident Phil Monday expressed a different opinion.

"If you remember, right before we had the fireworks, I brought up the fact that with the dry conditions and all that, the town should probably back off on the fireworks this year," he said. "Well, the town gave the company permission to have the fireworks, so I think the town should be liable for repairing that roof."

The board voted its disagreement with Monday's stance, but either way, the taxpayers of St. Germain are the ones who will ultimately end up paying the bill.

"I feel it would be appropriate to discuss it with (the school district) and come up with some ideas how to make sure it doesn't keep happening; preventative measures or something," Mortag said.

"They're really open to having that discussion," Christensen replied. "That building opened in 1995, if I remember correctly. And it's 2023. It's 28 years old, and the damage has happened twice. One really bad time, the roof had so much damage it made more sense to replace it than fix it. This time, it's very minor damage, based on the estimates."

"They're willing to talk about whatever you want to do," he said. "At one point, there was discussion about flooding the roof with foam or something like that...I don't think it was ever done, but it did come up."

Tim Clark, a former fire chief in St. Germain, was in the audience.

"After that last claim that the school had, the fire department used to put somebody up there on the roof ... while the fireworks were going on," he said.

Cooper, who currently serves on the fire department, said that practice should be reinstated. "Maybe put a guy up there with a water-pack," he said.

"I will let them (the school's buildings and grounds crew) know that we are open to any suggestions, so we can maybe work together to prevent this from happening in the future," Christensen concluded.

ONEIDA COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following cases were recently filed or heard in Oneida County Circuit Court

Landon Lenard Lageson, 19, Wausau, charged with underage drinking (possession, 17-20 years of age, 1st), has intake on Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Justin Robert Lenz, 26, Green Bay, charged with disorderly conduct, has intake on Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Ayden Bradley Walkerjewell, 18, Rhinelander, charged with ATV-absolute sobriety violation (under age 21), had intake on Aug. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Theodore S. Gans Sr., 54, Rhinelander, charged with disorderly conduct (causing a disturbance), has a status conference on Sept. 5 at 11 a.m.

John Tyler Emmer, 38, Long Lake, charged with county retail theft (intentionally taking), had intake on Aug. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Nikki Jean Stanley, 31, Pelican Lake, charged with having an animal running at large (1st offense), had intake on Aug. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Clarissa M. Graham, 34, Minocqua, charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing/resisting, and possession of marijuana, has a court trial on Sept. 5 at 10 a.m.

Samantha Jean Nedd, 41, Rhinelander, charged with bail jumping (felony), had an adjourned initial appearance on Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$500.

Jonathan Roy Rasmussen, 26, Rhinelander, charged with disorderly conduct, bail jumping (felony), and battery, has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$150.

Ryan M. Garza, 32, Rhinelander, charged with bail jumping (felony) and retail theft (intentionally taking >\$500-\$5,000), had an adjourned initial appearance on Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$2,500. On a charge of theft of movable property, he has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Charles F Rosien V, 38, Rhinelander, charged with 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety and resisting/obstructing an officer, had an initial appearance on Aug. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Timothy W. Mann, 27, Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of narcotic drugs (repeater) and possession of drug paraphernalia (repeater), has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$5,000.

Richanda Alex-Marie James, 31, Rhinelander, charged with bail jump-

ing (felony), has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

Michael Labeco Wells, 29, Rhinelander, charged with bail jumping (felony) and disorderly conduct, has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

Zackarye L. Miller, 34, Rhinelander, charged with causing an injury during an OWI (Passenger <16 years old; 2+), has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$7,500.

Chance H. Bauknecht, 38, Three Lakes, charged with disorderly conduct and battery, had an initial appearance on Aug. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Daniel N. Stevens, 55, Minocqua, charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor), had an adjourned initial appearance on Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$500.

Patrick E. Simon, 33, Rhinelander, charged with disorderly conduct (repeater), resisting/obstructing an officer (repeater), has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

Tami S. Schoenbaum, 41, St. Germain, charged with criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse), has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$350.

Justin R. Gibbs, 28, Rhinelander, charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor, repeater), had an adjourned initial appearance on Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$250.

Mark Everett Bard, 59, Ashland, charged with disorderly conduct, had a warrant issued for his arrest.

Joseph William Polack, 31, Mole Lake, charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct (domestic abuse), and criminal damage to property, has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,000.

Bradley W. Soder, 37, Three Lakes, charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor), had an adjourned initial appearance on Aug. 21 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$500.

Keziah M. Williams-Alloway, 33, Crandon, charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, bail jumping (misdemeanor), and OWI (2nd), had a voluntary appearance/initial appearance on Aug. 9 at 1:15 p.m. and an arrest warrant was issued against them.

Lee Andrew Vaughan, 50, Rhinelander, charged with operating a firearm while intoxicated, has an

adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

Alanna J. Sanchez, 47, Lac du Flambeau, charged with OWI (3rd), has an adjourned initial appearance on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

Brittany C Felten, 32, Rhinelander, is charged with criminal trespassing to dwelling (county ordinance).

Thomas J White, 26, Rhinelander, is charged with disorderly conduct (county/municipality).

Derrick L Mcgeshick, 17, Rhinelander, is charged with underage drinking (possession, 17-20 years old, 1st).

Daniel Paul Smith, 37, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Daniel Paul Smith, 37, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of THC.

Sheila Marie Smith, 36, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hunter James Sterner, 23, Rhinelander, charged with possession of THC (Ordinance Violation), had an intake on Aug. 7 at 9:42 a.m. and a cash bond of \$326.50.

Hunter James Sterner, 23, Rhinelander, charged with disorderly conduct (county/municipality), had intake on Aug. 7 at 9:42 a.m. and a cash bond of \$295.00.

Mason Alexander Keso, 19, Rhinelander, charged with underage possession or consumption of alcohol (1st offense), has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Sandra Ann Kolbe, 71, Harshaw, charged with trespassing to land, has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Dennis Lee Lapczynski II, 50, Rhinelander, charged with harboring a dog/cat that attacks people, has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Desiree Leigh McGinnity, 20, Rhinelander, charged with possession of THC, has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Noel Almargo Petonquot III, 18, Rhinelander, charged with possession of THC, has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Jeffery Eugene Schultz, 76, Rhinelander, charged with disorderly conduct (causing a disturbance), has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Briana Mae Sorace, 17, Rhinelander, charged with possession of THC, has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Brianna Lee Volinek, 19, Rhinelander, is charged with underage possession or consumption of alcohol (1st offense), has intake on Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Oneida County Land and Water Department recognizes stewardship award winners

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department has recognized several individuals, and one organization, for outstanding achievement this past year for their extraordinary efforts to protect Oneida County's lands and bodies of water. Winners received award certificates at the 12th Annual Oneida County Stewardship Awards

Banquet held on Aug. 10 at the Holiday Acres Resort in Rhinelander, according to a department press release.

Outstanding Lake Stewardship awards were presented to Jim Gehrke, Crescent Lake; Joe Steinhage, Two Sisters Lake; Ted Rulseh, Birch Lake; Lynn Zibell, Three Lakes Chain; Andrea Billings, Buffalo Lake;

and Marcia Obukowicz, county-wide.

Watercraft inspector Jacques Tulowitzky received an award for preventing two zebra infested boats from launching into Lake Nokomis. His quick thinking and timely response were critical in preventing an infestation of zebra mussels.

A Special Lifetime Stewardship award was presented to Sandy

Wickman, regional coordinator of the Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network, WDNR and UW Extension Lakes, and an Exceptional Stewardship Recognition award recognized the continuing efforts of the Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association.

Citizen Lake Monitoring Network volunteers who have completed five to 30-plus years collecting water quality data on Oneida County waters were also honored.

Five-year awards were presented to Amanda Glebs, Lake Seventeen; Michael Mader, Meta Lake; Marie Margitan, Hill Lake; Buck Meyers, Blue Lake; and Cathy and Dave Olig, Lee Lake.

Ten-year awards were presented to Ken Zator, Maple Lake; Lynn Zibell, Virgin Lake; Debbie Westphal, Tom Doyle Lake; and Alan Schwoegler, West Horsehead Lake.

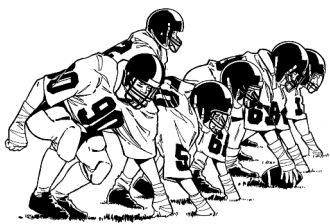
Fifteen-year awards were presented to Mark Noesges, Hasbrook Lake; Paul Swanson, Hasbrook Lake; and Pam McVety, George Lake.

A special 30-year award was presented to Allen and Rosemary Toussaint, who have recorded nearly 500 water quality readings and nearly 200 water chemistry samples on Alva Lake.

Many local businesses and individuals donated door prizes for banquet attendees, and this year's Stewardship

Awards Banquet would not have been possible without the support of table sponsorships from the following lake groups, individuals, and businesses: Bear Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District, Big Bearskin Lake Association, Crescent Lake Association, Joan and Robb Jensen, Lumberjack RC&D Inc., Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association, Pelican Lake Association Inc., Shishebogama/Gunlock Lakes Association, Sorgel Fine Arts Gallery & Gifts-Three Lakes, Three Lakes Waterfront Association, and Two Sisters Lake Property Owners Association.

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ArtStart

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New Works, from Jim Sherraden, features his colorful new work, including woodcuts, paper quilts, as well as a new collaborative effort creating ceramic tiles. Jim is influenced by the rich tradition of pattern and decoration found in artwork ranging from Mediterranean tiles to southwestern American textiles, from Oriental rugs to his Aunt Vera's quilts.

"To say we are excited for these exhibitions is an understatement," said Ashley McLaughlin, programs and operations director with ArtStart. To have the work of Mr. Sherraden, alongside the Hatch Show Print works is just fantastic for our community! Our exhibition committee works throughout the year to bring compelling works of art to our area of the Northwoods and these exhibits do it all."

ArtStart galleries are open free to the public. Kids are encouraged to visit. Our young visitors, with an adult, can explore the galleries while working on an exhibition activity sheet. Once completed, a prize is earned. Gallery hours are Thursday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clash

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In case of rain, play will be held at the Hodag Dome or YMCA. Proceeds from this tournament support the Y Annual Support Campaign which provides assistance for youth, adults and families to attend YMCA programs and activities and Rhinelander Pickleball.

Online registration will be taken until Wednesday, September 6. To view online registration go to www.ymcaofthenorthwoods.org and click on the Clash of the Paddles Event or call 715-362-9622.

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- 5 Fully developed
- 6 Cairo's river
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- 8 Public personas
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- 19 Playground game
- 21 Gore and Roker
- 23 Auditory organs
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- 25 Idle away time
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- 29 Broad valley
- 31 Got a load of
- 33 Badges and such
- 36 Shaped clay
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Redistricting

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“Despite receiving nearly \$10 million from the Democrat Party of Wisconsin and declaring the maps ‘rigged,’ Protasiewicz has not recused herself from the case,” she wrote. “These four justices will adopt new maps to shift power away from Republicans and bestow an electoral advantage for Democrat candidates, fulfilling one of Protasiewicz’s many promises to the principal funder of her campaign.”

In *Caperton v. Massey*, Bradley wrote, the United States Supreme Court decided that due process required a state supreme court justice’s recusal from a case based solely on the justice’s receipt of \$3 million dollars in campaign contributions from the chairman and principal officer of a party to the action.

“Consistent with universal judicial ethics, the justice in *Caperton* had not made any statements during his campaign suggesting he had prejudged the case,” she wrote. “This court adopted the *Caperton* test, holding that a circuit court judge’s repeated social media interactions with a litigant in a contested paternity case pending before the judge constituted a due process violation.”

In particular, the 2009 *Caperton* decision, written by justice Anthony Kennedy for the majority, found that significant contributions posed a risk of prejudgment.

“We conclude that there is a serious risk of actual bias — based on objective and reasonable perceptions — when a person with a personal stake in a particular case had a significant and disproportionate influence in placing the judge on the case by raising funds or directing the judge’s election campaign when the case was pending or imminent,” Kennedy wrote. “The inquiry centers on the contribution’s relative size in comparison to the total amount of money contributed to the campaign, the total amount spent in the election, and the apparent effect such contribution had on the outcome of the election.”

Beyond the recusal issue, Bradley wrote, the court should deny the petition without ordering a response because it re-litigates claims the court only recently decided, and asserts claims that could have been brought in 2021.

