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At public hearing, DNR management of deer herd is criticized
Walker says setting population goals is essential; DNR numbers questioned

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

At a joint public hearing last week, state lawmakers heard again that the state Department of Natural Resources is not managing the state's deer herd as it needs to be, and that the situation represents a looming crisis. That prompted a legislative hearing in Madison earlier this year, and a follow-up joint hearing in Park Falls on August 28 by the Assembly Committee on Sporting Heritage and the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage, this time specifically focusing on what many hunters call a dire situation in northern Wisconsin. At the earlier hearing, a group of hunters including *Lakeland Times* and *River News* publisher Gregg Walker urged the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to abandon its current county-based system of deer management and to return to a unit-based system based on habitat rather than county lines.

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Appeals court affirms circuit court decision in jail transfer dispute

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

The Third District Court of Appeals in Wausau has disposed of an appeal filed

by a Michigan man who alleged that Oneida County circuit judge Mike Bloom erred when he declined to order sheriff Grady Hartman to allow the man to

serve his four-month jail sentence on a child enticement charge in another county. Because Jeremy Alquist completed his jail sentence

before the first appeal brief was even filed, the issue is moot, the appeals court ruled Wednesday. See **Transfer**. . . page 9



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END OF THE ROAD

Scott Pietsch, left, looks on as KISS bassist Gene Simmons signs a guitar case for him during a meet-and-greet in Rhinelander Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023. Pietsch and his wife, Holly Rose, were especially excited to meet Simmons as an essay Rose wrote about Simmons' marketing acumen helped her secure a scholarship that covered one year of schooling at Nicolet College as she worked toward a degree in marketing. Simmons was in Rhinelander promoting his new vodka which is made in Wisconsin (see story on Page 2). Simmons and KISS performed in Crandon on Friday, Sept. 1 as part of their End of the Road world tour.

Oneida County zoning hammers Minocqua businesses

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Even as the Oneida County zoning committee has given downtown Minocqua business owner Kirk Bangstad more time to fashion an acceptable conditional use permit application for an outdoor beer garden despite more than a year of infractions of his now-revoked permit, the county zoning department has lowered the boom on 12 other downtown businesses for alleged

noncompliant outdoor activities, ordering immediate compliance and/or the payment of large after-the-fact permit fees. While Bangstad's conditional use permit application stems from his resistance to the county's and town's parking standards, among other things, the 12 businesses targeted by the zoning department late last month involve alleged minor violations for such things as providing a bench for

use by the general public while strolling along main street. Oneida County zoning director Karl Jennrich issued the letters on August 24, after sending zoning staff around town to search for violations, which range from providing non-service outdoor seating to merchandise displays under story entryways to having a few planters. See **Zoning**. . . page 10

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Newbold town chair shares update on community center

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Newbold town chairman Dan Hess offered an update Aug. 31 on construction of the town's new community center.

It should be completed in about two months, he said as he displayed the project's budget for everyone.

"The loan is at \$1.5 million, the interest is at \$40,000 already on that loan," Hess said, noting that the town board has spent nearly \$650,000 for the project so far.

He said the project is well within its budget and nothing has been spent out of its contingency fund yet.

Hess indicated, though, at least some of the money from the contingency fund — which has a balance of \$150,000 — will be used at some point.

"So we're doing very well so far," he said. "And I don't expect much more for change orders."

The board subsequently approved \$4,801 in change orders.

COVID-relief funding

amounting to about \$287,000 has been set aside for the project as well. Hess told *The Lakeland Times* Sept. 1, none of that funding has been used yet, but added he thinks the town will need to use "probably a couple hundred (thousand)."

"I don't think we'll use the whole thing, but I'm not positive yet," he said.

Hess also noted at the meeting, donations for the project sit at a total of about \$16,000. He asked town supervisor Petra Pietrzak if she had any thoughts on that.

"I think if we want to trigger some more donations, we probably need to do something," she said. "Not that I have any great ideas right now."

Among other things, the town did send a mailer out to notify the community and garner interest.

"I'll feel better once we recoup what the mailing cost us," Pietrzak said.

Trevor Greene may be reached via email at trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com.



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A boom operator with Chuck's Excavating of Manitowish Waters works to remove a float plane that flipped over upon landing on Island Lake in Boulder Junction on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023.

No serious injuries in Labor Day float plane incident

Single engine aircraft flipped over on Island Lake

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

A Madison man escaped serious injury on Monday when the single engine float plane he was flying flipped over upon landing on Island Lake in Boulder Junction.

Matthias Statz sustained a scraped knee and what Boulder Junction fire chief Jason

Maurer said Tuesday were “some bumps and bruises,” as a result of the mishap.

The plane Statz was flying had to be removed from the lake by a Manitowish Waters excavating company.

On Tuesday morning, the company took the aircraft to a private landing and tipped it onto its wheels and floats.

There were initial concerns about fuel leakage from the aircraft and Maurer said as a precautionary measure, Boulder Junction fire department personnel

deployed fuel absorbent fuel spill booms.

"The fuel tanks were all sealed and there were check valves," he reported. "Nothing serious. There was no death. Luckily, everybody came out safe and that's the main outcome."

The incident is being investigated by personnel with the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Brian Jopek may be reached via email at bjopek@lakelandtimes.com.



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Timothy David Kurilla



Timothy David Kurilla, 76, of the Town of Crescent, passed away on Thursday morning, August 31, 2023, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital.

Tim was born in Rhinelander on March 16, 1947, to George and Evelyn (Skowern) Kurilla. Raised in Rhinelander, Tim graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1965. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1970.

He was employed as a baker, auto mechanic, and worked on the family farm. He began his employment at Printpack in 1981, retiring in 2010.

He was a proud donor to the D.A.V.

Tim enjoyed cooking, gardening, and spending time with the family.

He will be dearly missed by his siblings, John (Deb) Kurilla of Wisconsin Rapids, Kay (Robert) Walkowski of Monico, and Jeff Kurilla of Rhinelander. Also surviving are nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Kenneth (Edna) Kurilla, Thomas (Doris) Kurilla, and two sisters, Barbara (Douglas) Johnson, Margaret Kurilla, and by one nephew, Jeremy Kurilla.

Inurnment and military honors will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Northwoods National Cemetery, located at 4520 Lakewood Road, Harshaw.

The committal service will be conducted by Thomas Kniewel and military honors will be conducted by the Northwood’s Honor Guard and two representatives from the United States Navy.

A Celebration of Tim’s Life will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the Crescent Town Hall, located at 3231 Golf Course Road, Rhinelander beginning at 11 a.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, 54501, 715-365-4343.

Everyone is invited to sign the guestbook or leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com.

John (Huntz) Ellner

John (Huntz) Ellner of Pelican Lake, age 94, passed way Aug. 16, 2023.

John was born on Feb. 12, 1929. He married his wife Sophia (Jane) Ellner in 1959.

They had three children: Mary (Eddy) Renolds, Georgia (Eric) Welch and Paul and Jan Ellner.

There will be no memorial. He will be buried in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

DNR needs hunter education instructors

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers passionate about promoting safe, responsible and ethical hunting practices to serve as certified hunter education instructors. Volunteer opportunities are available in all parts of the state, according to a DNR press release.

Since the program’s creation in 1967, more than 20,000 volunteer instructors have trained and certified more than one million hunters across Wisconsin, the release states. These efforts have directly contributed to a significant decrease in hunting-related incidents.

The continued dedication and exceptional quality of volunteer instructors have been the primary reasons for the program’s success.

Becoming a volunteer instructor is a great way to give back to local communities and have a part in shaping the next crop of Wisconsin hunters.

“As a volunteer instructor, I get to give back to a sport that I truly love by training students to be safe for themselves, fellow hunters and their environment,” said Rick Heisler, a volunteer instructor for more than 40 years and the hunter education program’s 2022 Instructor of the Year. “Teaching these courses has become a vital part of my life.”

There are two ways to become a certified volunteer hunter education instructor. Interested volunteers can either serve as an apprentice under a sponsoring instructor for at least two complete courses or attend a certification training session hosted by a DNR Outdoor Skills Trainer. Once certified, the DNR provides volunteer instructors with all the materials and equipment required to teach a hunter education course. Instructors must only teach one class every three years to remain certified, although many teach more.

For more information about becoming a volunteer instructor or applying, visit the DNR’s website.

City looking for candidates for boards and commissions

The City of Rhinelander is looking for interested candidates to serve on various boards and commissions.

If you are interested in serving on any of the boards and commissions listed below, reach out to the city clerk’s office. City Clerk Austyn Zarda can be reached at azarda@rhinelanderwi.us or at 715-365-8600.

- Board of Review
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Rhinelander Public Arts Commission
- Historical Preservation Commission
- Ethics Committee
- Golf Course Advisory Committee
- Sex Offender Residency Review Board
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

POLITICAL DIGEST

DNR: Quality of wild rice harvest down in 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced that northern Wisconsin’s natural wild rice crop production is generally below average to average this year across lakes, flowages and rivers.

“Following a flush of high water after this past winter’s snowmelt, water levels in many lakes and flowages in northern Wisconsin have since been lower than normal due to droughty conditions between late spring and late summer,” said Jason Fleener, DNR wetland habitat specialist.

“This may provide a challenge to harvest wild rice on some waters if it makes access and navigation by canoe more difficult.”

Harvesters should not be discouraged, however, as there are still plenty of waters in the north that are producing strong rice beds with adequate water levels for navigation. It may take a little extra research and exploration by harvesters to find those beds.

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission maintains the Off-Reservation Wild Rice Harvest Regulations webpage, which includes helpful information for harvesters and wild rice production conditions for some wild rice waters.

Wild rice harvesting is open to all Wisconsin residents. Harvesting wild rice provides the opportunity to forage a highly nutritious, natural food source that is unique to the upper Midwest. Wild rice maturity typically ranges from late August through mid-September across the state and varies by water body and rice bed.

The DNR stresses the importance of waiting to harvest wild rice until it falls with relatively gentle strokes while “flailing” or “knocking” using ricing sticks. If little to no rice is falling, it is best to come back and try harvesting at least a few days later.

Kernels toward the top of the seed head tend to mature and fall first. Harvest efforts on immature beds inhibit the maturation of the rice kernels, which negatively impacts the harvest experience for others and the long-term sustainability of wild rice production.

As a reminder to boaters, one of the main threats to wild rice production is improper watercraft use throughout the growing season. If wakes are created near wild rice beds in shallow waters, it often results in the uprooting and destruction of wild rice while it’s most vulnerable in the submerged or floating-leaf stages of growth (between early June and early July).

Additionally, the use of watercraft, especially those with mud motors, directly through wild rice beds will cut and uproot rice. The DNR encourages all watercraft users to educate themselves on how to identify wild rice and modify their boating activities to

reduce damage to this treasured Wisconsin resource.

Evers proclaims College Savings Month

The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) has announced that Gov. Tony Evers proclaimed September as College Savings Month in Wisconsin.

The proclamation encourages Wisconsinites to save for higher education using the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program and its college savings plans.

“We’re working to make higher education a reality for folks across our state, and the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program helps us do just that,” Evers said. “This program supports our students and families saving for and pursuing higher education and has become a trusted resource for helping transform the lives of tens of thousands of Wisconsinites who’ve received its tax-advantaged benefits while developing a higher education savings strategy and a college and career readiness plan.”

The Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program offers two savings plans — Edvest 529, a direct-sold plan, and Tomorrow’s Scholar, available through financial advisors and fee-only planners—that are both highly-rated and nationally recognized for delivering low-cost, easy, and effective ways to save for higher education.

“Through the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program, we’re helping more students develop a college-bound mindset early in life and helping them avoid an overreliance on student loans later in life through a well-planned higher education savings strategy,” said DFI secretary-designee Cheryl Olson-Collins. “Saving for higher education increases the likelihood that a student will enroll in post-secondary education, and research suggests that having just \$500 or less in savings significantly increases the likelihood of both enrolling in and graduating from college.”

Contributions to an Edvest 529 or Tomorrow’s Scholar plan grow free from state and federal income tax and withdrawals remain tax-free when used for qualified higher education expenses.

Eligible expenses include tuition, room and board, fees, books, computers, and related services for higher education and career training expenses at any accredited public or private university, college, technical college, community college, or professional school nationwide and many abroad, and toward the cost of registered apprenticeship programs.

Savings in a Wisconsin 529 college savings plan can also be used for K-12 tuition (up to \$10,000 per year, per beneficiary), adult education and retraining, and to pay down student loan debt (\$10,000 per beneficiary lifetime limit).

The Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program encourages families to celebrate College Savings Month by participating in the national “What Can A 529 Do For You?” sweepstakes sponsored by the College Savings Plans Network. The month-long sweepstakes concludes on October 1. In October, the national sweepstakes will award nine sweepstakes participants with a \$529 account contribution.

Visit CollegeSavings.org/ sweepstakes to complete the entry form for a chance to win a \$529 contribution to a new or existing 529 account.

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association disses new child care legislation

The Wisconsin Early Childhood Association says the package of child care bills released into circulation this week completely fails to address the needs and challenges of providers, young children, families and communities in terms of access, quality and affordability.

“These new bills offer no real solutions,” said WECA executive director Ruth Schmidt. “It is disappointing, especially at a time when this industry is feeling totally unsupported and is reeling from the effects of the state budget decision to not fund Child Care Counts. We have to do better for this field, for families and, most importantly, for the children in care.”

The Legislature in July failed to allocate any state funding to continue Child Care Counts (CCC) past January 2024 when it finalized the 2023-25 state budget — even after a significant and record-setting advocacy push that included nearly 100,000 letters in support of \$300 million to sustain the program.

Several legislators have referenced they “invested \$90 million” in funds to support child care in the budget, but in reality, \$75 million of that was federal funding allocated by the Legislature, the group states.

The state budget only included \$15 million in state general purpose revenue for child care that remains in the Legislature’s supplemental account and is currently proposed in this package as a revolving loan program. WECA believes the legislation would be more impactful with the funds distributed as grants.

WECA says the state already is feeling the effects of the reduction in CCC payments and the upcoming end of the program. The initial results of a recent WECA survey show 86% of program directors and owners already are or are considering raising parent fees, 47% of early educators are considering leaving the field and 32% of programs are considering closing.

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Donald Trump
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Byron York
COLUMNIST

A new *Wall Street Journal* national poll over the Labor Day weekend has shaken some observers' views of the 2024 Republican presidential campaign. The bottom line: It's no longer a two-man race between former President Donald Trump and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. Trump has pulled so far ahead, and DeSantis has fallen so far behind, that it is now inaccurate to characterize the two as locked in a head-to-head battle.

The numbers: Trump was the choice of 59% of poll respondents, while DeSantis was the choice of 13%. After DeSantis came former South Carolina governor and U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley at 8% and entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy at 5%.

In an earlier *Wall Street Journal* poll in April, Trump led DeSantis 48 to 24 — a 24-point lead. Now, it's 59 to 13 — a 46-point lead. "What was once a two-man race for the nomination has collapsed into a lopsided contest in which Trump, for now, has no formidable challenger," the *Journal* wrote.

There are no foreseeable events in the next few months that will change that dynamic. That means the possible game changers come next year, at two times. One is when voting starts with the Iowa caucuses on Jan. 15. The other is when the first of Trump's many criminal trials begins, possibly on March 4.

When the voting starts is when Republicans have to stop thinking about the race in terms of a distant decision and start thinking about it as a commitment they have to make right now. Sometimes, the preferences they have related to pollsters in the preceding months do not survive. For example, in 2007-2008, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani led the Republican race the whole way, from the earliest polls in February 2007 to the eve of the Iowa caucuses in January 2008. At that point, with voting underway, Giuliani collapsed. By Jan. 30, 2008, he was out of the race.

But there are big differences between Giuliani then and Trump now. Giuliani was popular among Republicans as a former big-city mayor, but Trump is on an entirely different level as a former president and proven vote-getter with Republicans nationwide. There is simply no comparison between the two. Plus, Giuliani's biggest lead over the full field in the RealClearPolitics average of national polls was 14.6 points. Trump is currently up by 39.3 points — a lead that has more than doubled in the last few months.

It seems clear at the moment that the far bigger threat to Trump is the coming legal onslaught. Right now, Trump's trial on federal charges relating to the 2020 election and Jan. 6 is scheduled to start in Washington, D.C., on March 4 — the day before Super Tuesday. On March 25, his trial on charges brought by a local prosecutor in New York is scheduled to start. On May 20, his trial on federal charges related to his handling of classified documents is scheduled to begin in Florida. Unscheduled so far is the trial on charges brought by a local prosecutor in Atlanta over the 2020 election. And that does not count the various lawsuits that Trump will have to fight in 2024, as well.

Dear candidates, listen up



David Shribman
COLUMNIST

Labor Day weekend has come and gone and a new phase of the campaign is beginning.

You didn't ask for my advice, but here it is:

• Donald J. Trump: This one is easy. Stay out of jail. Stay on course.

The latest Iowa Poll shows that 46% of the Republicans who plan to attend the Jan. 15 Iowa caucuses consider themselves "MAGA Republicans."

That number is precisely twice as large as the Republican likely caucus-goers who consider themselves "anti-Trump" (23%).

There's good news and bad for you. One in 4 caucus-goers are definitely not going to support you. And 54% of those expecting to brave a wintry Monday night in the middle of the Great Plains are going to vote for someone else. If a lot of those who support another candidate split their support, you're the easy winner. If several of those destined to finish in single digits pull out of the race and that 54% coalesce behind a single competitor, you're in trouble.

• Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida: Not quite as easy. Smile. Mean it. And maybe adjust your target of supporters.

Right now, you're seeking virtually the same followers Trump has corralled. If they're MAGA Republicans, they are not DeSantis Republicans. Don't fantasize about peeling some of those MAGAs away from Trump. The Iowa Poll shows that only 4% of those who describe themselves as MAGA Republicans indicate that they don't support Trump. The MAGA magnetic force is not transferrable, perhaps especially to someone Trump derides as DeSanctimonious.

But remember this: You have advantages the 45th president doesn't possess. You can serve two terms in the White House; Trump is limited to a single additional term. You have a record of accomplishment; he does not. You're young (turning 45 later this month); he's not (77) — and about half of Republicans nationwide think he's too old to be effective for four more years. That's important in the nomination phase of the campaign to the extent that Republican voters in the winter and spring will be more concerned with capturing the White House than they are with returning Trump there. That AP poll shows that 77% of the public (and 69% of Democrats) said Biden, who would be 85 years old at the end of his second term, is too old to be effective for four more years.

• Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina: Remember that biography is not destiny. You have to give voters a reason to support you besides your admittedly inspiring up-by-your-bootstraps story.

Voters like that narrative, but when Barack Obama spun his version in 2007, he attached it to a message that always has resonated among Americans, from Andrew Jackson to Ronald Reagan and beyond: Change. Right now, you are basically campaigning on "I'm nice and I'm religious."

The "change" message worked in two dimensions for John F. Kennedy in 1960; he campaigned for a change from the Eisenhower-Nixon years and portrayed himself as the advance guard of a "new generation of leadership." You can copy that formula, and perhaps you should graft on a slogan from the Republicans' 1946 midterm congressional election campaign, which delivered 55 new GOP representatives to the House and catapulted Joe Martin to the speakership. It was two words and a punctuation point: Had enough?

• Former Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina: Refine that debate message and slam it home.

You're poised to have your Big Moment, as long as Vivek Ramaswamy doesn't outshine you

between now and the Sept. 27 debate. Your calling card is experience (domestic affairs in the state capitol, foreign affairs in the United Nations) and temperament (calm and soothing, yet determined and disciplined). Ramaswamy has neither of those advantages. Your moderate message has more appeal than the commentators believe.

• Vivek Ramaswamy: You need a rationale for victory besides being this year's John Lindsay, who won the mayoral election in New York in 1965 because, as the fabled columnist Murray Kempton put it, "He is fresh and everyone else is tired."

That rationale — which, by the way, doesn't apply to DeSantis, Scott or Haley — must be accompanied by some rational thinking, specifically on the topic of your biggest logical contradiction, carelessly revealed during last month's debate: If Trump is, as you put it, "the best president of the 21st century," then why are you trying to deny him a second term? Also this: Being the best president of the 21st century puts him in contention with only three others, George W. Bush, Obama and Biden, which doesn't exactly land him at Centre Court at Wimbledon.

• Former Vice President Mike Pence: Widen the distance between you and Trump, and broaden your appeal generally.

You're Enemy No. 1 among MAGAs, so forget about attracting any Forever-Trumpers. Identifying yourself ("Trump-Pence administration" or "our administration") with tax cuts and immigration restrictions accomplishes nothing in a field where everyone advocates them. The faith angle helps in Iowa, where 55% describe themselves as "devoutly religious" and where evangelicals are a vital voting group, but abandon it when the campaign moves eight days later to New Hampshire.

• Former Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey: You're running for legacy and respectability, so there's no dividend in moderating your anti-Trump rhetoric.

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The Republican-drafted legislative package does not provide the sustainable financial support child care programs so desperately need, WECA asserts. The proposed deregulation and licensing changes in the bills also endanger the safety of young children, they say, while regulations in child care, including teacher-to-child ratios and ages of assistant child care teachers, are in place to ensure there are safety measures that protect children.

Wisconsin’s current group-child ratios align with national best practices and are similar to several neighboring states, including Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, Schmidt said, noting that the child care industry at large did not seek the changes because they know high-quality, safe care depends on sound regulatory standards.

“The new bills would do little more than create a few headlines,” Schmidt said. “It is totally unacceptable.”

Sinicki, Wirsch to re-introduce worker misclassification package

Two legislative members of the Task Force on Employee Misclassification announced that four bills that combat worker misclassification will be reintroduced this session.

State Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee) and Sen. Bob Wirsch (D-Kenosha) sent out a cosponsorship request to the entire Legislature in hopes of robust support for the bills.

“This package of legislation emerged from the bipartisan work of the Misclassification Task Force, and should garner support from both sides of the aisle,” Sinicki said. “All four of its bills are good for workers and for upstanding

businesses in Wisconsin, and that’s what we all want.”

The Task Force started its work in 2019, and included members from private sector management, unions, all four legislative caucuses, and state agencies. Their work was summarized in a 2021 report.

“Worker misclassification is the theft of fair wages and benefits from employees; it steals payroll tax dollars needed to fund critical services; and it steals business from managers and business owners who are doing things the right way,” Wirsch said. “I hope our Republican colleagues will join us to level the playing field.”

When an employer falsely identifies their employees as independent contractors, then they have “misclassified” them. Under the law, workers are presumed to be employees unless the employer proves that workers meet legal criteria to be independent contractors.

Other legislators agree. “Misclassification is a significant threat to the rights and protections every worker deserves,” Rep. Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) said. “We must safeguard the livelihoods of individuals and promote responsible business practices, where dedication is met with recognition, not exploitation.”