“Only a change in court membership makes a do-over possible, as the litigants recognized by announcing their plan to file an original action just two days after Protasiewicz’s election and filing this petition one day after her ceremonial investiture,” she wrote. “Entertaining these claims makes a mockery of our justice system, degrades this court as an institution, and showcases that justice is now for sale in Wisconsin. ‘Rigged’ is indeed an apt description — for this case.”

Importantly, Kennedy and the majority did not find in *Caperton* that there had to be actual bias to require recusal, only the appearance of bias, or “a risk of actual bias.”

“Because the objective standards implementing the Due Process Clause do not require proof of actual bias, this court does not question justice Benjamin’s subjective findings of impartiality and propriety and need not determine whether there was actual bias,” that decision stated. “Rather, the question is whether, ‘under a realistic appraisal of psychological tendencies and human weakness,’ the interest ‘poses such a risk of actual bias or prejudgment that the practice must be forbidden if the guarantee of due process is to be adequately implemented.’”

To Assembly speaker Robin Vos the risk of bias was more than probable, and, last week, speaking in an interview with WSAU radio’s Meg Ellefson, he raised the possibility of impeaching Protasiewicz if she does not recuse herself on certain cases.

“If there’s any semblance of honor on the state Supreme Court left, you cannot have a person who runs for the court prejudging a case and being open about it, and then acting on the case as if you’re an impartial observer,” Vos told Ellefson.

Vos said he was taking a wait-and-see approach.

“I want to look and see, does she recuse herself on cases where she is prejudged?” he said. “That to me is something that is at the oath of office and what she said she was going to do to uphold the constitution. That, to me, is a serious offense.”

If Republicans get serious about impeachment, they have the votes to pull it off, if they can avoid defections. They only need a majority in the Assembly, which they have, and two-thirds to convict in the Senate, which they also have.

The fly in the ointment for Republicans is that, if Protasiewicz was impeached, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers would get to appoint her replacement.

Richard Moore is the author of “Dark State” and may be reached at richardd3d.substack.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

The following applications for license have been filed with the undersigned as Clerk for the Town of Pelican, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

NAME: MOTKA823 LLC Tammy Ahles, Officer
ADDRESS: 3187 Ahles Dr Harshaw, WI 54529
KIND OF LICENSE: BLB-Class “B” Beer, “Class B” Liquor
LOCATION: 4475 County P
TRADE NAME: Ts Beachcomber Food N Drink
Said applications will be considered by the Town Board at a meeting to be held at the Town Hall, on the 28th day of August 2023 at 4:00 p.m., and at any subsequent or adjourned meetings until said applications have been fully disposed of by the Town Board.
Mike Ring, Town Clerk
111563 8/18,8/22,8/25 WNAXLP

NOTICE TO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Forest County Commission on Aging hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the following transportation projects under Section 5310 to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities in Forest County.

We are applying for one Mini Van with Side Load Ramp that seats one-flip ambulatory seat, three bench ambulatory, and two wheelchair positions. Estimated cost of the vehicle is \$70,000.

Individuals or agencies wishing to comment or receive additional information about this application should contact Kathy Fohrman, Forest County Aging Director by phone at 715-478-3256 or by email at officeonaging@co.forest.wi.us.

Formal comments or requests for additional information must be received in writing or by email by August 24, 2023.
111552 8/22 WNAXLP

TOWN OF PINE LAKE ONEIDA COUNTY

NOTICE TO SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals are requested for curbside solid waste/recycling collection for the Town of Pine Lake. Proposals will be accepted up to 5:30 p.m., September 12, 2023, and opened at the Solid Waste Committee meeting scheduled at that time and held in the Community Building, Fire Department Meeting Room #1, 4197 River Road. Decision will be made at the Regular Town Board meeting on September 20, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If unable to attend the meeting you may return by mail to Cindy Skinner, Clerk, 4305 Highlander Rd., Rhinelander, WI 54501. Or call 715-362-6071 for arrangements to drop off proposal. Proposal specifications are available from Cindy Skinner, Clerk, 715-362-6071 or email clerk@townofpinelake.com. The Town of Pine Lake reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and will accept the proposal most advantageous to the town, even if that proposal is not the lowest in cost.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk
Town of Pine Lake
715-362-6071
clerk@townofpinelake.com
111580 8/22,8/29 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Oneida County Planning & Development Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Oneida County Courthouse, Rhinelander, WI 54501 on the following:

Conditional Use Permit application by Edward F. Then Sr., applicant and owner, to assemble snowplows and spreaders inside an existing shop building, adjacent to property which is zoned Rural Residential, on the following described property; Lot 3 CSM 3831, Part of SW ¼, SE ¼, Section 5, T39N, R6E, 8806 Curtis Lake Drive, PIN MI 2095-5, Town of Minocqua.

Copies of the foregoing documents are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Planning & Zoning Office, Oneida County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501 or phone 715-369-6130. The Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance is available online at www.co.oneida.wi.us.

Anyone having an interest may attend and be heard. Interested parties who are unable to attend may send written comments to the undersigned by 10:00 a.m. on September 6, 2023. All written comments shall include your name and voting address and, if not from Oneida County, your property address within Oneida County. All written comments will be given to committee members prior to the start of the public hearing and announced by name during the public hearing. Written comments shall not be read into the record.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2023.
/s/Scott Holeywinski, Chairman
Oneida County Planning & Development Committee
P.O. Box 400
Rhinelander WI 54501
111546 8/22,8/29 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Amended Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)

Case No. 23-PR-38

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Robert Gene Owens
DOD: 03-24-2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth 05-07-1937 and date of death 03/24/2023 was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 60 Edgewater Homes, Rhinelander, WI 54501
- An application will be heard at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A318-Probate Office, before Amy Franzen, Probate Registrar on June 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. **You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.**
- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is November 30, 2023.
- A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., PO Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A318-Probate Office.
- This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-369-6159 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/ Amy M. Franzen
Probate Registrar
08-15-2023

Nick G. Cirilli
116 E. Davenport St., Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-369-3443
Bar Number 1101541
111553 08/22,08/29,09/05 WNAXLP

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Dawn Marie Thoms, Petitioner, v. Jerry Lynn Thoms, Respondent.
Case: FM 23-03

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: **Jerry Lynn Thoms**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled action for divorce. This legal notice of the *Petition for Divorce (Without Minor Children)* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the Fourth published issuance of this *Summons* in summons in this newspaper in general circulation. See DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ORDINANCE, Para. 3d. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** Id., Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.
111639 8/22 WNAXLP

NOTICE

Beloff Storage 1661 Menominee Dr. Rhinelander WI is giving notice that the following tenants are in default and the contents of their storage units will be disposed of Tuesday, Sept. 5th, 2023.

Heath Somers
Jesse Breivogel
Nick Meurer
Kevin Cibulka
111555 8/22,8/29 WNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Headwaters hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the following transportation projects under 5310 to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities in Forest, Oneida, and Vilas counties.

One medium bus side load lift, individuals or agencies wishing to comment or receive additional information about this application should contact Becky Wilson at 715-369-1337 or bwilson@headwatersinc.org.

Formal writings or requests for additional information must be received in writing or by email by August 24, 2023.
105577 8/11,8/15,8/18,8/22,8/25 WNAXLP

TOWN OF CRESCENT

The Town of Crescent is looking for interested Crescent Residents to serve on the Town Plan Commission. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Crescent Chair Robb Jensen by Friday, September 1st. Letters of interest can be emailed to crescentchair@townofcrescent.com or mailed to Robb Jensen, 3112 Pleasure Point Rd., Rhinelander, WI 54501.
111548 8/22,8/25 WNAXLP

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Oneida County Forestry Department is accepting bids for one new 2023/2024 ATV with track kit.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 12 noon, Monday, September 11th, 2023.

Submit bids to:
Oneida County Forestry Department
Oneida County Courthouse, Room B206
1 South Oneida Avenue
PO Box 400
Rhinelander, WI 54501

Bids must be sealed and marked “Forestry ATV Bid” on the outside of the envelope. Submit only one bid per sealed envelope.

Oneida County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to select the bid most advantageous to Oneida County.

For bid specifications and/or more information, please contact the Oneida County Forestry Office at (715) 369-6140. Bids will be opened on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #1, 2nd Floor. Successful bidder will be notified after bid approval.
111550 8/22 WNAXLP

The below Resolution was passed by a 7-0 vote by the Rhinelander Common Council at its regularly held meeting on Monday, August 14th, 2023. The full resolution is available for review at the Rhinelander City Clerk’s Office at 135 S Stevens St, Rhinelander WI 54501

A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/ TREASURER
WHEREAS, the City of Rhinelander creates and maintains an annual budget, designed to show the annual expected revenue and anticipated appropriations; and
WHEREAS, during the course of the budget year, prices, projects, and priorities can shift based on both circumstance and need; and
WHEREAS, when the budget changes are anticipated, a budget amendment request is made by the Department Head and the Finance Director/ Treasurer, for consideration by the City Council; and
WHEREAS, the Finance Director/ Treasurer has submitted a budget amendment request for the following:

Adopted Fund Revenue/Expenditure Budget	Amended Fund Revenue/Expenditure Budget		
1. Update PRAT budget for Oneida Ave and Timber Dr local share expenditures			
227-481100-01-000	\$5,000	227-481100-01-000	\$40,000
227-592432-04-000	\$0	227-592432-04-000	\$932,000
227-533003-04-816	\$512,650	227-533003-04-816	\$1,500
432-492227-00-000	\$0	432-492227-00-000	\$932,000
227-533004-04-816	\$900,000	227-533004-04-816	\$925,000
2. Remove BIL funding for new well and update ARPA activity in Fund 213			
213-432000-01-000	\$1,600,000	213-432000-01-000	\$0
213-433000-01-000	\$0	213-433000-01-000	\$494,123
213-485001-05-000	\$0	213-485001-05-000	\$2,333
213-514110-01-390	\$1,920,000	213-514110-01-390	\$4,870
213-514500-01-390	\$0	213-514500-01-390	\$39,220
213-521000-02-812	\$0	213-521000-02-812	\$35,000
213-522000-03-390	\$0	213-522000-03-390	\$3,257
213-533000-04-390	\$0	213-533000-04-390	\$40,000
213-533000-04-810	\$0	213-533000-04-810	\$71,100
213-552000-05-390	\$75,000	213-552000-05-390	\$0
213-552000-05-810	\$0	213-552000-05-810	\$72,000
213-552000-05-812	\$0	213-552000-05-812	\$62,266
213-561100-05-390	\$0	213-561100-05-390	\$10,101
213-592227-04-000	\$0	213-592227-04-000	\$60,000
213-592433-05-000	\$0	213-592227-04-000	\$38,000
213-592444-05-000	\$0	213-592444-05-000	\$46,280
213-592600-00-000	\$0	213-592600-00-000	\$27,000
3 Update Room Tax budget for ADA benches approved with Res #2023-49			
207-567100-05-721	\$43,000	207-567100-05-721	\$56,250

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- The City of Rhinelander approves amending the 2023 City budget, through this resolution (Budget Resolution 2023-02) as shown above.
- All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are rescinded.

111551 8/22 WNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Rhinelander Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room, City Hall, 135 S. Stevens Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501, to hear the following request:

Michael Hebert, 3400 City Heights Rd, Ashland, WI 54806, owner of Parcel RH-9105-1102 is requesting a Re-zone of this parcel from a C-R (Conservation & Recreation) Zoning to R-2 (Single and Two-Family Residential) Zoning to allow for future build of a residential structure and to deter public use of property.