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) said no one should be allowed to cheat the system, and worker misclassification harms Wisconsin’s hard-working people and businesses that play by the rules.

“By cracking down on this harmful practice, these bills create a level playing field for everyone,” Shankland said. “Our bill package sends a strong message — our state rewards honest work, not scammers.”

The four bills to be reintroduced address, among other topics, contractor registration; business and worker education on the topic; and fraud reporting.

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Call him what you like, trash him with your acid tongue, deride him till the corn is harvested in Iowa (the top agricultural product there), but don’t expect the cows to come home in New Hampshire (where dairy is the top agricultural product). You’re campaigning for your obituary, not for the presidency. So far you are win-

ning the former, losing the latter.

• Former Gov. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas: You’re probably the most qualified candidate in the field. Tough luck. Though your reputation is soaring, your campaign is tanking. If you believe what you say about how odious Trump is, you must depart the race to prevent him from winning with a small plurality in a crowded field.

• Former Rep. Will Hurd of Texas, radio talk show host

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It is hard to imagine now how taxing that schedule, or a similar schedule if some dates change, will be for a presidential candidate. The prosecutions will drain Trump’s time, energy and money at a time when he will most need all three. And many of his supporters, energized by Trump’s defiant stance toward his accusers, simply have not fully envisioned what will happen. Perhaps Trump himself hasn’t, either.

In his interview last month with Tucker Carlson, Trump was asked, “How do you get indicted every week and stay cheerful?” “I think it is a lot easier because I’m so high in the polls,” Trump answered, “because it means that people get it. The people see it’s a fraud.”

Maybe Trump can remain cheerful now — although there are plenty of reports, supported by common sense, that suggest he is deeply upset by the indictments. And some of his supporters are thrilled by the public bravado he has shown in the face of one charge after another.

But think about next year.

A thought: You know how Ukraine valiantly fought back when a vastly superior Russian force invaded in February 2022? Ukraine’s grit

led to cheers worldwide, lots of financial and military aid, and the hope that maybe, just maybe, the little guy could defeat the mighty Russian machine.

But there was no quick Ukrainian victory, even when Russian forces showed stunning incompetence. And then time dragged on. The Russian machine kept grinding and grinding and grinding. Now the best one can say of Ukraine’s position is that it is holding on. The firepower and numerical superiority of Russia has, in time, ground down Ukrainian defenses.

Back to the subject: Trump supporters cheer as he resists one indictment after another. Look, they say, his support is rising, even as Democratic district attorneys and Biden special counsels throw everything they have at him! Is it possible that he could defeat the mighty prosecution machine?

Well, next year is the year when time drags on and the machine keeps grinding and grinding and grinding. Perhaps Trump can hold on, but the toll will be terrible. The prosecution machine will impose crippling costs on Trump’s daily life, on his campaign, on his bank account. It would not be surprising to see him spend everything he has raised for his campaign on his legal bills instead.

And in the end, with four

Larry Elder, Gov. Doug Bur-

gum of North Dakota: You’ve had fun. Follow the example of Mayor Francis Suarez of Miami and recognize that your national political campaign song is the same as a tune released two decades ago by the American singer JoJo with this reprise line: Get out (Leave!) right now.

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indictments and 91 felony counts so far, the machine will convict him of something, perhaps a lot of things.

What will that do to Trump’s support? Certainly many of his most devoted supporters will become even more devoted as they watch the spectacle of his trials. But other, less devoted supporters might well be ground down along with Trump. At some point, they might decide it’s just not worth it. Trump’s adversaries, they will realize, will never, ever quit. Should they, his supporters, keep fighting?

So yes, Trump has a huge lead today, so much so that the Republican nomination race no longer seems to be a contest. But 2024 is coming. Perhaps Trump will manage to maintain his dominance in the GOP even then. But it will be an ugly, protracted and unimaginably costly fight.

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Judge order election redo for Presque Isle town chair

Questions remain as to how the special election will be administered

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Vilas County circuit court judge Martha Milanowski has ordered a new, or special election be held between incumbent town chairman John MacLean and former town clerk Lorine Walters.

Milanowski made the announcement in an oral ruling Aug. 31 in Eagle River.

The ruling comes roughly four months after MacLean filed a notice of an appeal of recount seven days after an April 12 recount that reaffirmed Walters's one-vote victory — 242-241 — in the April 4 election.

Contention and issues have continued to

surface as the two-person town board continued to operate without a town chairperson. For instance, a town computer investigation undertaken by multiple parties has continued to play out while MacLean's appeal has worked its way through court.

After deciding to pursue an audit of the town's financial records, it was found that Walters's son Jim had been working on town computers off-site at his Michigan-based tech company for the last 20 years. Newly elected town treasurer Jill Eesley spearheaded an effort to see if any town property was destroyed during those 20 years and town supervisor Carl Wolter supported that effort by signing a contract with a third-party forensic investigation firm out of Madison, Special Investigations & Forensic Technologies.

An example of the contention within the Presque Isle community appeared to surface prior to the court ruling as the hearing was slightly delayed because of an incident that Milanowski was made aware of just minutes before she took the bench.

She explained the circumstances and sternly warned that the court doesn't take those types of comments lightly.

"All right, before we go on the record I just want to again say good afternoon to everyone who is here and let you know something that was brought to my attention before I came up on the bench," the judge said. "And that was some comments that were made outside the courthouse by somebody that I think is in this courtroom now. I don't know who it was, but they knocked on the glass wall or door at the entry of our courthouse here and indicated something, and perhaps it was a joke, but I don't find it funny, 'I hope this is bullet-proof glass, they're gonna need it.'"

Milanowski said she wanted everyone in the courtroom to understand she expects everyone to "conduct themselves appropriately, civilly, and I imagine emotions are high here, but this is a court of law."

"We're all expected to treat each other with respect regardless of the court's ruling today," she said. "We take comments like that very seriously, and I hope everyone in this courtroom understands that."

One of the court's staff heard the comments, Milanowski said, expressing how concerned it made her to hear that from that staff member.

Before starting her ruling, she again said there's no room for such comments, especially in "this day and age," and asked whoever said that to leave if they wouldn't be able to conduct themselves appropriately.

Presque Isle, was not a registered voter in Wisconsin, but was a registered voter in Illinois.

With Von Holdt, there were irregularities uncovered by the court showing that the procedure in mailing his ballot was not followed correctly under the state's election laws.

Milanowski said there wasn't enough evidence showing that the Grays' votes were cast illegally and she didn't declare them as so.

However, Milanowski did mention three other ballots that weren't contested in MacLean's initial appeal that did show some irregularities.

Milanowski also dismissed the counterclaims filed in the appeal by Walters, most notably challenging the legitimacy of MacLean and his wife's status as Presque Isle voters because of a property they own in nearby Marenisco, Mich.

Despite the Alt and Von Holdt votes, Milanowski did not reverse the April 4 election results, but essentially declared the election moot and ordered a new one to be held.

"The court rules that the Board of Canvassers, by failing to follow the correct procedure for the recount, specifically the provisions for reviewing absentee ballot envelopes, erroneously interpreted the provision of the law requiring them to do so," Milanowski ruled, according to the court record. "The Court sets aside the determination of the Board of Canvassers. The Court will not deduct the two defective ballots of Alt and Von Holt from the vote tally for Walters and declines to compel those particular electors to disclose how they voted. The Court orders that the April 2023 election for town chair of Presque Isle be set aside and that a new, or special election be held in accordance with Wisconsin's election laws."

Ruling leaves questions

With a new election comes many questions yet to be answered, like who will administer it and whose names will appear on the ballot?

Right after the ruling was handed down, Walters told *The Lakeland Times* she "didn't see that coming."

"Total surprise, but probably the best outcome because we'll know (for certain) now," she said.

Walters said she believes the new or special election will be limited to a contest between herself and MacLean and will not include the other elected positions voted upon on April 4.

Town clerk Billy Rae Thoma will administer the election, she said, adding that she will recommend to Thoma to consult with town clerks in neighboring towns for help, given that Thoma hasn't administered an election yet, having been elected as clerk for the first time in April.

Walters's attorney James Olson said he's sure the Wisconsin Elections Commission will offer Thoma guidance too.

Thoma said the ruling of a new election made her feel "nervous."

"I guess it's just good to see if there is some irregularities that there are consequences I guess," she said. "I'm brand new, so I'll probably get ahold of the elections commission and talk to them or maybe Vilas County and talk to them and go from there."

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The ruling

MacLean challenged four absentee ballots that were counted in the recount, those being from a Jane Alt, Robert Von Holdt and husband and wife Charles Gray and Eleanor Gray.

Both ballots cast by Alt and Von Holdt were found beyond a reasonable doubt to have been cast illegally.

Alt, who was said to live primarily in Illinois and part-time in

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Martha Milanowski, Vilas County circuit court judge

OVTC approves van purchase

Northwoods Transit Connections beginning to move away from buses

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

As part of an overall plan to replace vehicles on a regular basis and a move away from buses, the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission (OVTC), which oversees Northwoods Transit Connections (NTC), recently approved the purchase of three Ford Transit vans.

During the Aug. 31 OVTC meeting, NTC manager Barb Newman said the vehicles will be purchased through the state of Wisconsin's procurement program at \$77,910 each for a total of \$233,730.

Aside from grant money the OVTC is eligible to use, Newman said it has \$40,000 in its savings to help pay for the OVTC's share of the cost and she said other funding would come from the aging and disability resource centers in Oneida and Vilas counties.

Once resolutions authorizing the OVTC to apply for a loan are approved by each county board, a short-term loan will be used to

pay for the buses up-front once they are ready for delivery.

The timeline for delivery is an unknown at this point, Newman said. If she has at least a month to get the loan and get the buses paid for, that would be ideal, she added. Whatever the case, approval of the loan authorization resolutions at the county board level, in order to comply with the OVTC charter, needs to be done.

"That's the first step to make this whole process happen," OVTC chairman Marv Anderson said.

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Deer

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The hunters also said the state should return to setting population goals within the units based on specific deer population counts. Right now, the DNR does not conduct actual counts but makes estimates based on harvests and does not set population goals in the county units.

Walker returned to the Park Falls hearing to underscore his message.

That message is timely because the DNR is set to rewrite its deer management plan, which expires this year. The agency is developing a new three-year plan.

For the DNR’s part, the agency has said it manages deer by harvest goals rather than by population count, and they prefer a landscape scale of management — by county rather than by units defined by habitat. That might create micro-conflicts within counties but is beneficial overall, the DNR’s Jeff Pritzl has said.

“Our abilities to manage that resource at a landscape scale — it works but you will always be contending with the fact that these micro-landscape things are not necessarily going to line up with what we are looking at the unit level,” he said at the earlier hearing. “To a certain extent we have to be comfortable that that is just reality. Any attempt to micromanage it to account for what we are hearing over here or here, we’ll just be chasing our tail.”

Yes, we have no deer

At last week’s hearing, Walker lamented the lack of deer in northern Wisconsin, citing the flight of hunters from the region, including one of the hunters who testified earlier this year, whom Walker said had hunted in northern Wisconsin for 41 years but would be in South Dakota this deer season hunting pheasant “because there are no deer here.”

“The biggest concern is, we’ve always had deer in northern Wisconsin,” Walker said. “We’re not seeing the deer herd cycle. So it is has been spotty, we had our great years, but you get into 2013, 2014, the deer herd plummeted.”

Walker specifically referenced Unit 31, the western half of Oneida County.

“The herd is not cycling, and I think that’s a huge concern for our area,” he said. “And when that didn’t happen, we’ve seen our hunter numbers go way down. That’s a given. There’s not near the hunters there used to be in our area.”

Walker said the number of hunters in the area along the border of Price and Oneida counties had declined by about 80 percent in the past decade.

“In the area that I hunt, there’s hardly any,” he said. “What the DNR doesn’t do is manage the deer herd by population goals anymore.”

That’s critical, Walker said.

“And the reason that’s critical is back when we had the units, the goal was about 20 deer per square mile in unit 31,” he said. “Today, I would bet that number is three. And there’s vast areas of square

miles where there might not be a deer. The problem is, if you’re just going to harvest and base your number off a harvest, not a population goal, they just issue tags throughout the county and you have does being killed there.”

Shutting it down

Walker said, under the unit system guided by previous DNR biologists, with population numbers as bad as they are, there would be no harvest at all.

Walker presented lawmakers with historical harvest data from Unit 31.

“You see the units, you can go to unit 31 and you can see the deer kill,” he said. “So my point is, is that if you go to 1970, 1971, 1972, you’ll see that the numbers are way down. So what did they do? No doe harvest. As you look at how those mature, those numbers double in 1975, 1976, 1977. That’s deer management. It’s managing to a goal. And when you manage to a goal, you’re going to increase your numbers. So when you are managing for that, not a harvest but a population goal, you’re going to be able to raise your deer herd, even against some of the predators we face.”

Walker also presented data from the Northwoods Youth Deer Hunt Challenge.

“We started that in 2004,” he said. “You can see entrants and harvest and this is from Vilas, Oneida, Price, and Iron counties. When you look at that, look at 2005, 70 entrants, 56 deer harvested. That’s a good ratio.”

As the years go on, Walker continued, there are bad numbers in 2013 and 2014.

“Then you get into 2016, 221 entrants, 73 harvested,” he said. “As you can see the numbers for themselves, it just goes down. Success rates are way off.”

But that doesn’t tell the worst part of the story, Walker said.

“The worst part about it is that from 2016 to 2021, as the harvest rates go way down, the DNR kept the doe kill up,” he said. “They kept the harvest numbers up. There was no end to killing does.”

And that’s why the herd isn’t cycling, Walker said.

“If the deer herd isn’t cycling, that’s bad because everything cycles in nature,” he said. “The deer herd is not.”

Walker said a survey in the north revealed other sentiments about how to revive the population.

“People think there’s way too many opportunities,” he said. “They think cross bows have changed the game tremendously. Not getting rid of cross bow but maybe setting a season up for that.”

The bottom line is, Walker said, there has to be a way to better manage the deer herd.

“The quality of our deer is probably the worst I’ve ever seen it,” he said. “The mature bucks, we just don’t see them. Overall, fawns have got to be the least I’ve ever seen. This is the worst amount of deer where I hunt and it’s the least amount of hunters that I’ve ever seen.”

The bottom line is, Walker told lawmakers, if you’re going to manage deer, you have to count deer.

“Now we’re not going to know every deer out there, but we have an idea of what’s there,” he said. “What I’m saying is that I think the DNR needs to bring more numbers to the CDACs (County Deer Advisory Councils) because I’m questioning the DNR’s deer numbers. They are based off harvest. That’s very difficult when you’re basing it off what you have killed. You should be basing it off deer per square mile.”

In the county-wide deer management system, the CDACs provide input and recommendations to the department on deer management and help develop three-year recommendations on county population objectives and annual antlerless harvest quotas. But Walker said the CDACs need to have solid data.

“And I think that when you walk into a meeting, you can make a decision based off good factual, information way better than you can not having right or accurate information,” he said. “And that’s what I’m saying that the CDACs lack. That’s something that’s very important. You have to have good information.”

Walker said he met with a DNR biologist this year.

“We went out on the land and we could drive miles before you crossed a deer track,” he said. “And I think the biologists know we don’t have a lot of deer. It’s the higher ups in the DNR that’s keeping them wherever they’re at.”

Felzkowski; Consider economic impacts in management plans

State Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) said she had her staff collect deer metrics for all 12 counties in her Senate district, which stretches from Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas counties eastward to Marinette.

“So I have a pretty broad area and in my opinion, one of the prime areas of hunting back in the eighties, nineties,” Felzkowski said. “So if I pull all of these, they have the hunts from 1960 forward, and it seems there was a spike around 1995 and then from 1998 to 2000 we had great deer hunting. And after that it slowly falls off.”

Felzkowski observed that state Rep. Rob Brooks of Saukville had commented that, in his county, they are managing very well and he wondered how they could do that there when up north seems very disjointed.

“Part of my answer is, what’s your bear population and what’s your wolf population?” she said. “And we have various competing factors and we have competing hunters. But I think the one thing that has never been decided in the state legislature or amongst the hunting community is, what are our overall management goals?”

Those competitive factors have to be managed, Felzkowski said.

“Now if I’m a bear hunter and a bear hunter only, I know what my management goal is,” she said. “If I’m a deer hunter and a deer hunter only, I know what my management goal is. But we have a lot of hunters.”

As an aside, Felzkowski said her family had sold hun-

dreds of acres the family used for hunting.

“We left deer hunting and sold off our 500 family acres because when you go five seasons in a row, and you have 13 people that don’t see [deer], how do you keep people interested? You don’t,” she said. “And what do you see? We have an abnormally high bear population in that area and we have an abnormally high wolf population in the area.”

People in other parts of the state find it difficult to grasp what that means, the senator said.

“And when you get up in the morning and the horses are going wild and you see the wolves running along the fence by your horses, it makes you think twice,” she said. “And I know that people from other parts of the state do not understand that because you will never understand it until you live with it. But the one disappointing thing that I see is, what are we doing here?”

And what they are doing, Felzkowski said, is making hunters compete against each other instead of looking at the real issues that are facing how the population is managed.

“I brought it up earlier and I could have gone into it far more,” she said. “We brought up the economics of deer hunting and we’ll just look at the northern zones. It is hugely impactful. Is that taken into consideration?”

Felzkowski said she already knew the answer.

“It’s not,” she said.

Felzkowski wondered about the management of public lands for hunters.

“If you look go way back into the 60s, if look at the number of deer that are hunted on private land and the harvest versus public land — the harvest is 25 percent on public land,” she said. “Understandable. I manage my land, I do my food plots. That is my goal. Are we managing public land for sportsmen? I kind of heard no today.”

No cohesive plan

The state does not have a cohesive plan, Felzkowski said.

“I’ll just throw it out there for north of Highway 8,” she said. “What is it going to look like?”

Felzkowski said the DNR estimates the deer population of Oneida County to be 20 per square mile after the 2022 hunting season, which both Walker and Felzkowski said was an inaccurate figure. In fact, Walker said some biologists he has talked to estimate three or less.

Felzkowski said the DNR estimated 29 deer per square mile in Lincoln County and 32 in Langlade — the latter a somewhat believable number because that gets into farm country.

“Nineteen in Vilas, which I know that’s not even close up there,” she said. “Now all you got to do is talk to your local hunters, and I love the idea of the CDACs. I’ll be real honest, I’ve never been a fan of the [conservation] congress because I don’t think it represents true hunters.”

To find that out how true that is, Felzkowski said, all one has to do is go and listen to the Congress and then talk to the people that you talk to

on a daily basis back in your own district who actually are out in the woods doing the hunting.

“You get a totally different story,” she said. “So how do we take forest management? How do we take predator management? How do we manage for the deer population and the bear? How do we do that cohesively to start realizing the goal of everyone and taking into consideration economics because I think that’s one of the DNR’s biggest faults. They don’t take into consideration economics when they do a lot of their planning and the economics of the area. So what is our overall goal? What direction should this body go? That’s a huge question.”

Walker said another huge factor in that consideration was the inability to manage the wolf population.

“We can manage bears because we do harvest them, but we can’t manage a main predator,” he said. “That’s significant. And I told the DNR when they come up and say the wolves really don’t impact it or wolves don’t impact numbers, I tell them it’s laughable.”

Walker said that it is a fact that deer are a primary source of food for wolves.

“So when we manage by not managing that, and the loss of our trappers, there is no trapping,” he said. “Well, the coyotes are doing well, they’ve adapted and they will follow the wolves that come through, at least in our area. I can speak to that. And so you have one predator that’s not being trapped anymore and you have another predator that we can’t hunt.”

Combine that with a couple of bad winters, or even one bad winter, Walker said, and the wolves and coyotes get on top.

“It’s very bad,” he said. “High numbers of wolves and coyotes have a devastating effect on fawns and that’s the reality of it. And all I’m saying is if we kill a thousand does in the western side of Oneida County, which I don’t know if they exist, but let’s just say you take 30 does, that’s 30 does that can have up to two fawns. That can help.”

To be sure, if you go into the town of Minocqua, there are clusters of deer, Walker said.

“Yep, there’s a lot of deer,” he said. “But you’re going to need those deer. You’re going to need those deer for dispersal. Wherever there are pockets of deer they will disperse. Bucks will disperse up to 11 miles and the does will push off the other does and fawns and then you get a dispersal rate. That’s the only way we’re going to build our deer herd back.”

It all comes down to managing the population, Walker said

“If we manage everything from a population goal and to the best of the state’s ability count them, then you can manage our resources successfully,” he said.

The prerequisite, Felzkowski answered, was that the state needs to start being honest with the numbers.

“And I don’t think we have been,” she said.

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Transfer

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“Here, a decision on whether a writ of mandamus should compel Hartman to (allow Alquist to) serve his conditional jail time in Florence County would have no practical legal effect on the matter because Alquist has already served the jail time,” the court wrote. “Further, none of the exceptions to the mootness doctrine apply. Notably, Alquist did not file a reply brief addressing mootness, nor did he anticipatorily address mootness in his initial brief, thereby conceding that the doctrine applies. Moreover, we are not persuaded by our review of the record that the appeal presents an issue of great public importance, nor does

the issue, as presented, involve the constitutionality of a statute. If, as Alquist asserts, this appeal presents a matter of first impression, it follows that the issue does not arise often, nor is it likely to recur and evade review.” In a 16-page brief filed in March 2022, Alquist, now 32, argued he suffered “irreversible” damage after Hartman declined to fill out the necessary paperwork to have him transferred from the Oneida County jail to Florence County, closer to his home. Bloom handed down the four-month jail sentence, to be followed by eight years probation, on Aug. 13, 2021, after Alquist entered a guilty plea to one count of child enticement pursuant to a plea agreement. According to the

criminal complaint, Alquist was arrested in Minocqua on June 12, 2019 after he attempted to meet a person he believed to be a 15-year-old female for sex. According to the complaint, Alquist began using the handle “Ride along” to chat with a person he believed to be a 15-year-old female. He was actually communicating with an Oneida County sheriff’s detective conducting an undercover operation. “Ride along asked (the girl) for ‘pics,’ and Ride along immediately began using graphic phrases to suggest sexual contact he would like to engage in with (the girl),” the complaint said. They eventually arranged to meet at a hotel in Minocqua, with (the girl) directing “don’t forget protection” and asking for “lime flavored White Claw alcoholic beverage,” the complaint states. Law enforcement

later located Alquist at the designated meeting place sitting in a vehicle with a 12-pack of White Claw lime beverage in the backseat. When confronted by investigators, he admitted he was in the parking lot to meet a person he believed to be 15 years old and that he had rented a hotel room. In addition to the guilty plea on the enticement charge, Alquist entered a no contest plea to one count of attempting to use a computer to facilitate a child sex crime.