The property description is: Government Lot Two (2), Section Five (5), Township Thirty-six (36) North, Range Nine (9) East, City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, Wisconsin;

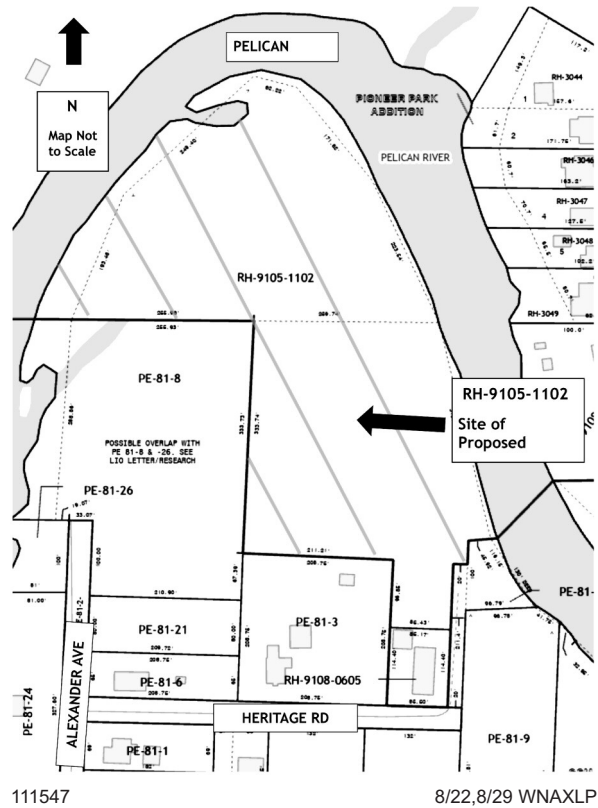
AND
A parcel of land in Government Lot Seven (7), Section Eight (8), Township Thirty-six (36) North, Range Nine (9) East, City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Beginning at the meander corner, an iron pipe on the section line at the NE corner of the aforesaid Government Lot 7, Section 8; thence West on the section line 259.8 feet to an iron pipe at the NE corner of the Frank Alexander property as given in Volume 133 of Deeds on Page 579; thence South at a deflection angle of 88°11' and on the aforesaid Alexander East boundary (as monumented) 336.75 feet to an iron pipe marker at the NW corner of the Raymond Lund property monumented and described in Volume 135 of Deeds on Page 92; thence East at an included angle of 89°39' on the aforesaid Lund property line as monumented (but not parallel the North line of the section as claimed to be in the Lund Deed) 208.75 feet to the original iron pipe marker (which has to be accepted as the corner according to the Lund Deed); thence South at a deflection angle of 90°34' a distance of 210.65 feet (passing through the Lund SE corner as set) to an iron pipe on the true North boundary of the 30 foot town road; thence East at an included angle of 89°45' a distance of 85.5 feet to an iron pipe on said road boundary (said iron pipe being 20 feet West of the West line of the parcel deeded to Lena Deede in Volume 109 of Deeds on Page 594); thence North at an included angle of 90°05' and parallel the aforesaid "Deede" West line and the West line of the Marko Jurinak parcel (which is in the same alignment and recorded in Volume 111 of Deeds on Page 243) a total distance of 211.4 feet to an iron pipe; thence East in alignment with the North line of the Lund property as monumented a distance of 20 feet to an iron pipe in the West line of the aforesaid Marko Jurinak property; thence North on the aforesaid Jurinak West line 33.8 feet to the NW corner of the said Jurinak property; thence East at a deflection angle of 86°35' a distance of 34.8 feet to an iron pipe on the West bank of the Pelican River (Jurinak's NE corner); thence Northwesterly on the shore of the Pelican River 318.8 feet more or less, to the Place of Beginning; EXCEPT the following parcel:

A parcel of land being a part of Government Lot 7, Section 8, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe marking the Meander corner at the intersection of the Westerly bank of the Pelican River and the North line of Section 8; thence N89°36'W, along the North line of said Section 8 a distance of 259.80 feet to an iron pipe; thence S2°13'W, a distance of 336.75 feet to an iron pipe; thence S88°08'E, a distance of 208.75 feet to an iron pipe; thence S2°26'W, a distance of 96.25 feet to an iron pin marking the Point of Beginning; thence continue S2°26'W, a distance of 114.40 feet to an iron pipe; thence S87°49'E, a distance of 85.50 feet to an iron pipe; thence N2°16'E, a distance of 114.40 feet to an iron pin; thence N87°49'W, a distance of 85.17 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Anyone opposed to or in favor of this request may appear at this hearing.



111547 8/22,8/29 WNAXLP

(Informal Administration)

Case No. 23PR66

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

TIMOTHY J. RUNNING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/5/1959 and date of death 5/7/2023, was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3861 King Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 7, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A-318 (probate office).

/s/ Amy M. Franzen
Probate Registrar
08-18-2023

Attorney Ashley L. Hawley
Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C.
P.O. Box 8050
Wausau, WI 54402-8050
715-845-4336
Bar No. 1077258
111549

8/22,8/29,9/5 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)

Case No. 23-PR-62

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Lee A. Fintelmann

DOD: 04-05-2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05-23-1942 and date of death 04-05-2023 was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 11101 Little Rice Dam Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
3. The application will be heard at the Oneida County Courthouse, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, before Amy Franzen, Probate Registrar on September 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 30, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., PO Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A318-Probate Office.

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-369-6159 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/ Amy M. Franzen
Probate Registrar
08-09-2023

Nick G. Cirilli
116 E. Davenport St., Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-369-3443
Bar Number 1101541
111579

8/15,8/22,8/29 WNAXLP

City of Rhinelander - Ordinance 2023-5
Enacted and passed by an 7-0 vote by the Rhinelander Common Council on August 14, 2023, at 6PM.

RHINELANDER CITY ORDINANCE #2023-5 AMENDING CHAPTER 4.06.05 and 4.06.06 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE Chapter 4.06 SEXUAL OFFENDERS PROXIMITY AND RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

(1) Intent.

Persons who have committed sexual crimes against children present a threat to the public safety. Sex offenders who prey on children represent a substantial danger to victims, target a particular vulnerable group within the community who are less able to articulate or report abuse and create a significant impact on law enforcement time and community resources to investigate abuse and mitigate risks. It is the intent of this chapter not to impose a criminal penalty but rather to serve the City's compelling interest to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers wherein certain sexual offenders may not loiter. The City of Rhinelander finds and declares that in addition to schools and licensed daycare centers, children congregate, play or socialize in a number of public areas including parks, athletic fields, libraries and other places.

(2) Non-residential proximity/Loitering restriction.

(a) ~~No person who has been convicted of, or found "not guilty or not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect"~~ Any person who is required to register under Wis. Stats. §301.45, for any offense listed in Wis. Stats. Ch. 948, Wis. Stats. § 940.225(1) – First Degree Sexual Assault, or Wis. Stats. § 944.06 - Incest, or any crime from another jurisdiction that is similar to any crime listed in Wis. Stats. Ch. 948, Wis. Stats. § 940.225(1), or Wis. Stats. § 944.06, ~~as a result of such crime, is required to register under Wis. Stats. § 301.45, and is on extended supervision or parole (otherwise referred to and defined for purposes of this chapter as "offender")~~, may not enter any area within 150 feet of a parcel of land upon which there is a public, parochial, private, or tribal school and its grounds educating one or more grades between Kindergarten and grade 12, a licensed child care center, a playground, a public park, recreational trail, public swimming pool, athletic fields used by children, a licensed entertainment facility or a facility of the Rhinelander District Library located within the City.

(b) No person who is required to register under Wis. Stats. §301.45, ~~offender~~ shall participate in a celebration or holiday event involving children, such as, but not limited to, distributing candy or other items to children on Halloween during any City authorized or designated trick-or-treating event, wearing a Santa Claus costume or other items on or ~~preceding~~ preceding Christmas, wearing an Easter Bunny costume on or ~~preceding~~ preceding Easter unless the designated offender is the parent or guardianship of the child/children involved, and no non-familial children are present.

(3) Affirmative defenses. Notwithstanding subsection (b), a person may prove by clear and convincing evidence as an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of subsection (b) that the person entered the restricted area:

- (a) To vote in a local, state, or national election or referendum;
- (b) With the permission of the owner or occupant of the particular school, child care center, park, playground, library, or licensed entertainment facility;

(c) With the intent to travel to a location outside the restricted area;

(d) To travel to or remain on land lawfully owned or occupied by the offender on the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter was derived, or before the date the school, child care center, park, playground, or licensed entertainment facility was established;

(e) To obtain medical care, or alcohol or drug treatment;

(f) To travel to or remain at a transitional living program operated by an entity that is tax exempt under IRC § 501(c)(3) and under contract with the state department of corrections; or

(g) To travel to or remain at a care and service residential facility properly licensed, certified, or registered under Wis. Stats. Ch. 50.

(4) **Penalty.** A person who violates this Section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each violation together with the cost of prosecution. Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Further, the City may undertake all other legal and equitable remedies to prevent or remove a violation of Chapter 4.06 of this Code.

(5) **Definitions.** The term "recreational trail" means a thoroughfare or track across land or snow, used for recreational purposes such as: Pedestrian activities, including wheelchair use; skating or skateboarding; nonmotorized snow trail activities, including skiing; bicycling or use of other human-powered vehicles; aquatic or water activities. For purposes of this ordinance, the term "recreational trail" shall not include recreational trails primarily designed for motorized vehicular activities, including all-terrain vehicle riding, motorcycling, snowmobiling, use of off-road light trucks, or use of other off-road motorized vehicles.

4.06.06. Sexual offender residency restrictions.

(1) Intent.

Persons who have committed sexual crimes against children present a threat to the public safety. It is the intent of this chapter not to impose a criminal penalty but rather to serve the City's compelling interest to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers wherein certain sexual offenders may not reside.

(2) Residency restriction.

~~No person who has been convicted or found not guilty or not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect of~~ Any person who is required to register under Wis. Stats. §301.45, for any offense listed in Wis. Stats. Ch. 948, Wis. Stats. § 940.225(1) – First Degree Sexual Assault, or Wis. Stats. § 944.06 - Incest, or any crime from another jurisdiction that is similar to any crime listed in Wis. Stats. Ch. 948, Wis. Stats. § 940.225(1), or Wis. Stats. § 944.06, ~~Wis. Stats. § 940.225(1), any crime listed in Wis. Stats. Ch. 948, or any crime from another jurisdiction that is similar~~

~~to any crime listed in Wis. Stats. Ch. 948, and, as a result of such crime, is required to register under Wis. Stats. § 301.45,~~ may not reside in a residence, rooming house, tourist room, motel/hotel room, or similar residential/living facility which is within 500 feet of a parcel of land upon which there is a public, parochial, private, or charter school and its respective grounds educating one or more grades between kindergarten and grade 12, a licensed child care center, a playground, a public park, recreational trail, public swimming pool, athletic fields used by children, a licensed entertainment facility or a facility of the Rhinelander District Library located within the City.

(3) Affirmative defenses.

Notwithstanding subsection (b), a person may prove by clear and convincing evidence as an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of subsection (b) any of the following:

- (a) The offender resided at the particular address at least 30 days continuously before the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter was derived;
- (b) The offender resided at least 30 days at the particular address before and continuously since the date that the particular school, child care center, playground, park or entertainment facility opened for use;
- (c) The residence is a facility which only temporarily houses individuals who have a medical, alcohol, or drug treatment need, and the offender is receiving such treatment;
- (d) The residence is a facility operated by an entity designated a non-profit under IRC § 501(c)(3) which only temporarily houses individuals by contract with the department of corrections as a transitional living program;
- (e) The sex offender residence board has granted an exemption for the offender.

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This Ordinance amendment shall become effective upon passage and publication. A complete copy of the ordinances can be obtained by calling (715-365-8600), emailing the City Clerk (azarda@rhinelanderwi.us); or in person at Rhinelander City Hall, Clerk's office.

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TEAM PREVIEW: RHS BOYS' SOCCER

Hodags look to maintain success with new cast

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

New head coach John Weigel admitted last Monday when practice began that he and the rest of the Rhinelander High School boys' soccer team have some pretty big shoes to fill following last season.

That almost goes without saying considering the success the Hodags experienced. After finishing second in the GNC, the Hodags went on a wild playoff run that included three penalty kick shootout victories and ultimately led to the team's first ever WIAA state tournament appearance.

But the Hodags lost 11 seniors from that squad and coach Nathan Bates stepped down at the end of the season. For the Hodags to attempt to replicate last year's success they'll have to do so with pretty much a new cast of characters.

"We do have quite a few boys that played on that state team from last year that are returning in key roles," coach Weigel said. "Then we have some juniors that are trying to step up into those big roles and fill them."

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Rhinelander's Landon Bates kicks a go-ahead field goal late in the fourth quarter of a non-conference football game at Tomahawk Friday, Aug. 18. Down 21-0 late in the first half, the Hodags rallied to defeat the Hatchets, 22-21.