A deferred entry of judgment was entered on that charge. In the appeal brief, defense attorney Matthew Eliason argued Bloom specifically stated during the sentencing hearing that he would authorize Alquist to serve his sentence in Florence or another northern county, but when it came time for the sheriff to complete the necessary paperwork to effectuate the transfer, Hartman refused. Alquist responded to the sheriff’s decision by requesting Bloom issue a writ of mandamus (an order compelling a public officer to perform a certain duty) requiring him to complete the paperwork. Bloom denied the request, explaining that the circuit court has lawful authority to authorize a defendant to serve a sentence to the county jail or jail time ordered as a condition of probation in a particular county jail (or jails), but does not have lawful authority to order a county sheriff to transfer an inmate from one county jail to another. In his March 22 filing, Eliason contested that point. “The sheriff arguably has some discretion when the prisoner is committed to the County Jail, however, when considering sentencing to a different jail, the discretion can lay nowhere else but with the sentencing judge,” Eliason wrote. “The County Sheriff

has a specific duty to carry out the orders of the court. A sheriff cannot disregard the order of the Circuit Court Judge because the sheriff may disagree with the Judge, the Prosecutor, and the Defense. The sheriff does not have the power to be an appellate body in sentencing. Sentencing is the purview of the Judge not the sheriff.” “In this case, the Sentencing Judge understood the importance of maintaining Jeremy’s employment and maintaining Jeremy’s strong family ties,” he added. In a 12-page response, filed in April 2022, Oneida County Corporation Counsel Mike Fugle argued the matter was “moot” because Alquist completed his sentence on Jan. 10, 2022. Hartman should also prevail if the court considers the merits of the case, Fugle added, arguing that Alquist had failed to identify any clear, specific legal right, “let alone a right that is free from substantial doubt.” He also failed to establish the alleged duty he wished the court to order the sheriff to carry out was “positive and plain,” he added. “It is worth noting that Alquist’s entire premise that the alleged duty is ‘positive and plain,’ fails based on the text of the Judgment of Conviction alone,” Fugle wrote. “The Judgment of Conviction provides that Alquist ‘may serve in Florence/Vilas counties

or any northern county.” There is no ‘plain duty’ for the Sheriff to do anything more than select from the options provided by the sentencing court. The Judgment of Conviction necessarily requires that Sheriff exercise his discretion in determining where Alquist would serve his sentence. However, the very nature of requiring a discretionary decision removes that action from the realm of a duty that is ‘positive and plain.’” The sentencing court provided options (one of which the defendant favored) regarding where he could serve his sentence, which necessitates a discretionary act, Fugle continued, noting that sentencing court did not identify a specific county jail where Alquist was to serve his sentence. “Rather, the sentencing court provided a number of options two specifically and a general option of ‘any northern county,’” he wrote. “The Sheriff selected Oneida County as the appropriate County for Alquist to serve his sentence. Finally, the sentencing court did not determine that the Oneida County Jail was not suitable for the defendant. Nor did the sentencing court exclude Oneida County from the description of places where Alquist could serve his sentence.” Heather Schaefer may be reached at heather@rivernews online.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF SCHOEPKE
NOTICE OF HEARING – VACATE AND DISCONTINUANCE OF THE REST OF THE PLATTED ROAD IN JILLSON’S BAY PLAT IN THE TOWN OF SCHOEPKE
Monday, September 25th, 2023, at 4:30 pm.
A public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Schoepke at the Schoepke Town Hall, 769 USH 45, Pelican Lake, WI 54463 on Monday, September 25th, 2023 at 4:30 pm to discuss vacating & discontinuing the rest of a platted road running through property ID’s SC-837, SC-842, & SC-844 of Lots & Blocks in Jillson’s Bay Plat, lying southeasterly of Block 2 and out to USH 45, being part of Gov’t Lot 3, Section 18, Township 35 North, Range 11 East.
All interested are encouraged to attend.
Julie Taylor, Clerk
Town of Schoepke
Posted August 25, 2023
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3. All interested persons waived notice.
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CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 2023CV000124
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The amount claimed is over \$10,000
ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
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Defendant.
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MacLean expressed emotion in reaction to Milanowski’s ruling. He said Americans’ right to vote is “so sacred” and “justice was served here today.” He said he was happy with the result of his recount appeal. “I will say this, there were

skepticism as to whether a special election was likely to be ordered,” MacLean’s attorney Doug Poland said. “We certainly asked for it because we thought it was merited and we’re very pleased that the judge agreed. We have to make sure that, as John said, elections are the foundation of our democracy and we have to make sure that they’re run the right way, and that they’re fair.

And when you’ve got votes that are cast illegally and as the judge found, and there’s a one-vote margin, every vote matters. So this is absolutely a just result, it’s the right result, and I know John looks forward to a new election where all votes are cast are cast in compliance with the statutes and law.” Trevor Greene may be reached via email at trevor greene@lakelandtimes.com.

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Zoning

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Some of the violations — those sent to six businesses with an Oneida Street address — were informed they had various violations for “outdoor operations” and had 10 days to contact the zoning department to discuss the matter.

They were also told that to keep their displays they would have to get a conditional use permit and pay the zoning department \$1,800, or triple the normal CUP fee because it would be an after-the-fact permit.

Six more letters went to other businesses on Front and Oneida streets informing them their seating, displays, or planters were located within the state Department of Transportation (DOT) or town of Minocqua right-of-way, which was forbidden by the Oneida County code.

The letter commanded those businesses to remove the offending “encroachment” immediately and to contact the zoning department within 10 days to schedule an on-site inspection to verify the removal of the displays, plants, or seating.

According to that code provision, on public highways the setback in all areas shall be no less than 20 feet from the right-of way. For properties abutting state highways, the owner must provide proof of compliance from the DOT with respect to any proposed construction either in the right-of-way or setback from such highway, but in no case could the setback be less than 20 feet.

Properties contacted about needing a CUP for their businesses were Taglio Salon, for a small patio table and chairs; Imaginuity, for four small patio-style chairs underneath its covered entryway; The Northern Nest for two chairs and an outdoor merchandise rack underneath its covered entryway, and Ruby’s Chef Shop for an outdoor display; Isla Collective, for outdoor display of merchandise that was off the sidewalk and under the store’s covered entryway; Style North, for a bench, two chairs, and a small fold-

ing table; and Hooked & Tagged, for an outdoor display underneath its covered entryway.

Those informed that they had breached the DOT or town of Minocqua right of way were The Loon, for placing two planters, a display, a bench and an Adirondack chair beneath the store’s eaves; Natural Northern, for a table and two chairs; J. Christy’s, for outdoor displays and planters, specifically four planters against the building wall and a sandwich board sign near the entrance; Eagle Wings, for outdoor displays beneath its entryway awning; Kilwin’s, for one bench underneath the store awning; and Glik’s, for outdoor displays and planters.

It should be stressed that none of the seating in front of the businesses was reserved for use by customers of that business only; all were for the general public visiting the downtown area, and there was no service or sales involving any of the seating.

A fishing expedition

After sending letters to the affected businesses, Jennrich sent an email to Minocqua town chairman Mark Hartzheim and to members of the county zoning committee, as well as to supervisor Billy Fried and Minocqua zoning staff, attaching the correspondence and advising that they were likely to start getting calls.

In the August 25 email, Jennrich said the letters started with a single complaint from Bangstad and then blossomed into a fishing expedition in search of violations in downtown Minocqua.

“The department received a complaint about outdoor seating from Kirk Bangstad for one business,” Jennrich wrote. “The department sent that business a letter. That business then complained in general terms about all the outdoor seating and displays on the island. I asked MI (Minocqua) zoning staff to take a walk and take pictures. Staff researched what we could, to see if CUPs were issued or not. Some of the outdoor displays/seating are on WiDOT ROW [right-of-way].”

Jennrich relayed that, strictly speaking, most of the violations weren’t serious.

“Most of the seating and displays are what I would consider minor infractions, but technically they are violations,” he wrote.

In part, Jennrich’s assertion involves an expansive interpretation of the Oneida County zoning code. According to the code, conditional use permits are required in the downtown business zoning district for any retail business, office, professional or service establishment that involves a drive-through or drive-in component or has any outdoor operations other than customer or employee parking.

The county code does not define “operations.” However, the Miriam-Webster definition for ‘operation’ is that of “an active process.” That would certainly be the case for serving customers at those tables and chairs, or for extending seating for service operations taking place inside the store; more arguable is whether providing a chair and table or bench for the general public — many of whom would not be customers of those stores — would be considered an “active process” of the business.

The bottom line is, the county code does not explicitly require a CUP for outdoor seating, and it could be argued — and has been argued — that the term “operations” suggests that the critical factor is what those seats and tables are being used for, namely, that the seats would be part of a business operation if they were reserved for store customers and involved the active service of those customers, and not part of the business operations if they were for general public use and no service was involved.

In any event, Jennrich said in his email that he knew blowback might be coming: “Businesses on the MI Island are not going to be happy with me.”

Get in line

Minocqua town chairman Mark Hartzheim wasn’t happy, either. The town

chairman said the outdoor seating represented a long Minocqua tradition that was beneficial to the town, and he said the town fully supported the businesses engaged in placing them.

“This is a practice that has been allowed for over 20 years along the downtown main street and immediate side streets for shops whose storefronts are built right to the sidewalk lot line,” Hartzheim told *The Lakeland Times*. “It was intended to be a sensible and practical way to provide a more relaxing shopping environment downtown.”

Hartzheim made the distinction between small tables and chairs for use by the general public and tables and chairs as part of a business’s operations.

“As long as it was limited to small tables, chairs or benches placed up against the building, and they are completely open and available for anyone to use — not ‘customers only’ and not for purposes of outdoor service or advertising — this was looked at as a beneficial amenity for the general shopping public and the town has had no issues with that,” he said. “To my knowledge, neither has WiDOT or the county.”

Hartzheim told *The Times* last week that he believed the DOT OK’d the practice within its right-of-way years ago, but he said that was before his time as town chairman and he did not have written verification. However, he said was reaching out to the DOT.

Hartzheim also said the county has failed to handle downtown Minocqua zoning issues effectively or adequately, especially the Bangstad issue and the controversies stemming from it, and he pointed at advice coming from the county’s corporation counsel as one reason why.

“I believe that the county zoning department has mishandled this matter on numerous occasions,” he said. “Its prolonged strategy of inaction has created the very situation it now finds itself in. I’m sure committee members have felt obligated to lean on, in my view, weak-kneed advice from its

legal counsel, which has never sought context from the town. Multiple hours-long hearings have been adjourned at the same place where they started, and the can gets kicked further down the road.”

Hartzheim also said he did not learn of the enforcement letters until Jennrich’s after-the-fact email advising him that they had been sent, and he expressed frustration about the lack of communication from the county. A phone call might have resulted in a different outcome, Hartzheim said.

“The county and the towns within it are all stakeholders with respect to decisions made on permits and other zoning decisions,” he said. “The towns are often more affected by the repercussions of zoning decisions than the county.”

As such, Hartzheim said, communication with the town was vital to provide context and information the county might not be aware of, and, as such, he said it was incumbent upon the county to discuss matters with the town before taking action.

“It’s important that the county zoning department and towns confer and coordinate as much as possible, so the county zoning department isn’t flying blind and has a full perspective of matters related to permit applications in any town before acting,” he said. “From Minocqua’s point of view, it seems that legal counsel for the county zoning department has discouraged this needed coordination over the past year.”