RISING ABOVE ADVERSITY

Hodags erase 21-0 deficit, stun Tomahawk on late field goal

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

TOMAHAWK — Following a 1-8 season last year and a disastrous start to Friday night's season opener, it would have been easy for the Rhinelander High School football team to resign itself to another defeat.

The Hodags chose a different course, however, as they look to prove that seasons like last year — long the norm for Rhinelander football — are now the exception.

Landon Bates kicked a 19-yard field goal with three

seconds remaining as Rhinelander rallied from down 21-0 late in the first half to defeat the Tomahawk Hatchets 22-21 at Hatchet Field in Tomahawk.

Rhinelander played catch up most of the night after the Hatchets scored on their opening drive. The Hodags eventually found themselves down three scores after a pair of long touchdown passes from sophomore quarterback Rex Reilly to junior Brayden Larson. Senior James Heck rushed for 121 yards and three scores for the Hodags, who completed a stunning comeback.

"That's absolutely unbelievable, considering what happened in the first half," Hodag coach Aaron Kraemer said. "I tell you what. This one's too close for me, and I don't like it one bit. I love that we won but my heart can't take it."

Despite a large deficit, the Hodags' belief never wavered.

"I thought, first half, we had the upper hand even though they were winning," Heck said. "We shot ourselves in the foot a couple of times and that's where it came from. In the second half we just picked our boys

up and we knew we were going to win this game."

Tomahawk, with a new offense and new head coach in Dewey Reilly, roared out of the gate. The Hatchets marched 57 yards on 11 plays on the opening drive before Rex Reilly snuck it in from less than a yard. After the teams traded punts, the Hodags had back-to-back drives end with interceptions by new starting quarterback Truman Lamers. Tomahawk answered with long touchdowns after both turnovers.

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Hodag swimmers dominate at Merrill Relays

RHS wins 7 of 9 events to claim 12-team meet

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

MERRILL — Rhinelander figures to have a very strong girls' swim team this season. Thursday's season opener provided a glimpse into just how imposing the Hodags could be.

Rhinelander turned in a dominating performance, winning seven of nine events and taking second in the other two, as it won the 12-team Merrill Fun in the Sun Outdoor Relays going away.

The Hodags won all five events after intermission and defeated reigning Wisconsin Valley

Conference champion Stevens Point by 20 points for the overall title. Eleven different Hodags were part of at least one winning relay — including five of the team's six incoming freshmen.

"That was a lot of fun," coach Jenny Heck said. "All of our A and B relays were really successful, just our depth and the versatility of all the swimmers was really fun to see. We knew we'd have a lot of that this year, but to see it in the pool gives us a lot to look forward to."

Essentially, the meet turned into a dual between the Hodags and

the Panthers. Each squad won two of the first four events and were tied with 148 points at intermission. Rhinelander dropped the hammer after the break, taking all five events while Point finished second.

That included a 200-yard freestyle relay that included three freshmen, along with senior Sam Sundby. Vivian Lamers rallied from behind over the final 50 yards to hit the wall at 1 minute, 48.23 seconds and give the Hodags the win in that event by 0.53 seconds over Stevens Point.

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Rhinelander Abi Winnicki swims a leg of the 200-yard backstroke relay during the Merrill Relays girls' swim meet Thursday, Aug. 17 in Merrill. Winnicki was a part of four event victories, and the Hodags won seven of nine events overall to win the meet by 20 points over Stevens Point.

Hodag tennis wins all three at home quad

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Rhinelander High School girls' tennis team picked up its first three wins of the season on Friday, easily cruising past Ironwood, Mich., Merrill and Ashland to win its home quadrangular meet at the RHS tennis courts.

The Hodags started the day with a 6-1 win over Ironwood and then swept Merrill and Ashland 7-0.

After starting the season 0-3 against some tough competition last Tuesday at the Bay Port Invite, Hodag coach Matt Nichols said it was nice to get into the win column.

"It's great to get those early season matches, great to get the wins, build their confidence up and just get more experience playing and a lot of coach-

ing as we go through the early season here," he said.

Rhinelander won virtually all the matches convincingly, with one exception. The No. 1 doubles team of senior Kayla Tessmann and junior Karmen Lopez were pushed in all three of their rounds. Two of their matches went to match tiebreakers as they went 2-1 on the day.

Tessmann and Lopez dropped the first of those tiebreakers as Ironwood's Sarah Larson and Gio Lauzon rallied for a 5-7, 6-4, 10-3 victory. After defeating Merrill's Emily Frahm and Chloe Belant 6-3, 6-4, Tessmann and Lopez dropped their first set against Ashland's Ali Vitone and Makayla Bigo 1-6 before rallying to take the second set 6-1 and force a match tiebreaker.

Tessmann and Lopez led

most of the way in the tiebreaker, but could not convert on match point up 9-8. They then fended off a match point, down 10-9, before ultimately taking the tiebreaker, 13-11.

"No. 1 doubles was definitely the most competitive flight. I think it was just getting a little more chemistry between the two because they are fairly new partners," Nichols said. "It was a great day for them. We talked about that loss. It was just great experience early on through that match tiebreak. Any time you get to so that, it's just a great test of your mental game and your drive. They got a nice win over Ashland. That's a solid team and it's great to end that tourney with that win."

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Rhinelander's Kayla Tessmann plays a point at the net while teammate Karmen Lopez looks on during a girls' tennis match against Ironwood, Mich. at the RHS tennis courts Friday, Aug. 18. Tessmann went 2-1 together at No. 1 doubles on Friday as the Hodags won all three matches in their home quadrangular.

TEAM PREVIEW: RHS VOLLEYBALL

Hodag spikers ready to get back into GNC win column

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

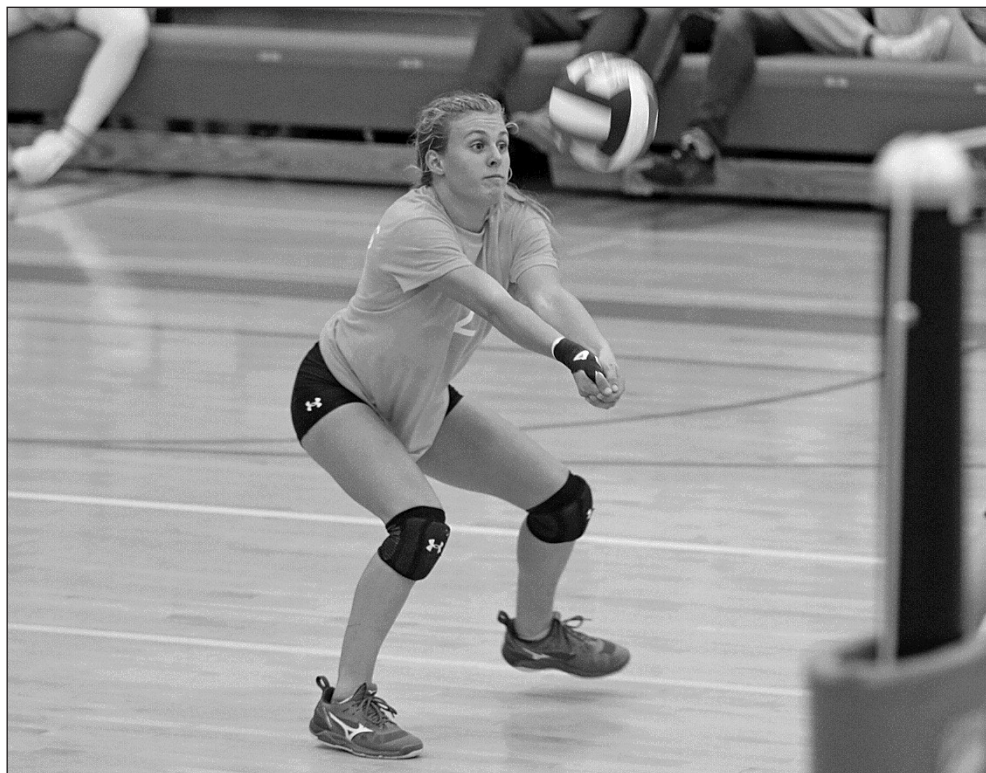
By the numbers, the Rhinelander High School volleyball team showed improvement last season. They won nine matches, their highest win total since 2017, and were more competitive in more sets last year, averaging 16.2 points per set in the Great Northern Conference, up more than two points from the previous year.

But there's one number that coach Dan Wolter and the Hodags are tired of seeing — 57. That's the number of consecutive matches Rhinelander has lost in the GNC dating back to 2017. It's a streak that spans three different head coaches and one the Hodags want to put an end to this year.

"That is goal No. 1 for me right now, get out of that conference loss column and getting competitive in our own conference once again," Wolter said last week as practice began for the season. "It's been a long time since that's happened and I think the girls this year are really chomping at the bit. They know it's kind of hanging on their shoulders like everyone else's."

The Hodags will get their first crack at finally getting off the conference canvas next Thursday when they host Antigo at home, but first the team will take on a trio of non-conference opponents in Chetek, Spencer and Hurley to kick off the season today in the Hodag Dome.

Rhinelander lost only four seniors from last year's squad, but they all played significant roles.



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In this Oct. 11, 2022 file photo, Rhinelander's Emma Chiamulera bumps the ball during a GNC volleyball match against Antigo at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium. Chiamulera returns for the Hodags this season after earning honorable mention in the GNC at libero last fall.

RHS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/22	HODAG QUAD	2 p.m.
8/25	Friendship Tourney at Wis. Dells	TBD
8/26	Friendship Tourney at Wis. Dells	TBD
8/31	ANTIGO*	7 p.m.
9/7	LAKELAND*	7 p.m.
9/9	at Ashland Invite	9 a.m.
9/12	at Mosinee*	7 p.m.
9/16	GNC Meet 1 at Antigo*	10 a.m.
9/19	NORTHLAND PINES*	7 p.m.
9/23	at Phillips Invite	7 p.m.
9/26	at Medford*	7 p.m.
9/30	HODAG INVITE	10 a.m.
10/3	TOMAHAWK*	7 p.m.
10/7	GNC Meet 2 at Tomahawk*	10 a.m.
10/10	at Antigo*	7 p.m.
10/12	CRANDON*	7 p.m.
10/17	WIAA Regionals	TBD

* Conference matches | HOME MATCHES IN CAPS

Ava Lamers led the team in a number of categories and was a six-rotation player for Rhinelander. In Maddi Roeser and Mor-

gan Boutelle, the team graduated its top two setters and the team also bid farewell to outside hitter Allie Dornfeld.

"We're looking for girls to step up and fill the shoes of the seniors that left and just kind of seeing what we've got as far as positional status, where people are most comfortable playing and can have the most success," Wolter said.

Rhinelander returns a fair amount of experience in the back row with senior libero Emma Chiamulera — the only returning all-conference selection for the team last year. She was fifth in the conference in digs per set (3.3) and had a team-high 298 digs overall on the season. Rhinelander also brings back sophomore defensive specialist Tori Stella.

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Dishaw sweeps B-Mods at Eagle River Speedway

Ontonagon, Michigan's Dave Dishaw sprinted into the lead from his pole position and fought off defending champion Jesse Aho in the closing laps to collect the B-Modified feature win at Eagle River Speedway last Tuesday.

With his heat win earlier in the night, Dishaw earned a sweep for the evening. The race was slowed by a caution on lap four when a four-car tangle eliminated the cars driven by Jason Zdroik and Kory Joliff. When racing resumed, Dishaw checked out only to have Aho thread his way through traffic in the final six laps to close the gap on Dishaw. Dishaw took the checkers with Aho settling for runnerup money. Veteran Beetle Bailey posted his best finish of the season in third. Austin Zdroik and Dan Melton placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Jason Zdroik picked up a caution-free victory in the Late Model feature earlier in the evening.

Eagle River's David Blackberg squeezed past Jonathan Miller for the lead with five laps remaining in a car borrowed from Jordan Kurtti to win the Stock Car feature.

Sugar Camp's Jason Eisel continued his dominance in the Street Stock class, capturing the division's feature win.

Prentice's Brent Mindock sweated out a lone caution period and kept his lead through a restart and cruised to victory in the Pure Stock feature. Mindock captured his heat race earlier in the evening, earning a clean sweep for the night.