As of press time, the clock was still ticking on the zoning department’s demands, and it remained to be seen whether the county would compel the removal of public benches and seats from the downtown shopping area if businesses did not pay the zoning department thousands of dollars.

Also as of press time, Hartzheim said the DOT had not yet weighed in on the matter, though he has reached out to them for their comments.

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



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--Hodags dominate Ashland 32-7, move to 3-0

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND — For a few, fleeting moments Friday night the Rhinelander High School football team felt a game it was dominating slipping from its control. Then the Hodags got back to what they do best and notched another win.

Truman Lamers threw for 176 yards and three touchdowns, the Hodag defense held Ashland under 200 yards and Rhinelander wore down the Oredockers in a 32-7 win at Weikal Field.

“Offensively, I feel real good but, defensively, I tell you what, this defense is very, very good and when they do their jobs and they eye their guy, they’re one of the best defenses in the conference,” Hodag coach Aaron Kraemer said after the game.

The Hodags (3-0, 1-0 Great Northern) possessed the football for more than 30 minutes and were up 13-0 in the second quarter after touchdown passes to Bo Stott and Zach Germain. But a 66-yard score from Haydin LePlavy to Chris Craig, followed by a sack fumble of Lamers set up Ashland with first and goal from the 6 with a chance to take the lead.

Ashland (0-3, 0-1 Great Northern) actually thought it had taken the lead for a moment, but a Laken Villaverde touchdown run was wiped out due to a holding call and the Oredockers eventually came away empty as Owen Corbine-Nelis missed a 32-yard field goal.

Ashland was turned away again on an interception by Lamers right at the end of the first half and the Hodags took over after halftime, scoring touchdowns on their next three possessions.

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PIGSKIN PREVIEW WEEK 4: HAYWARD AT RHINELANDER



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Rhinelanders High School football coach Aaron Kraemer and center Kaeden Piller celebrate following a touchdown during the second quarter of a GNC football game at Ashland Friday, Sept. 1. The Hodags are 3-0 to start the season and will face another surprising 3-0 squad tonight as they host Hayward at Mike Webster Stadium.

Hodags, Hurricanes clash in surprising battle of unbeatens

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It’s hardly a stretch to say that few expected tonight’s contest between Rhinelander and Hayward to be a clash of undefeated teams.

The two programs combined to win only twice last year — with Rhinelander’s win coming in a 14-0 shutout at Hayward. WisSports.net had these two teams picked to finish seventh and eight in the GNC. The conference media gave them a hair more respect — slotting them fifth and sixth in the conference media poll.

Yet, whichever team comes out of tonight’s clash at Mike Webster Stadium victorious will have the distinction of being the Great Northern Conference’s lone remaining undefeated team.

Hodag head coach Aaron Kraemer, for one, said he’s not surprised that both teams have been able to bounce back from 1-8 seasons.

WEEK 4 AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Hayward at Rhinelander
WHEN: 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8
WHERE: Mike Webster Stadium
HOW TO WATCH: Rhinelander High School page via Team1Sports.com
HOW TO LISTEN: 101.3 FM/1240 AM, TheGameNorthwoods.com
WEATHER: Sunny, 61 degrees, winds N at 7 MPH
RECORDS: Rhinelander 3-0 (1-0 Great Northern), Hayward 3-0 (1-0 Great Northern)
LAST WEEK: Rhinelander def. Ashland, 32-7. Hayward def. Antigo, 27-8
LAST MEETING: Rhinelander 14, Hayward 0 — Sept. 9, 2022

“They look like an outfit that has had a lot of senior leadership,” he said of a Hayward team that’s off to its best start in coach Noah LeBlanc’s three seasons at the helm. “They look like an experienced outfit. They look like a group that’s ready to win. They’re going to be wanting to do the exact same thing that we did to them last year, which is come into our field and beat us on our home turf.”
“We feel like we have also changed. We feel like those

changes have been for the good and we feel pretty comfortable offensively and defensively in what we’re doing. We feel confident in the gains we’ve been able to make over the last three weeks, and we feel like we’ll be ready for this Hayward team.”
Both teams come in off their most lopsided wins of the season. Rhinelander overcame some first-half mistakes and ran away from Ashland with a 32-7 victory on the road last Fri-

day night. Hayward jumped ahead early and never looked back in a 27-8 win at Antigo.
Both teams will see pre-season conference favorites Mosinee and Medford before the end of the month. A win tonight would help both enter the tough middle portion of the schedule with a ton of momentum.
“We feel like our strengths match their strengths this week,” Kraemer said. “We feel confident, but we also know that this is a really, really good team.”
Here are five storylines going into tonight’s game.

Dual threats
The Hodags will see their second spread offense team in three weeks. While Rhinelander stifled Wausau East for the most part in a 34-15 win, Hayward’s offense comes with a twist — multiple quarterbacks.
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Hodag harriers battle the heat in Marshfield

By **Jeremy Mayo**
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Rhinelander High School cross country team raced at a new venue on Tuesday and drew one of the hottest days of the year to do so.

The Hodags finished third overall in the boys' division and fourth in the girls' division of the Marshfield Tiger Invite at Wildwood Park. Though Rhinelander finished as the top large school on the boys' side, the weather dominated the storyline on Tuesday.

With near-record heat and increasing humidity, race officials moved the start back nearly two hours to 6 p.m. in an effort to escape the heat. While that helped somewhat, according to the National Weather Service, the race-

time temperature was still 83 degrees with a heat index of 87. Gusty winds out of the south added to what were already difficult conditions.

"It was really windy and it was hot and, I tell you, there was a whole stretch of that first part that was just up a gradual hill on the side of the zoo there," Hodag coach M.J. Laggis said. "That was a pretty difficult run I thought today. It was a little more difficult course than people talked about."

"It was hot and it was windy and those guys battled."

Junior Greyson Gremban once again paced the Hodag boys, taking fourth overall in the field with a 5-kilometer time of 17 minutes, 42.7 seconds. He edged Pacelli's Luke Eiden at the line for fourth by 0.4 seconds and

finished roughly 53 seconds behind race winner Isaac Scheer of Marshfield Columbus.

"Greyson came out of the gate pretty fast," Laggis said. "He lost a little bit there but then kind of reeled in (the leaders) and finished fourth overall. He had a really good run. I was happy with how he dealt with the elements today."

With Shawn Denis scratched from the lineup, and both Hank Kowieski and Jonathan Campbell racing in the JV division, the Hodags had only five in the varsity starting lineup on Tuesday. Junior Brody Kowieski was second in for Rhinelander, finishing 22nd overall at 19:33.6. Senior Gavin Denis was right behind in 23rd, 3.1 seconds further back. Freshman Avrom

Barr (38th, 20:22.8) and Jackson Weinzatl (43rd, 20:41.4) rounded out the Hodag pack.

"Brody Kowieski was our No. 2 today and a real strong performance from Brody. He's come a long way from a year ago. Gavin wasn't far off of him and Gavin had a real nice finish," Laggis said. "Obviously, Lakeland's boys weren't here and we've had a knack of finishing behind them in some meets, but our boys did a really nice job."

Senior Leah Jamison was Rhinelander's top runner on the girls' side for a third straight race, coming home 15th overall (22:54.9). Junior Sophie Miljevich turned in her fastest time of the season, coming home 24th (23:36.1). Freshman Kara Monk took 33rd (24:29.3), junior Luna Grage was 35th

(23:34.8) and freshman Ella Miljevich finished 36th (24:38.6).

"Really nice performance from Leah Jamison," Laggis said. "Our No. 2 was Sophie Miljevich and Sophie had a really strong run and really finished strong. She was really nice, nice addition to the field today the way she ran. Our third girl was Kara Monk and that's right about where she's been, in that realm. Then Luna and Ella Miljevich was in the top five. Those five girls scored, had nice runs and we finished fourth. It was really respectable on the girls' side."

Maria Hubler (46th, 25:11.9), Brynn Teter (47th, 25:24.2) and Kyleah Hartman (69th, 27:26.2) rounded out the Hodag contingent.

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Hodag tennis fends off Medford, remains unbeaten in GNC

By **Jeremy Mayo**
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Rhinelander High School girls' tennis team fought off hot conditions, and a pesky Medford team, on Tuesday to improve to 3-0 in the Great Northern Conference.

The Hodags won the top three singles flights, and got a victory at No. 2 doubles to push them over the top in a 4-3 win on the road at Medford.

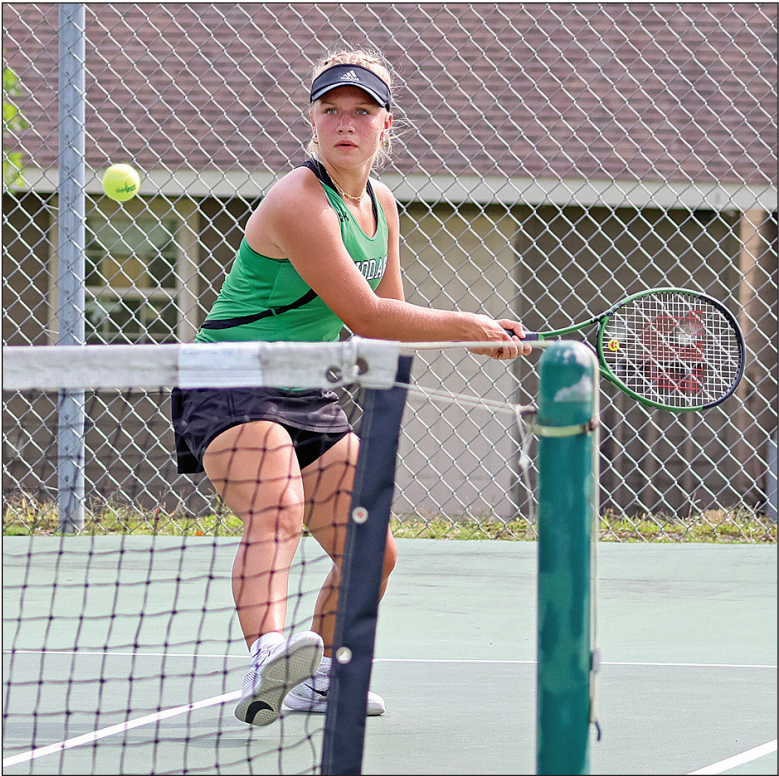
Rhinelander moved into a tie for second in the conference with Lakeland on 32 points. The Hodags sat six points behind GNC-leading Wausau Newman heading into a matchup with the Cardinals at home Thursday which concluded after press time for today's edition.

"They're a much improved team since last year," Hodag coach Matt Nichols said of Tuesday's win. "(Medford's) Jake (Bucki) is a great coach and I knew they'd come out ready to compete. They had a lot of hustle, got a lot of balls that I don't think we were ready for them to get back. But, on the flip side, we got the 4-3 win, which is huge when we look at conference, team record. Moving forward, that's just a nice pat of the back to the team for their hard work throughout the season."

The Hodags controlled the top three singles flights with Tori Riopel, Dawsyn Barkus and Shayla Coppenger picking up straight-set wins. Riopel rolled 6-2, 6-1 over Mary Raznik in the top flight, Barkus won 7-6 (2), 6-2 over Jaylin Machon at No. 2 and Coppenger cruised to a 6-0, 6-2 win over Morgan Strebig at No. 3.

"The Nos. 1 and 3 singles spots were largely uncontested," Nichols noted. "Tori had some great shots and she earned those games she won. It was kind of the same for Dawsyn. The first set she was a little shaky and then she found her groove."