Boulder Junction's Mya Towne sprinted into the lead at the drop of the green from her pole position and cruised to victory in the 600 Micro Sprint feature.

Hometown driver Mason Meier scored a thrilling, wire-to-wire victory in the 300 Micro Sprints. Meier fought off a race long challenge from Bentley Richer, Blake Joslin and Cooper Aho in the waning laps to collect the win in the caution free event.

Champions will be crowned tonight at Eagle River Speedway. It will be the final night of point racing for the track's regular divisions. The first green flag flies at 7 p.m.

WIS. SPORTS GLANCE



SCHEDULE
Aug. 16: L.A. Dodgers 7, Brewers 1
Aug. 17: L.A. Dodgers 1, Brewers 0
Friday: Brewers 9, Texas 8
Saturday: Brewers 6, Texas 1
Sunday: at Texas, late
Tuesday: vs. Minnesota, 7:10 p.m. (BSWI)
Wednesday: vs. Minnesota, 1:10 p.m. (BSWI)

MLB STANDINGS AS OF AUG. 19

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	80	42	.656	—	Baltimore	76	47	.618	—
Philadelphia	67	56	.545	13½	Tampa Bay	75	51	.595	2½
Miami	64	61	.512	17½	Toronto	68	56	.548	8½
N.Y. Mets	58	66	.468	23	Boston	65	58	.528	11
Washington	56	68	.452	25	N.Y. Yankees	60	63	.488	16
Central Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	67	57	.540	—	Minnesota	64	60	.516	—
Chicago Cubs	63	59	.516	3	Cleveland	59	65	.476	5
Cincinnati	64	60	.516	3	Detroit	56	67	.455	7½
Pittsburgh	55	68	.447	11½	Chicago White Sox	48	75	.390	15½
St. Louis	54	70	.435	13	Kansas City	40	85	.320	24½
West Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
L.A. Dodgers	76	47	.618	—	Texas	72	51	.585	—
San Francisco	64	59	.520	12	Houston	70	54	.565	2½
Arizona	64	61	.512	13	Seattle	68	55	.553	4
San Diego	59	66	.472	18	L.A. Angels	61	64	.488	12
Colorado	48	75	.390	28	Oakland	34	89	.276	38



PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Saturday: New England 21, Packers 17
Aug. 26: vs. Seattle, Noon (WAOW)

PRESEASON STANDINGS AS OF AUG. 19

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East	W	L	T	Pct	East	W	L	T	Pct
Miami	1	1	0	.500	Washington	1	0	0	1.000
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500
New England	1	1	0	.500	Philadelphia	0	1	1	.250
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	Dallas	0	2	0	.000
South					South				
W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct		
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	Atlanta	1	0	1	.750
Houston	1	1	0	.500	Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	Carolina	0	2	0	.000
North					North				
W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct		
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	Detroit	1	1	0	.500
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	Green Bay	1	1	0	.500
Cleveland	1	1	1	.500	Chicago	1	1	0	.500
Cincinnati	0	1	1	.250	Minnesota	0	2	0	.000
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Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	Seattle	2	0	0	1.000
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	San Francisco	1	1	0	.500
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	Arizona	1	1	0	.500
Denver	0	2	0	.000	L.A. Rams	0	2	0	.000

Volleyball

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“Having a returning libero that was all-conference and then Tori coming up being a contributing factor as a freshman, hopefully our serve-receive passing is going to be a little bit stronger this year because of that,” Wolter said.

Setter appears to be the biggest question mark at the start of the season. Senior Ava Krouze saw limited action at the position last year behind Roeser and Boutelle. Wolter said another senior, Maddie Ewan, and junior Lucy Lindner are also in the mix at the position.

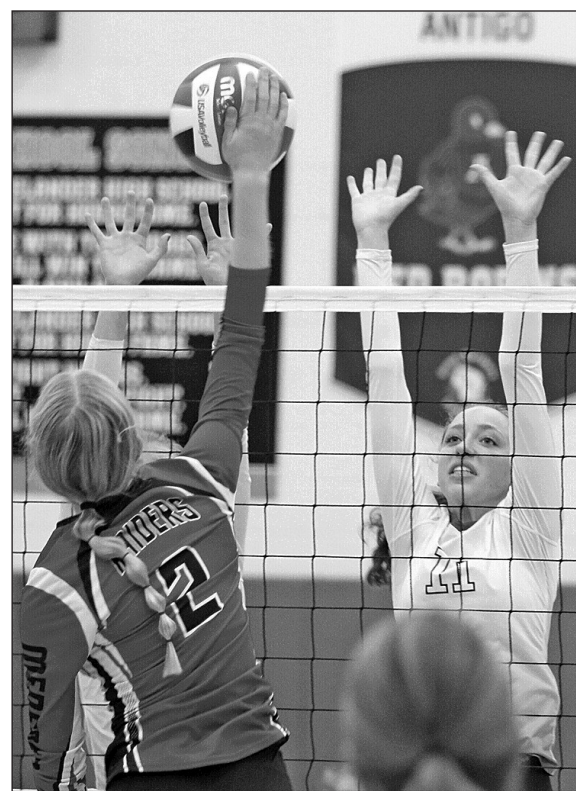
“Filling those two setter roles, there’s opportunities for girls to step in and take control of that position. That’s kind of what we’re looking for, girls that want to step up and take over,” he said. “It’s going to be an open competition for anybody but, right now, those are the three coming back from last year that could fill those roles.”

Up front, the Hodags return a number of players who saw time in the attack. Junior Kelsi Beran had the second-most kills for the team in GNC play (38), followed by senior Lily Treder (18) and junior Macey Schmoeger (15). Treder and Beran also provided some blocking at the net with 16 and 14 total blocks in GNC play, respectively. Seniors Mya Krouze and Lexi Robinson also figure to be in the front row rotation, along with sophomore Libbey Buchmann.

“I think there’s a lot of talent in that group. We’ll just see who’s going to put to the top,” Wolter said.

Rhinelanders begins the season with its normal slate of non-conference matchups. Today’s invite will be held in the Hodag Dome while a resurfacing project on the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium floor wraps up. The team then heads to Wisconsin Dells for a two-day tournament this weekend before opening the GNC at home against Antigo next Thursday.

The Hodags will have a few more home matches than usual this year. In addition to playing Antigo, Lakeland, Northland Pines and Tomahawk at home in league play, the team has a non-conference home match against Crandon Oct. 12 and will host a second invite Sept. 30.



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In this Sept. 27, 2022 file photo, Rhinelanders’ Kelsi Beran puts up a block against Medford’s Cami Rau during a GNC volleyball match at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium. Beran has the second-most kills for the Hodags last fall in GNC play.

As for the conference, Wolter said he expects many of the usual suspects to be near the top again, though there is some question as to if Tomahawk will be able to defend its league title after graduating a class that included GNC player of the year Meghan Scholz.

Above all else, Wolter said he wants to continue to see the program make gains this season.

“We had nine wins last year. The year before we had four. I’m hoping we can keep that ball rolling, get into double digits and get us a conference win,” he said. “Hopefully, with a lot of the girls returning that’s something where we can kind of get over the hump this year.”

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

EAGLE RIVER SPEEDWAY

Results — Tuesday, Aug. 15
B MODIFIEDS
Feature: 1, Dave Dishaw. 2, Jesse Aho. 3, Beetle Bailey. 4, Austin Zdroik. 5, Dan Melton. 6, Ryan Brown. 7, Judd Skubal. 8, Pete Paulus. 9, Jason Zdroik. 10, Kory Joliff. 11, Mitchell Wagner. DNS — Josh Fleischmann.
Heat 1: 1, D. Dishaw. 2, Bailey.
Heat 2: 1, D. Dishaw. 2, J. Aho.
LATE MODELS
Feature: 1, Jason Zdroik. 2, Austin Zdroik. 3, Josh Nevoraski. 4, Travis Friske. 5, Peyton Towne.
Heat 1: 1, Ja. Zdroik. 2, Nevoraski.
STREET STOCKS
Feature: 1, Jason Eisel. 2, Wyatt McIntyre. 3, Quentin Morrison. 4, Jason Melton. 5, Kim Brown. 6, Cortney Pirus. 7, Emerson Manos. 8, Blake Hartman. 9, Ryan Schuppler. 10, David Bennett. 11, Hunter Lester. 12, Colin Joliff. 13, Todd Gorny, Eagle River.
Heat 1: 1, J. Eisel. 2, Morrison.
Heat 2: 1, C. Joliff. 2, Manos.
STOCKS
Feature: 1, David Blackberg. 2, Jonathan Miller. 3, Trentin Bel. 4, Ron Hanestad. 5, Patrick Farley Jr. 6, Matt Cleary. 7, Jeff Zdroik. 8, Bruce Stanley. 9, David Scott.
Heat 1: 1, Miller. 2, Blackberg.
PURE STOCKS
Feature: 1, Brent Mindock. 2, Devin Fries. 3, Jason Melton. 4, Hope Eisel. 5, Cody Bauknecht. 6, Dave Bennett. 7, Chris Busche. 8, Trevor Schumann. 9, Teagan Melton. DNS — Katiin Pritzl.
Heat 1: 1, Mindock. 2, J. Melton.
Heat 2: 1, Fries. 2, H. Eisel.
600 MICRO SPRINTS
Feature: 1, Mya Towne. 2, Chase Richer. 3, Hoyt Courmoyer. 4, Max Nowak. 5, Kaeden Bethel. 6, Katherine Towne. 7, Dustin Kangas.
Heat 1: 1, B. Richer. 2, Joslin.
Heat 2: 1, Meier. 2, Ca. Aho.

CYCLING

HODAG BMX CLUB

Results — Monday, Aug. 14
9-10 Local Open: 1, Noah Biermeier. 2, Brayden Volkman. 3, Maddelynn Quandt. 4, Zakk Sorley. 5, Colton Welch.
3 Balance Bike: 1, Jenson May. 2, Vincent Halverson. 3, Liam Franklin.
6 Intermediate: 1, Greyson Frake. 2, Lilly Franklin. 3, Drak Deede.
6 Novice: 1, Emily Glasford. 2, Richard Smithy. 3, Weston Clasford.
8 Intermediate: 1, Ivan Carss. 2, Koen Carss. 3, Noah Kallio.
9 Novice: 1, Aierl Raferty. 2, Gavin

Grant. 3, Dakota Freix.
10 Cruiser: 1, Dominic McCarty. 2, Emmerich Crass. 3, Ivan Crass.
10 Intermediate: 1, Emmerich Crass. 2, Noah Biermeier. 3, Conner Kurilla. 4, Brayden Volkman. 5, Hailey Jackson.
10 Novice: 1, Colton Welch. 2, Robert Klem. 3, Kaylee Johnson. 4, Emerson Wehrman.
12 Cruiser: 1, Jackson Wergin. 2, Alec Pilat. 3, Eli Franklin.
12 Expert: 1, Eli Franklin. 2, Jackson Wergin. 2, Alec Pilat.
12 Intermediate: 1, Dominic McCarty. 2, Kailynn Juedes. 3, Teagun Mraz.
13 Cruiser: 1, Brody Huff. 2, Trevor Martin. 3, James Wergin.
13 Expert: 1, Brody Huff. 2, Trevor Martin. 3, James Wergin.
13 Novice: 1, Domaniqe Davis. 2, Maddelynn Quandt. 3, Jocelyn King.
14 Intermediate: 1, Wyatt Underwood. 2, Jayce Wergin. 3, Dalton McCarty.
15 Cruiser: 1, Robbie Deede. 2, Cole Biermeier. 3, Noah Spicer. 4, Jayce Wergin. 5, Dalton McCarty.
15 Expert: 1, Max McConnell. 2, Cole Biermeier. 3, Noah Spicer. 4, Cameron Goetz. 5, Kody Kallio.
17-20 Novice: 1, Hailey Gabor. 2, Raven Brooks. 3, McKalynn Davis.

FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Aug. 19

Team	W	L	GNC	Ovr
Hayward	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Rhinelanders	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Antigo	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Ashland	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Lakeland	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Medford	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Merrill	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Mosinee	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1

Friday’s Games
Wittenberg-Biramwood 56, Antigo 7 (NC)
Rhinelanders 22, Tomahawk 21 (NC)
New Richmond 44, Medford 24 (NC)
Wausau East 23, Lakeland 7 (NC)
Osceola 41, Merrill 0 (NC)
Stratford 33, Mosinee 14 (NC)
Hayward 21, Cumberland 14 (NC)
Northwestern 36, Ashland 6 (NC)
Friday, Aug. 25
Medford at Onataska (NC), 7 p.m.
Tomahawk at Lakeland (NC), 7 p.m.
Hurley at Ashland (NC), 7 p.m.
Hayward at Spooner (NC), 7 p.m.
Mosinee at Clintonville (NC), 7 p.m.
Sturgeon Bay at Antigo (NC), 7 p.m.
Merrill at Crandon (NC), 7 p.m.
Wausau East at Rhinelanders (NC), 7 p.m.

Rhinelanders at Tomahawk Friday, Aug. 18
Rhinelanders 0 6 6 10 — 22
Tomahawk 6 15 0 0 — 21

First Quarter
Tom — Reilly 1 run (run failed), 6:01.
Second Quarter
Tom — B. Larson 58 pass from Reilly (Reilly run), 11:48.
Tom — B. Larson 88 pass from Reilly (Horabik kick), 1:38.

Rhi — Heck 4 run (kick failed), :36.
Third Quarter
Rhi — Heck 21 run (pass failed), 6:46.
Fourth Quarter
Rhi — Heck 8 run (Bates kick), 6:34.
Rhi — Bates 19 field goal, :03.

PINEWOOD C.C.

Men’s League Tuesday, Aug. 15
Low Gross
38 — Ken Winnicki
39 — Brian Schmelling
41 — Doug Behn
42 — Mike Fleury, Mark Hendrickson, Tom Weimerskirch, Tom Felch
Low Net
32 — Nic Treder
33 — Gary Griesel, Gary Poast
34 — Donny Moore, Mark Hendrickson, Doug Behn
Birdies: Lee Richardson, Ricky Brice, Mark Hendrickson, Dan Pagel.
Wednesday Hodag League Wednesday, Aug. 16
Low Gross
42 — Kyle Christian
42 — Dan Lundberg, Nick Schiefelbein
43 — Mike Tolvstad
44 — Tyler Nehls
45 — AJ Berrell
Low Net
37 — Casey Gritzmacher, Mike Tolvstad, Tyler Nehls, Dave Meinnert
38 — Jim Kuczumski, Dan Lundberg
Birdies: Pete Metropoulos, Casey Gritzmacher, Tom Pontbriand.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Rhinelanders — Heck 19-120, Kurtz 8-78, Campbell, 8-49, Bates 4-39, Schwinger 3-20, Lamers 5-17, Schoppe 4-4, Team 2-(-27). Tomahawk — Reilly 15-91, B. Larson 7-35, C. Dickens 3-15, Seymour 3-11, Team 0-0, J. Dickens 1-(-1).
Passing: Rhinelanders — Lamers 6-12-2-82. Tomahawk — Reilly 3-8-0-166
Receiving: Rhinelanders — Bates 3-33, Campbell 2-28, Stott 1-16. Tomahawk — B. Larson 3-166.

GOLF

NORTHWOOD G.C.

Ladies League Tuesday, Aug. 15
Low Gross
42 — Carole Zierden
48 — Linda Grzesik
49 — Michele Berndt
Low Net
32 — Carole Zierden
35 — Michele Berndt
36 — Linda Grzesik
Low Putts
12 — Carole Zierden
15 — Kathy Smith
16 — Laurie Pohnl, Deb White, Sandy Anderson
4 Person Best Ball
30 — Carole Zierden/Patti Urquhart, Karen Cerny/Joan Karls

Men’s League Wednesday, Aug. 16
Low Gross
39 — Jayme Van Zile
40 — Todd Terzinski
42 — Pat Hunter
43 — Mike Crumley, Trent Coppinger
44 — Jeff Brock
Low Net
34 — Mike Crumley
35 — Mark Senoraske
36 — Pat Hunter, Trent Coppinger
37 — Todd Terzinski, Ron Teclaw, Jeff Brock, Jayme Van Zile
Eagle: Nate Schiveland (15)
Birdies: Ron Teclaw (13, 18), Todd Terzinski (16, 17), Dave Frasier (10), Pat Hunter (15), Jayme Van Zile (16).

SOCCER

PREP BOYS’ SOCCER

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Aug. 19

Team	Pts.	W-L-SW-SL	W-L-T	Overall
Antigo	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Lakeland	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Medford	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Mosinee	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
N’land Pines	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Rhinelanders	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

Tuesday’s Games
Rhinelanders at New London (NC), 6 p.m.
Three Lakes at Lakeland (NC), 6 p.m.
Wednesday’s Game
Wisconsin Heights at Mosinee (NC), 4 p.m.
Thursday’s Games
Antigo at Northland Lutheran (NC), 4:30 p.m.
Three Lakes at Northland Pines (NC), 6 p.m.
Medford at New London (NC), 6 p.m.
Wausau East at Rhinelanders (NC), 7 p.m.
Rice Lake at Lakeland (NC), 7 p.m.

SWIMMING

PREP GIRLS’ SWIMMING

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Aug. 19

Team	GNC
Antigo	0-0
Colby/Abbotsford	0-0
Ladysmith Co-op	0-0
Lakeland	0-0
Medford	0-0
Mosinee	0-0
Rhinelanders	0-0
Tomahawk	0-0

Thursday, Aug. 17
Pacelli 4, Medford 3
Marshfield Columbus 4, Phillips 3
Wausau Newman 7, Antigo 0
Lakeland 7, Merrill 0 (NC)
Friday’s Matches
Rhinelanders Quad (NC)
Rhinelanders 6, Ironwood, Mich. 1 (NC)
Rhinelanders 7, Merrill 0 (NC)
Rhinelanders 7, Ashland 0 (NC)
Monday’s Matches
Antigo at Merrill Triangular (NC), late
Rhinelanders at Wausau West Invite (NC), late
Thursday, Aug. 17

Rhinelanders 1st, Ladysmith Co-op 9th, Tomahawk 10th, Lakeland 11th, Antigo 12th/12, at Merrill Invite (NC)
Saturday’s Meet
Medford at Menomonie Invite (NC), late

Merrill Fun In The Sun Relays

Bierman Aquatic Center Thursday, Aug. 17
Team Scores: 1, Rhinelanders, 348 points. 2, Stevens Point, 328. 3, D.C. Everest, 300. 4, Merrill, 238. 5, Wausau West, 208. 6, Black River Falls, 198. 7, Rice Lake, 172. 8, Marshfield, 164. 9, Ladysmith Co-op, 136. 10, Tomahawk, 84. 11, Lakeland, 80. 12, Antigo, 68.
200 Medley Relay: 1, Stevens Point A, 1:53.92. 2, Rhinelanders A, 1:58.91. 3, Marshfield A, 1:59.86 ... 9, Rhinelanders B, 2:11.51.
400 Medley Class Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 4:23.67. 2, Stevens Point A, 4:29.90. 3, Wausau West A, 5:00.95.
500 Crescendo Freestyle Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 4:46.44. 2, Stevens Point A, 5:15.23. 3, Rhinelanders B, 5:17.40.
400 Individual Medley Relay: 1, Stevens Point A, 4:29.25. 2, Rhinelanders A, 4:29.53. 3, Marshfield A, 4:43.05 ... 6, Rhinelanders B, 5:00.16.
200 Butterfly Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 1:50.22. 2, Stevens Point A, 1:58.51. 2, D.C. Everest A, 2:02.77.
200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 1:48.23. 2, Stevens Point A, 1:48.76. 3, D.C. Everest A, 1:49.56 ... 6, Rhinelanders B, 1:56.04.
200 Backstroke Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 1:53.31. 2, Stevens Point A, 1:57.97. 2, D.C. Everest A, 2:09.02.
200 Breaststroke Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 2:10.66. 2, Stevens Point A, 2:21.28. 3, D.C. Everest A, 2:26.15 ... 8, Rhinelanders B, 2:39.93.
400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Rhinelanders A, 3:42.35. 2, Stevens Point A, 3:56.59. 3, Rhinelanders B, 4:05.29.

Tuesday’s Matches

Rhinelanders at Wausau West Invite (NC), 9 a.m.
Antigo at Marshfield Columbus, 4:30 p.m.
Medford at Phillips, 4:30 p.m.
Lakeland at Wausau Newman, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday’s Matches
Wausau Newman at Pacelli, 4:30 p.m.
Phillips at Antigo, 4:30 p.m.
Marshfield Columbus at Lakeland, 4:30 p.m.

Hodag Quad

Friday, Aug. 18
Rhinelanders 6, Ironwood, Mich. 1
Singles: 1, Tori Riopel, Rhi, def. Jacinta Lauzon, 6-0, 6-0. 2, Dawsyn Barkus, Rhi, def. Maddy Kane, 6-0, 6-0. 3, Shayla Coppenger, Rhi, def. Jaiden Demaray, 6-0, 6-0. 4, Maya Patrick, Rhi, def

Football

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Larsen got behind the Hodag secondary twice for scores of 58 and 88 yards to put the Hatchets ahead 21-0 with 1:51 left before half.

"Defensively, it was simply a lapse in concentration," Kraemer said. "I didn't think they truly earned their touchdowns. We just gave it to them."

Lamers nearly threw a third interception before the end of the half, but it was negated by a roughing the passer call on a late hit by Tomahawk's Patrick Samundsen. Owen Kurtz rumbled down the sideline for 40 yards on the next play, which set up a four-yard run by Heck two plays later as the Hodags trailed 21-6 at the break.

Rhinelanders cut the lead to nine on the opening drive of the third quarter, marching 61 yards on 10 plays, capped off by a 21-yard run off a deflected high snap that Heck caught in stride and took to the end zone.

After forcing another punt, the Hodags' comeback bid appeared to run out of steam when Sam Schoppe was stopped on a fourth-and-6 run at the 10 with 9:59 remaining, but the Hodags got the ball back after a Tomahawk punt and quickly moved into Hatchet territory on a 27-yard run by Bates that turned into a 42-yard play following a late hit. Three plays later, Heck scored from eight yards out to cut the lead to 21-19 with 6:34 to play.

Kraemer said Heck, who moved from quarterback to tailback in the offseason, simply balled out.

"By the end of the game, it was Ezekiel Elliott, feed me more," he said, referencing the former Dallas Cowboys' running back. "He was give me the ball, give me the ball, give me the ball. He took over. He did a great job taking over the football game in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, the wings picked him up right where he left up."

Tomahawk looked to milk clock late in the game, but Reilly was stopped short by Payton Campbell and Heck on fourth-and-2 from the Hodag 46, giving Rhinelanders one more chance with 1:57 remaining.

The Hodags overcame three procedure penalties on the final drive. Lamers hit Campbell for 22 yards to convert on third-and-19. A 13-yard pass from Lamers to Bates got Rhinelanders into the red zone. After Lamers had a third-down pass knocked away by Tomahawk's Caleb Dickens, Kraemer faced a decision on fourth-and-2 from the 3 with 6 seconds remaining.

"I never even thought about kicking a field goal, but it's fourth down



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Rhinelanders' James Heck reacts after scoring a touchdown during the third quarter of a non-conference football game at Tomahawk Friday, Aug. 18. Heck rushed for 121 yards and three touchdowns in Rhinelanders' 22-21 win.

and you've got the opportunity to," Kraemer said. "You've got a guy that's been working on it and he played the hero today at the end of the game. It goes to show, as a coach, you have to make sure you trust your players. You have to make sure you build them up throughout the game, because you never know who's going to come up with the biggest play at the end of the game."

Despite having an extra point blocked earlier in the game, Bates said he was confident as he stepped up for the go-ahead kick.

"I had no doubt," he said of his winning kick. "We do those all the time in practice. It's a little chip shot, we're good. I'll do it all season if we need to."

Tomahawk had one last gasp but Reilly, unable to find anything open downfield, was stopped at the Hodag 40 on a desperation scramble as time expired.

For Rhinelanders, it marked the second time in four years that it won its season opener thanks to a late field goal. Quinn Lamers booted a 21-yarder as the Hodags rallied to defeat Antigo in the opener of the COVID-shortened 2020 season. Rhinelanders went 8-1 that year, winning both of its games in the WIAA culminating event.