Rhinelander's Evelyn Sawyer and Brooke Sisel picked up what proved to be the clinching point at No. 2 doubles, taking down Medford's Indya Mann and Grace Mann 6-3, 6-3. Otherwise it was a tough day on the doubles front for the Hodags.



MATT FREY/STAR NEWS

Rhinelander's Dawsyn Barkus prepares to hit a backhand during a GNC girls' tennis match at Medford Tuesday, Sept. 5. Barkus won her match at No. 2 singles in straight sets as the Hodags won the dual, 4-3 and improved to 3-0 in conference play.

Medford's Masaeda Krug and Audrey Ruesch took down Rhinelander's Kayla Tessmann and Karmen Lopez in straight sets in the top flight. It was a similar story at No. 3 where Madison Clarkson and Makenna Tlusty were straight-set winners over Maya Patrick and Willow VanDenHeuvel.

"Across the board in doubles we've been working a lot on positioning. I think we had a great opportunity to practice that," Nichols said. "Medford's a very disciplined doubles team where they're going to exploit our weaknesses. I think we got caught a little off guard. It was a hot day. We were a little slow and behind a lot of balls we needed to stay on top of if we wanted to get the win."

Medford also picked up a win at No. 4 singles with Natalie Preuss edging freshman Sam Aschenbrenner in a match tiebreaker 6-7 (5), 6-2, 10-8. The match was decided in a tiebreaker, rather than a full third set as customary in GNC duals, because Medford was slated to play one more match on Tuesday against Bloomer.

"No. 4 singles, we're still trying to grow into that spot," Nichols noted. "We've got a

couple freshmen going through there and just getting the experience is good. Sam got two tiebreaks. She won one of them, lost the other. That cost her the match but just a great experience for her."

Because Medford played two matches on Tuesday, and their facility has only six courts, it meant an early start in the brunt of the heat. Rhinelander's match got underway at 2 p.m. and the temperature climbed as high as 87 degrees with a heat index of 90 during the dual.

"It was tough," Nichols said. "There's conditions we can use and everyone plays through. That doesn't fit anyone, I don't think. It's tough to play through that. It definitely affects movement on the court. You get tired quicker. Trying to push through that is a challenge in itself."

Rhinelander, and the majority of the GNC, will be in Wausau today and tomorrow for a two-day invitational. Antigo, Lakeland, Medford and Wausau Newman are also scheduled to take part in the 11-team tournament.

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Schumacher sails to big payday in Eagle River finale

Sibling rivalry was hot and heavy at Eagle River Speedway Saturday night as Nick Schumacher of Eagle fought off his brother Dan Schumacher to capture the caution-free, grand national feature win at Eagle River Speedway Saturday.

The victory netted Schumacher \$2,309 for his efforts. It was his first ever visit to Eagle River Speedway.

Polesitter Tyler Kulow paced the opening five circuits until Schumacher slipped underneath Kulow to grab the lead on lap six. Close to the midpoint of the event Nick's brother Dan sliced through the field and began chasing his brother down. Although Dan Schumacher closed to within a car length of his brother, he was forced to settle for second in the caution free event.

"This place does remind me a little bit of 141 Speedway with its layout," Nick Schumacher admitted. "I actually learned a thing or two from Dan in the heat race. This is a fun place and we'll be back for sure next year."

Dan Schumacher settled for second place money at the pay window. Sheboygan's Ryan Minster, who started 10th on the grid, charged through the field to take third place. Kulow and Omro's Brian Schrauth took fourth and fifth place.

Former track champion Jesse Aho of Twin Lakes, Mich. fended off fierce challenges from Jason and Geoff Zdroik in the closing laps to pick up the B-Modified feature win. Geoff Zdroik passed Jason Zdroik on the final circuit to take the runner-up spot. Jason Zdroik settled for third, while Wausau's Scott Swanson and Eagle River's Dustin White took fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Jason Zdroik, the 2023 Late Model champion, scored the caution-free feature win in that class. Zdroik led every lap en route to victory.

Sugar Camp's Jason Eisel won the caution-filled Street Stock feature. The 2023 division track champion kept the lead through no less than nine cautions, including one as the checkers flew. Only 10 of the original 18 cars that started the contest were still running at the end. Greenville's Jared Spaulding, Merrill's Ethan Hommerding, Quentin "Iceman" Morrison and Hope Eisel placed second through fifth, respectively.

Track champion David Blackberg of Eagle River won the stock car feature.

Aidan Leingang of Coal Valley, Ill. made the long haul north pay off. The non-local fought off hometown racer Ty Springer in the closing laps to capture the 600 Micro Sprint feature.

Hometown driver Mason Meier scored the 300 Micro Sprint feature win while Braxton Lundquist of Bark River, Mich. led wire-to-wire to win the caution free 500 Micro Sprint feature.

A total of 140 drivers from three states took part in the two-day special race.

The management of Eagle River Speedway would like to thank the fans, drivers, sponsors and car owners for their support during the 2023 season. For further information including 2024 plans and pending banquet information fans are advised to check the track's Facebook page.

SPORTS DIGEST

RNC mountain bike teams kick off season

The Rhinelander Northwoods Composite mountain bike team started the 2023 WHSCL season on Sunday with the league’s season opener at Telemark Resort in Cable.

For scoring purpose the team was broken into two separate squads. The RNC team composed of riders from Three Lakes and other area schools was 30th out of 57 teams in Division 2. The Rhinelander High School, moving down from Division 1 to D2 this year, finished 34th.

Reigning girls’ JV-3 state champion Macy Lester of Three Lakes moved into the varsity division for this, her junior season, and took eighth in that race, covering roughly 21 miles in 1 hour, 24 minutes, 59.82 seconds. She led the RNC contingent on the day. Cody Price was 16th in the boys’ JV-3 race while Everett Smith was 49th in the freshman boys’ race.

The RHS squad was led by sophomore Holden Schmitz, who took 10th in the JV-3 boys’ race. Emma Mankus was 20th in the JV-2 girls’ race and Michale Tredupp was 42nd in the freshman boys’ race.

In middle school action, Henry Schmitz took fifth in the eighth-grade boys’ race. The Hodags was three riders in the sixth-grade boys’ race, led by Hans Sommer in 12th. Jacob McFarland was 20th and Emmett Tuckey finished 37th.

The team will next compete Sept. 17 at Lowe’s Creek in Eau Claire. The series will run through the finale Oct. 22 in Waterloo.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

HOLIDAY ACE

Rhinelander’s Ken Zuiker recorded a hole-in-one at Pinewood Country Club in Harshaw on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4. Zuiker aced the 99-yard par-3, third hole using a sand wedge.

Harriers

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Medford was the only other GNC school represented in the 17-team meet. Pacelli took the overall boys’ title with 84 points. The Hodags scored 121 points and finished four points behind Marathon for the runner-up spot. Medford took seventh.

The Raiders edged Stratford 52-67 for the win on the girls’ side, followed by Marshfield in third. Rhinelander (138) finished well ahead of Sparta (165) for fourth. Medford’s Meredith Richter (20:12.7) was the individual winner.

A traditional stop when the Hodags were in the Wisconsin Valley Conference, Tuesday marked Rhinelander’s first race in Marshfield in well over a decade. The Hodags will compete at another new venue on Saturday as they take part in the Colby Invite. Laggis said that race holds extra significance as it pertains to the postseason.

“That’s the sectional race course and we want to see it. We want to go compete at it,” he said. “No matter what happens on Saturday, it’s a second great training day of the week. You’ve got something to build on going into the weekend and we want to run our best race. Either way, you step back afterwards and say, ‘OK, what do we have to do to be better or run this more effective at sectionals?’”

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WIS. SPORTS GLANCE

Milwaukee BREWERS
77-61, 1st NL Central

SCHEDULE

Sept. 1: Brewers 7, Philadelphia 5
Sept. 2: Brewers 7, Philadelphia 5
Sept. 3: Philadelphia 4, Brewers 2
Monday: Pittsburgh 4, Brewers 2
Tuesday: Brewers 7 Pittsburgh 3
Wednesday: at Pittsburgh, late
Friday: at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m. (BSWI)
Saturday: at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m. (BSWI)
Sunday: at N.Y. Yankees, 12:35 p.m. (BSWI)
Sept. 11: vs. Miami, 6:40 p.m. (BSWI)

MLB STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	90	47	.657	—	Baltimore	87	51	.630	—
Philadelphia	76	62	.551	14½	Tampa Bay	84	55	.604	3½
Miami	71	67	.514	19½	Toronto	77	62	.554	10½
N.Y. Mets	64	74	.464	26½	Boston	72	67	.518	15½
Washington	62	77	.446	29	N.Y. Yankees	69	69	.500	18
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	77	61	.558		Minnesota	73	66	.525	1
Chicago Cubs	75	64	.540	2½	Cleveland	66	73	.475	7
Cincinnati	73	68	.518	5½	Detroit	63	75	.457	9½
Pittsburgh	64	75	.460	13½	Chi. White Sox	53	86	.381	20
St. Louis	60	78	.435	17	Kansas City	44	96	.314	29½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	84	53	.613	—	Houston	79	61	.564	—
Arizona	71	68	.511	14	Seattle	77	61	.558	1
San Francisco	70	69	.504	15	Texas	76	62	.551	2
San Diego	66	74	.471	19½	L.A. Angels	64	75	.460	14½
Colorado	51	87	.370	33½	Oakland	42	97	.302	36½

Green Bay PACKERS
0-0, T-1st NFC North

SCHEDULE

Sunday: at Chicago, 3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Sept. 17: at Atlanta, Noon (FOX)

NFL STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 5

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

#19 Wisconsin BADGERS
FOOTBALL — 1-0, 0-0 Big Ten

SCHEDULE

Sept. 2: Badgers 38, Buffalo 17
Saturday: at Washington State, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)

BIG TEN STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 5

West Division	Conf.	Ovr.	East Division	Conf.	Ovr.
Minnesota	1-0	1-0	5 Ohio State	1-0	1-0
19 Wisconsin	0-0	1-0	Rutgers	1-0	1-0
Illinois	0-0	1-0	2 Michigan	0-0	1-0
Iowa	0-0	1-0	7 Penn State	0-0	1-0
Purdue	0-0	0-1	Maryland	0-0	1-0
Northwestern	0-1	0-1	Michigan State	0-0	1-0
Nebraska	0-1	0-1	Indiana	0-1	0-1

ATHLETICS

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Marshfield Invite
Wildwood Park
Tuesday, Sept. 5

Boys' Team: 1, Pacelli, 84 points. 2, Marathon, 117. 3, Rhinelander, 121. 4, Stratford, 144. 5, Wisconsin Rapids, 148. 6, Sparta, 151. 7, Medford, 163. 8, Marshfield Columbus, 172. 9, Athens, 189. 10, Tomah, 194. 11, Pittsville, 227. 12, Wittenberg-Birnawood, 294. 13, Merrill, 312. 14, Auburndale, 370. DNQ — Marshfield, Spencer.

Individuals: 1, Isaac Scheer, MC, 16:49.2. 2, Owen Hoerneman, Mar, 17:24.1. 3, Cree DeFoe, Strat, 17:31.9. 4, Greyson Gremban, Rhi, 17:42.7. 5, Luke Eiden, Pac, 17:43.1.

Rhinelander: 4, Gremban, 17:42.7. 22, Brody Kowieski, 1933.6. 23, Gavin Denis, 19:36.7. 38, Avrom Barr, 20:22.8. 43, Jackson Weinzattl, 20:41.4.