"This one I think took a little extra courage, a little extra fortitude and the guys just kept believing that they could do it," Kraemer said. "That's what was good about that (2020) team too. They always believed they were in it. There were five, six games that year that we were down in and we managed to come back. If these guys have the

same fortitude like that group did, which I think they do, then we're in for a helluva season."

Ground and pound

While Rhinelanders showed plenty of balance in preseason camp, the Hodags relied heavily on power running game to wear down the Hatchet defense. The Hodags racked up 301 yards on the ground on 54 carries Friday night. That's roughly 40% of Rhinelanders' total from last year when it rushed for only 727 yards on the season.

"The hogs up front played unbelievable today, on both sides of the football, but up front, offensively, we did what we wanted to do," Kraemer said. "We tried to run away from Caleb (Dickens) in the first half, but we just continued to run the ball. It didn't matter in the second half. Late in the game we had to pass, and they did a great job setting edges, a great job protecting Truman."

Battle of attrition

Heck was forced to carry the load in the backfield after Owen Kurtz left the game late in the third quarter due to cramps and did not return. Kraemer said he did not believe Kurtz will be out long-term.

Struggles with hydration proved to be a story on both sides with a number of players coming off the field, especially in the second half, with what appeared to be cramps.

"It's a weird temperature. It's cool, but it's hot on the turf," Kraemer said. "It's early in the season. The kids haven't had those miles on them and, yeah, for Owen I think it's something we always deal with.

He's got hyperhidrosis. It's something he lives with, that sweat."

Statbook

Kurtz had 78 yards on eight carries for Rhinelanders, Campbell had eight carries for 49 yards and Bates had 39 yards on four carries. Lamers was 6 of 12 passing for 82 yards with a pair of interceptions.

Reilly rushed for 91 yards and a score, and passed for 166 yards and two scores for Tomahawk.

The Hatchets finished with 317 yards of offense, but were limited to only three first downs after halftime as Rhinelanders controlled the clock. The Hodags possessed the ball for 29:35 to Tomahawk's 18:25.

One of two

Rhinelanders was one of only two GNC teams to pull out a victory in Week 1. Hayward scored a 21-14 win over Cumberland on Friday night. Otherwise the GNC went 2-6, with all six losses by 16 points or more.

Up next

Tomahawk (0-1) travels to Lakeland this coming Friday while Rhinelanders (1-0) hosts Wausau East. The Lumberjacks, playing their first 11-man varsity football game since 2020, defeated Lakeland 23-7 in Friday night's opener.

"We're going to have to get back to our fundamentals next week," Kraemer said. "We're going to have to get back to the drawing board, defensively, and make sure we have everything shored up and then take on a tough Wausau East team."

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Tennis

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The Hodags were not pushed in singles, dropping a total of four games in 24 sets on the day. Shayla Coppenger did not lose a game in three matches as she went undefeated at No. 3 singles. Tori Riopel cruised at No. 1 singles, Dawsyn Barkus picked up three wins at No. 2 singles and Maya Patrick won all three matches at No. 4 singles.

"Most of the singles weren't contested much, but I saw a lot of consistency, which is huge," Nichols said. "Regardless of who you're playing, you still have to keep the ball in. That was nice, and we did work some finishing shots into games here and there."

Brooke Sisel and Evelyn Sawyer had a nearly flawless day as they did not drop a single game en route to three straight-set wins at No.



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Rhinelanders Shayla Coppenger hits a return during a girls' tennis match against Ironwood, Mich. at the RHS tennis courts Friday, Aug. 18. Coppenger did not drop a game on Friday as she won all three of her matches at No. 3 singles.

2 doubles. Teagan Turcotte went 3-0 with two different partners at No. 3 doubles. Turcotte and Willow Van-

DenHeuvel scored a 6-0, 6-0 win in the Ironwood match. Turcotte and Maddie Legrey won 6-0, 6-3 against Merrill

and were the pairing of record in a forfeit win against Ashland, which did not field a team at No. 3 doubles.

"We got to see Evelyn and Brooke be really competitive at that No. 2 position," Nichols said. "They're just very solid all around. They worked a lot on volleys and they're getting some nice putaway shots. No. 3 doubles, we're still trying to figure out who's going to fill that position, but we got a nice look at a couple of different options."

The Hodags ended their first week of competition exactly at .500. Not only is the team 3-3 in dual meets, they have an individual match record of 21-21 through six duals. While still working through some different possible combinations at No. 3 doubles, Nichols said the first week of competition has gone a long way toward solidifying the Hodags' lineup.

"It's coming together and I'm excited for it. It's nice to get to watch and gather some data moving into a big tournament week next week," he said.

Rhinelanders will have a chance to collect plenty more data points this week as it travels to Wausau for a pair of two-day tournaments. The Hodags were in Wausau yesterday and return today for the first of the two invites and will return to Wausau Friday and Saturday.

"I think we'll kind of find that middle ground. We had really competitive (matches) at Bay Port, some less competitive matches here, but West, I think those will be really, really competitive, pretty equal across the board," Nichols said. "I'm excited for some competitive matches, watch them get pushed, and push other teams."

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Relays

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"That was a fun race. I was proud of them," coach Heck said. "They have a lot of speed and to come in as confident as freshmen and get that win (is something). Vivian's really a strong sprinter and I knew she'd have a good race. She just loves the competition so I think she wanted it a little more than the girl next to her too."

Ella Heck and June Chiamulera joined Lamers and Sundby on that relay. Lamers was part of three relay wins on the day, as was fellow freshman Celia Francis. Ella Heck was part of two wins while Chiamulera and Kiley Pooch were part of one win each.

It was a good day for seniors, too. Abi Winnicki and Karis Francis were each four-event winners on the day. They swam together with junior Ellyse Younker in the 500 crescendo freestyle relay (4:46.44), the 200 butterfly relay (1:50.22) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:42.35). They swam with Celia Francis in both the crescendo and 400 free relay, and junior Lily Thorsen in the butterfly.

Winnicki was part of the winning 200 backstroke relay (1:53.31) with Pooch, sophomore Emma Houg and Celia Francis. Karis Francis was on the winning 200 breaststroke relay (2:10.66) with Thorsen, Lamers and Ella Heck.

Houg, Sundby, Thorsen and Lamers swam to victory in the 400 class medley relay (4:23.67), which required teams to have one swimmer represented from each grade level.



Rhinelanders' Karis Francis swims a leg of the 200-yard breaststroke relay during the Merrill Relays girls' swim meet Thursday, Aug. 17 in Merrill. Francis was a part of four event victories.

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Rhinelanders' Vivian Lamers swims the freestyle leg of the 400-yard medley relay during the Merrill Relays girls' swim meet Thursday, Aug. 17 in Merrill. Lamers, a freshman, was part of three event victories on the day.

"We have so much depth that we knew that we could do well in the fly, breast,

back, those relays," coach Heck said. "We can only put together four for an A

relay when we really have six that we could put together for a fast combination. We tried to get every to swim one of their favorite events and maybe an event that might not have been their favorite, but we needed them to do."

Rhinelanders added runner-up finishes in the 200 medley and 400 individual medley relays. Senior Margaret Lambert, Ella Heck, Younker and Celia Francis made up the team in the 200 medley while Houg, Lamers, Ella Heck and Thorsen swam the 400 IM.

The Hodags added a pair of third-place finishes with non-scoring B relays. Lambert, Pooch, freshman Rylee Mickevicius and Chiamulera took third in the 500 crescendo. Chiamulera,

Lambert, Pooch and Houg were third in the 400 freestyle relay.

Despite all the success, coach Heck said she saw plenty of details the team can still perfect.

"As a coach, that's what you look at," she said. "We're already looking at the details of things we're going to do tomorrow morning at practice and things we can improve on. I'm going to keep pushing and keep things in perspective here."

"It's great that I can get that specific with some of the things the girls are working on that, a lot of times, we're not doing until the end of season. That's a really good problem to have."

Wisconsin Valley Conference teams Stevens Point, D.C. Everest, Merrill and Wausau West rounded out the top five on Thursday. The Hodags, seeking their fifth straight Great Northern Conference title, bolstered their case as the early-season favorite. Conference rivals Ladysmith, Tomahawk, Lakeland and Antigo finished ninth through 12th, respectively.

Coach Heck called it a fun way to start the season.

"That was the goal of today's meet," she said. "We said we were going to go out here to have fun. We've been training so hard the last couple weeks and this was almost like a reward day just to actually compete and not to have to train."

Next up, the Hodags travel to Colby/Abbotsford on Wednesday for an individual pentathlon meet.

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Soccer

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The Hodags graduated six of their seven All-GNC selections from last year. The lone returning player from that group is senior Will Quinn, who earned first-team honors as a midfielder. He's expected to have a big role in the attack this year.

Fellow seniors Mason Shinnars and Matthew King also will likely figure prominently. Both had goals as Rhinelanders erased a 2-0 deficit in the playoffs at GNC champion Medford before the Hodags eventually won in penalties.

"I think Will Quinn has stepped up huge. He was a huge player last year and I think he's one of the top midfielders in the conference," coach Weigel said. "Mason's improved a ton, his shot, his power. We have a lot of juniors that are now seniors that I think will do really good."

Goalkeeper Cooper Radke, who made a number of pressure-packed saves in last year's tournament run, also graduated. Junior Barak Rappley, who served as the Hodags' backup keeper last year, will step into the starting role this fall.

"Barak has worked under Gavin and Cooper for a couple of years and has had a lot of good practice," coach Weigel said. "I think our keeper is right up there with them. We've had some good keepers in the past."

It will also be on a mainly new defensive line. Only senior Neil Weigel returns from last year's unit, which graduated defensive co-player of the year Charlie Heck along with other defensive stalwart Leo Losch.

"The other three are stepping into new shoes," coach Weigel said. "That's what practice is for. We're



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In this Sept. 13, 2022 file photo, Rhinelanders' Will Quinn reacts after scoring the go-ahead goal in the second half of a GNC boys' soccer game against Mosinee at Mike Webster Stadium. Quinn, a senior is the lone returning all-conference selection from last year's Hodag team that reached the WIAA Division 3 state tournament.

working on it and trying to get it back to the spot where Leo Losch and Charlie were."

Will Gretzinger, Garrett Younker and Dalton Fritz round out the list of returning seniors.

Quinn, Shinnars, King and Neil Weigel are serving as team captains this year. Though a number of pieces are different, Quinn said he's still optimistic about what the season may bring.

"We've got a lot of good players returning," he said. "We've got a lot of kids stepping up. Just go out there, give it our all and I think we can make a good run for it. I'm excited to see what this season holds."

Though Rhinelanders lost a number of key players, so did its two chief rivals in the GNC last year — Medford and Lakeland. Because of that, coach Weigel said the conference may be as even as it's ever been this year.

"It's going to be a tough conference this year," he said. "It seems like, even in past year, it's almost

like that football saying, 'any given Sunday.' Any given Tuesday or Thursday any team could beat any team with just a set piece or a good cross or something.

"Medford, it seems like they lose 11 seniors every year and come back with a tough team. It should be interesting to see. Last year Eagle River (Northland Pines) had a young team. It seemed like Mosinee had a lot of young players that were really good."

It's worth noting that the Hodags ended Friday morning's practice by taking penalty kicks. That practice obviously served Rhinelanders well in last year's playoffs and Weigel said it will likely come in handy again this season, considering the perceived parity in the GNC.

"It's one of the things the kids like to do a lot. They have fun. You can see there smiling over there practicing them. It paid off huge," he said. "Three of our final games ended in PKs. Nowadays conference games don't end in ties. It's a big part of the

RHS BOYS' SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/22	at New London	6 p.m.
8/24	WAUSAU EAST	7 p.m.
8/29	MEDFORD*	7 p.m.
8/31	at Antigo*	4:30 p.m.
9/7	LAKELAND*	7 p.m.
9/9	HODAG INVITE	10 a.m.
9/12	MOSINEE*	7 p.m.
9/14	at Northland Pines*	4:30 p.m.
9/21	at Medford*	7 p.m.
9/23	HAYWARD	Noon
9/28	ANTIGO*	7 p.m.
9/30	WIS. RAPIDS	11:30 a.m.
10/3	at Lakeland*	7 p.m.
10/5	at Mosinee*	7 p.m.
10/6	at Merrill	7 p.m.
10/12	NORTHLAND PINES	7 p.m.
10/17	WIAA Regionals	TBD

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game, and a lot of those conference games are not really blowouts. They're 1-0, 2-1 games. Could you end in a PK shootout? It's pretty likely nowadays."

The Hodags will start to see how this year's team comes together tonight when it travels to New London for the regular season opener. Rhinelanders comes home to host Wausau East in non-conference play on Thursday and will start GNC play at Mike Webster Stadium next Tuesday with a sectional semifinal rematch against Medford.

"We obviously have those big lofty goals," coach Weigel said. "Every team wants to make it to the big games at the end, but I think we're going to slowly take it game by game. We'll start with New London, then look toward Wausau East and get into conference."

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Death Grip

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Binge drinking inflicts most harm

About 65% of Wisconsin's adults reported having at least one drink over the previous 30 days — far above the 55% national estimate, according to 2019 federal survey data.

But binge drinking inflicts most alcohol-related harm, said Maureen Busalacchi, director of the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project, part of the Comprehensive Injury Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Binge drinking consists of four to five alcohol servings over two hours. Any alcohol consumed by underage and pregnant people is excessive, and heavy drinking involves one to two drinks daily, Busalacchi said.

"While it doesn't sound like a lot, it definitely raises your risk for all kinds of issues, including cancer, and if you need to drink every day, you probably should talk to somebody," Busalacchi said.

About one-third of Wisconsin adults in 2019 reported binge drinking in the previous month, more than any state except for North Dakota.

That thirst has proved deadly.

Wisconsin experienced 1,077 alcohol-induced deaths in 2020, up from 865 in 2019, a Wisconsin Policy Forum report found. The tally included deaths from poisoning and certain liver, digestive and neurological diseases. It excluded accidents, falls, cancers and suicide. The nearly 25% increase was the biggest one-year jump in two decades.

Alcohol death trends predated pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic may have fueled the deadly trend, as people already facing an alcohol use disorder stayed home and drank more, Busalacchi suggested.

"Maybe health care wasn't accessible. We're not sure of all the reasons," she said.

But alcohol killed a growing number of Wisconsinites even before the pandemic. From 2000 to 2010, statewide alcohol-induced deaths increased by nearly 27% before more than doubling over the next decade. Nearly two-thirds of the 2010-to-2020 surge predated the pandemic, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

All age groups experienced more alcohol-induced

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deaths over the time period.

Meanwhile, liver disease has increasingly affected younger people, particularly women.

"Normally that was a disease in your 50s and 60s, but we're seeing it in women in their 30s because of the high-intensity drinking," Busalacchi said.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum report highlighted racial disparities in deaths. The alcohol-related death rate for Black Wisconsinites has surged in the last decade. Despite a slight reduction in 2020, the death rate of 15.6 per 100,000 remained among the highest nationwide. American Indian or Alaska Natives in Wisconsin died at a far higher rate than any other race in 2020: 66 per 100,000 people.

Those figures exclude motor vehicle accidents, where alcohol can factor heavily.

While Wisconsin has seen a long-term decline in deaths related to drunk driving, a separate Wisconsin Policy Forum report found a near 50% increase — from 52 to 78 — in alcohol-involved crash fatalities during the study period in 2020, relative to 2019. More impaired and reckless driving during the pandemic helped drive the trend, researchers said.

As of May 1, alcohol was involved in at least 10 of 16 fatal snowmobile crashes in 2023, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

County health departments typically rank alcohol abuse in their top three priorities, Busalacchi said. But initiatives to address the problem remain underfunded.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services lacks designated alcohol subject matter experts, says Maggie Northrop, the agency's Healthy Wisconsin coordinator.

"In Wisconsin, we seem to give up and chuckle at those drunks," said Eich of the state Office of Rural Health.

Fury over drunk driving fuels action

The advocacy nonprofit Mothers Against Drunk Driving wants Wisconsin to join 45 other states in a Driver License Compact —

helping states exchange data related to license suspensions and traffic violations. Wisconsin's lack of membership may allow people who drive drunk outside of their home state to face fewer consequences.

In 2018, Austin Lockwood, 23, was riding in the passenger seat of Eric Labahn's Chevy Trailblazer in Three Lakes, where Lockwood was helping Labahn, an Illinois resident, clean a cabin.

Labahn, who had just turned 21, told police he swerved to avoid a deer before smashing into a tree, killing Lockwood.

Labahn survived and refused a blood test at the scene, according to media reports. A test hours later showed a blood alcohol concentration of .117, well above the legal limit of .08.

Labahn faced charges of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle but kept legally driving for a year and a half after the crash.

Since Wisconsin is not in the Driver's License Compact, Illinois officials were not alerted of the crash and did not suspend his license.

Labahn surrendered his Illinois license several months later and moved to Wisconsin, which granted him a license, allowing him to drive legally while the case was still pending.

Wisconsin law requires a one-year license suspension for drivers who refuse a blood alcohol test, but it gave Labahn the right to a hearing on the suspension — and to keep his license ahead of that hearing, which faced delays tied to the homicide case.

"It's infuriating," Sheila Lockwood said. "He had no consequences for a year and a half. He went out and partied. He went to Cubs games. He was celebrating his college graduation. And our lives are literally destroyed."

In October 2019, the driver Eric Labahn was sentenced to three years of initial prison confinement with four additional years of extended supervision. Lockwood believes her efforts to raise awareness — yielding more than 80 victim impact letters sent to the judge — led to the steeper penalty than what the state recommended.

A month later, Lockwood joined Gov. Tony Evers as he signed Wisconsin Act 31, establishing a mandatory minimum five-year sentence for those convicted of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle.

The law allows shorter terms "if the court finds a compelling reason and places its reason on the record."

Lockwood pushed for a heavier penalty against Labahn. "But nothing would ever be enough. Because it'll never bring Austin back."

Little traction on the state level

Wisconsin remains a national outlier in its lax penalties for intoxicated driving — particularly for first and second-time offenders.

While most states classify a first Operating While Intoxicated charge as a misdemeanor, for instance, Wisconsin considers it a non-criminal charge without jail or prison penalty. First-time offenders in Wisconsin typically face a fine and a driver's license revocation for six to nine months.

The state requires interlocking devices for drivers who refuse to take breathalyzer tests at traffic stops and all repeat offenders. The requirements don't extend to first-time convicted drivers unless their blood alcohol concentration measures .15 or higher.

When ignition interlocks are installed, drivers must blow into the mouthpiece, allowing a device to measure their breath alcohol content. The vehicle will not start if the driver's alcohol content is above 0.02%, below the 0.08% legal limit for blood alcohol concentration.

Interlocks reduce repeat drunk driving offenses by about 70% while installed, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has spent years urging Wisconsin lawmakers to extend interlock mandates to all first-time offenders and join 34 states and the District of Columbia that require them for all people convicted of drunk driving.

Evers, a Democrat, proposed such a change in his 2023-25 budget.

The Legislature's Republican-controlled Joint Committee on Finance removed the provision along with hundreds of others before Evers ultimately signed the budget in July.

Most alcoholism goes untreated

For those seeking help with alcohol addiction? Wisconsin has a shortage of treatment providers, and high costs further limit options, said Busalacchi of the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project.

An estimated 80% of Americans with an alcohol use disorder never receive treatment, and 14% of those who don't seek help cite cost as a barrier, a Recovery Research Institute study found. The most common reason for avoiding treatment: The thinking that "I should be strong enough to handle it on my own."

The Department of Health Services in February released a state health improvement plan focused on building community-based solutions rather than an individualistic approach. It includes addressing issues that fall outside of the typical domain of public health agencies, such as access to housing, childcare and other resources. Busalacchi said a community approach could help tackle Wisconsin's alcohol problems.

Seeking solutions

An example is Operation River Watch, formed to monitor Riverside Park in La Crosse after eight college students between 1997 and 2006 were found to have drowned in the Mississippi River after excessive drinking. Volunteers have prevented further drownings by making sure people don't enter the park at late hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The CDC's community-based recommendations to reduce alcohol consumption include taxing alcohol, limiting the density of alcohol outlets through zoning or licensing policies, using liability laws to prevent sales to underage people and limiting liquor store hours.

Focusing solely on individuals rather than communities won't address the full scope of Wisconsin's alcohol problem, Busalacchi said.

"Population-level approaches work best versus only doing individual things," she said. "You kind of have to do both, right?"

Wisconsin Watch's Rachel Hale contributed reporting to this story.

Overdose

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As is required by Wisconsin law, the court inquired as to whether any family members of the decedent wished to address the issue of bail. The decedent's parents declined the opportunity to speak.

Oneida County circuit court judge Mike Bloom ultimately choose to set a \$9,000 signature bond to be combined with a \$1,000 surety bond to

be cosigned by Walker's family.

He also warned Walker that she's in a "one strike and you're out" situation with respect to bail.

Walker is accused of being "the middleman" in a drug transaction wherein the Rhinelander man purchased heroin and methamphetamine. According to the criminal complaint, the man was found dead in his Rhinelander home days after the alleged transaction took place in western Wisconsin.

The state crime lab later determined his cause of death was mixed drug toxicity/overdose (fentanyl and methamphetamine).

The criminal complaint details the police investigation that took place after a family member found the man deceased.

"A large pile of white crystalline substance" was located on a dresser and a bed in the room where he was found, and other drug paraphernalia was located elsewhere

in the residence, the complaint states.

A family member who had been living with the deceased told police the man had been "acting weird" and "bumping into things" the night before his death. The family member also told police the man had recently traveled to the Tomah area and was acting "very hyper" since he returned.

The complaint also details investigators' application for and use of search warrants to

obtain Facebook and phone records tying Walker to the deceased, including references to a meeting between the two in La Crosse County days before the man was found dead.

In mid-May, Rhinelander officers interviewed Walker while she was being held in the La Crosse County jail, the complaint notes. During the interview, she admitted to being involved in a transaction between the deceased and individuals in La

Crosse County in late January.

"I guess it's my fault if I'm the middleman," she said, according to the complaint.

During Wednesday's appearance, Walker waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over for trial. She is scheduled to be arraigned on Sept. 11.

The Class C felony carries a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison.

Heather Schaefer may be reached at heather@rivernewsonline.com.

NORTHWOODS

MARKETPLACE

100. ANNOUNCEMENTS

130. LOST & FOUND



Lost Cat named Scout! Orange and White male, front declawed, neutered. Lost in Woodboro 7/21. Reward 715-490-6097 & 715-490-1836.

140. MISCELLANEOUS

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250. EMPLOYMENT

258. EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE

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260. EMPLOYMENT FOOD SERVICE

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264. EMPLOYMENT TRADE/SKILL

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300. FOR RENT

320. FOR RENT APARTMENTS

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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

470. FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS

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490. FOR SALE ITEMS UNDER \$50

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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

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

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GARAGE SALE FRIDAY & SATURDAY August 25th & 26th 3825 Shangri-la Road Eagle River, WI 8:00 am To 4:00 pm

Many antiques & vintage items. Furniture: dressers with mirrors, hutches, end tables, tables and chairs, desks, many chests of drawers, cedar chests and trunks. 8 x 12 storage shed. Many table lamps. Beautiful dish sets. Also have carnival glass, depression glass, milk glass and crystal. Silverware and many silver and silver plate items. Beer mugs and beautiful glassware. Also toy cars and trucks. Collector dolls and jewelry. Metal lawn table and chair sets, and many other items.

Take Highway 45 North of Eagle River to Highway 17. Go 2 1/2 miles to BOONE'S BUILDING SUPPLY SIGN, turn right onto Shangri la Road or take Highway 70 continued next column



540. GARAGE / RUMMAGE SALES

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RH. 4500 Three Point Ln. August 25, 26 and 27. 10am-3pm. His and hers 7 speed bikes, like new. New 1200 watt generator, bar items, mirrors and tins, Nascar collectibles. Coffee and end tables, 6 1/2' truck tunnel cover, men's and ladies jackets, like new women's snowmobile gear, a lot of free items!

RH: 2 party sale. 1316 Dorothy St, August 24th-26th, 8- 4. Bedroom set with clean bed, fishing items, power ice auger, misc. household items

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550. MISCELLANEOUS

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700. VEHICLES

710. VEHICLES AUTOMOBILES

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800. SERVICES

820. SERVICES CONSTRUCTION / REMODELING

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