Girls' Team: 1, Medford, 52. 2, Stratford, 67. 3, Marshfield, 84. 4, Rhinelander, 138. 5, Sparta, 165. 6, Marathon, 170. 7, Wittenberg-Birnawood, 189. 8, Tomah, 204. 9, Wisconsin Rapids, 220. 10, Auburndale, 247. 11, Abbottsford, 293. 12, Marshfield Columbus, 214. 13, Spencer, 378. DNQ — Athens, Merrill, Pacelli, Pittsville.

Individuals: 1, Meredith Richter, Med, 20:12.7. 2, Rory Salvason, W-B, 20:26.2. 3, Natalie Scharenbroch, Mar, 20:33.1. 4, Nora Bushman, W-B, 21:33.4. 5, Kayla Casperson, Strat, 21:39.2.

Rhineland: 15, Leah Jamison, 22:54.9. 24, Sophie Miljevic, 23:36.1. 33, Kara Monk, 24:29.3. 35, Luna Grace, 24:34.8. 36, Ella Miljevic, 24:38.6. 46, Maria Hubler, 25:11.9. 47, Brynn Teter, 25:24.2. 69, Kyleah Hartman, 27:26.6

AUTO RACING

EAGLE RIVER SPEEDWAY

Results — September 1-2

GRAND NATIONALS
Feature: 1, Nick Schumacher. 2, Dan Schumacher. 3, Ryan Minster. 4, Tyler Kulow. 5, Brian Schrauth. 6, Putch Bentley. 7, Will Sorce. 8, Seth Westmayer. 9, Derek Schrauth. 10, Jeff Richards. 11, Todd Ascherien. 12, Rick Gustavson. 13, Maverick Ruh. 14, Aaron Streblov. 15, Brad Weiss. 16, Derek Kaat. 17, Arianna Beattie. 18, Paul Tod. 19, Donny Kulow. 20, Mark Haskins. 21, Nick Goeman.
Semi-Feature: 1, Goeman. 2, Tod. 3, Kulow. 4, Jakes Richards. 5, Jeff Muehlbauer. 6, Collin Skindzelewski. DNS — Vince Bartolotta.
Heat 1: 1, Ascherien. 2, N.Schumacher.
Heat 2: 1, Bentley. 2, B.Schrauth.
Heat 3: 1, J.Richards. 2, Westmayer.

B MODIFIEDS
Feature: 1, Jesse Aho. 2, Geoff Zdroik. 3, Jason Zdroik. 4, Scott Swanson. 5, Dustin White. 6, Jesse Denome. 7, Austin Zdroik. 8, Ryan Brown. 9, Josh Zdroik. 10, Jimmy Zdroik. 11, William Stark. 12, Rodney Hurst. 13, Spaulding. 14, Andy Fink. 15, James Thur. 16, Zach Schmidt. 17, Beetle Bailey. 18, Pete Paulus. 19, Gunner Hurst. 20, Mike Kirtland.
LATE MODELS
Feature: 1, Jason Zdroik. 2, Austin Zdroik. 3, Josh Nevoraski. 4, Logan Larsen. 5, Zack Friske. 6, Travis Friske. 7, Ben Pitlik. 8, Peyton Towne
Heat: 1, A.Zdroik. 2, T.Friske.

STREET STOCKS
Feature: 1, Jason Eisel. 2, Jared Spaulding. 3, Ethan Hommerding. 4, Jack Wiroll. 5, Quentin Morrison. 6, Wyler Haynes. 7, Hope Eisel. 8, Logan Verhagen. 9, Mike Brown. 10, Ryan Schuppler. 11, Wyatt McIntyre. 12, Neil Aaberg. 13, Trevor Denome. 14, Braydon Lundquist. 15, Austin

Steinke. 16, Colin Joliff. 17, Cody Potter. 18, Blake Hartman.
Semi-Feature: 1, McIntyre. 2, Hope Eisel. 3, Bobby Hommerding. 4, Ben McCoy. 5, Jeff Hartman. 6, Kim Brown. 7, Courtney Pirus. 8, Brandon Romenesko.

STOCKS
Feature: 1, David Blackberg. 2, Cody Potter. 3, Kevin Bogdonavic. 4, Jordan Kurti. 5, Ron Hanestad. 6, Ryan Valeria. 7, Jeff Zdroik. 8, Patrick Farley Jr. 9, Matt Cleary. 10, Rod Snellenberger. 11, Jonathan Miller. 12, Colin Joliff. 13, Trentin Bell.
600 MICRO SPRINTS
Feature: 1, Aiden Leingang. 2, Ty Springer. 3, Tommie Jo Springer. 4, Chase Richer. 5, Hoyt Cournoyer. 6, Russell Klein. 7, Max Nowak. 8, Dustin Kangas. 9, Mya Towne. 10, Ethan Manninen. 11, Kaeden Bethel. 12, Jacob Zimmerman. 13, Carson Artley. 14, Katherine Towne.

Heat 1: 1, Cournoyer. 2, Ty Springer.
Heat 2: 1, To.Springer. 2, Zimmerman.
500 MICRO SPRINTS
Feature: 1, Braxton Lundquist. 2, Robert Knight. 3, Griffin Iverson. 4, Ethan Juhola.
Heat: 1, B.Lundquist. 2, Iverson.

300 MICRO SPRINTS
Feature: 1, Mason Meier. 2, Cooper Aho. 3, Tanner Rae. 4, Blake Joslin. 5, Madisyn Dieringer. 6, Carter Aho. 7, Lucas Zdroik. 8, Bentley Seliger. 9, Chase Zdroik. 10, Bentley Richer. 11, Archer Peter. 12, Elijah Sharp-Nevo-raski.
Heat 1: 1, B.Richer. 2, Co.Aho.
Heat 2: 1, Meier. 2, Rae.

BOWLING

HODAG LANES
Ladies Friendly League
Tuesday, Sept. 5

High Game
Venette Tess 231
Amy Kinsch 213
Janice Wagner 207
Tonya Drexler 206
Nancy Nebgen 199

High Series
Venette Tess 601
Janice Wagner 556
Tonya Drexler 553
Joey Tess 535
Amy Kinsch 526

Standings as of Sept. 5

Team	W-L
Rhinelander Brewing Co.	7-0
Hodag Country Fest	7-0
McNaughton Pub	5-2
Acre Chicks	5-2
Country Bar	5-2
Play By Play	4-3
Tom's Drawing Board	4-3
Hodag Honda	2-5
KSW Construction Corp.	2-5
Avco Vacuum Cleaner Co.	2-5
Rick's Pro Shop	0-7
Nick's Side Chicks	0-7

FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 5

Team	GNC	Ovr
Hayward	1-0	3-0
Rhinelander	1-0	3-0
Medford	1-0	2-1
Mosinee	1-0	2-1
Antigo	0-1	1-2
Ashland	0-1	0-3
Lakeland	0-1	0-3
Merrill	0-1	0-3

Friday's Games
Medford 12, Merrill 0
Hayward 27, Antigo 8
Mosinee 33, Lakeland 0
Rhinelander 32, Ashland 7
Friday, Sept. 8
Lakeland at Medford, 7 p.m.
Hayward at Rhinelander, 7 p.m.
Ashland at Mosinee, 7 p.m.
Antigo at Merrill, 7 p.m.

Rhinelander at Ashland

Friday, Sept. 1

Rhinelander 0 13 6 13 — 32

Ashland 0 7 0 0 — 7

First Quarter

No scoring.

Second Quarter

Rhi — Stott 22 pass from Lamers

(Bates kick), 10:18.

Rhi — Germain 68 pass from Lamers

(pass failed), 7:32.

Ash — Craig 66 pass from LePlayv

(Corbine-Nelis kick), 6:43.

Third Quarter

Rhi — Vanney 9 pass from Lamers (run

failed), 3:05.

Fourth Quarter

Rhi — Campbell 12 run (Bates kick),

11:52.

Rhi — Schwinger 13 run (kick failed),

2:52.

Team Statistics

	Rhi	Ash
First Downs	20	8
Total Yards	379	191
Rushes-Yards	49-203	32-95
Passing	176	96
Punt Returns	1-14	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-2	2-12
Interception Ret.	1-0	1-3
Comp-Att-Int	7-13-1	2-6-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-30	1-3
Punts	0-0	2-75
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-52	2-13
3rd Down Eff.	7-11	0-7
4th Down Eff.	2-4	1-5
Time of Poss.	30:17	17:43

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Rhinelander — Kurtz 6-68,

Campbell 11-48, Chariton 7-38, Heck

10-36, Bates 6-19, Schwinger 2-17,

Schoppe 2-3, Team 1-(-1), Lamers 4-

(-25). Ashland — Brandis 8-29, Leask

3-27, Lund 8-19, T.Fiamoncini 1-13,

Villaverde 7-6, A.Jolma 2-4, Team 1-

(-1), LePlayv 2-(-2)

Passing: Rhinelander — Lamers 7-13-

1-176. Ashland — LePlayv 1-4-1-66,

A.Jolma 1-2-0-30.

Receiving: Rhinelander — Germain 1-

68, Vanney 2-43, Stott 1-22, Bates 2-

19, Schwinger 1-9. Ashland — Craig

1-66, Dufek 1-30.

Missed Field Goals: Ashland — Cor-

bine-Nelis 32 (S).

SOCCER

PREP BOYS' SOCCER

GNC Standings

as of Tuesday, Sept. 5

Team	GNC	Overall
Lakeland	6	2-0-0-0
Rhinelander	6	2-0-0-0
Medford	3	1-1-0-0
Mosinee	3	1-1-0-0
Antigo	0	0-2-0-0

outdoors

Fish like a **GIRL**

Tournament season winds down and fishing heats up



By Beckie Gaskill
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

It is always sad to come to the realization that open water fishing opportunities are, once again, coming to an end. We have at least two more months left, but with gardening and garage projects and work and so many other responsibilities, when the season starts to wind down, it seems it comes to an end fairly quickly. This year is no different.

The only tournament we have left for the Wisconsin Bass Team Trail this year is our championship. That event will be held on the Minocqua Chain on Sept. 23 and 24. While we are looking forward to that tournament, it is a bit bittersweet, as it will be the last one of the year. I think part of what makes this portion of the season

seem to go so quickly, other than outside responsibilities, is just how good the fishing can get. As fish start to prepare for the long, cold winter under the ice, they really start to put on the feed bag. Not only are they hungry and getting prepared to slow down and not chase forage as much, but as they eat, of course, they get much bigger. Catching big fish is al-

ways fun, and sometimes fish in the fall are even a little easier to catch. At least that has been my experience. Not that I necessarily load the boat every time I go out in the fall, but once the summer heat starts to dissipate a bit, it does seem a bit easier to catch fish, and to find bigger fish.

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A FROG
IN MY
THROAT

A northern watersnake holds a bullfrog in its mouth on Thursday, Aug. 31, in Minocqua.

BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES

THE LAKE
WHERE YOU LIVE
Zebras and
fishing



Ted Rulseh
COLUMNIST

Zebra mussels are an invasive nuisance, and in no circumstance would you want them in your lake. They can form a crust on any hard surface. They can encrust pier posts, buoys and any other solid object. The can invade outboard motors, disrupting the cooling systems. They filter nutrients out of the water, making it appealingly clear but also lower in nutrients, which the mussels hog for themselves. The shells of dead mussels can wash up and collect on beaches and are sharp enough to cut swimmers' feet. The actual effects on fisheries, though, are not entirely clear. These small mollusks with striped shells are easy to detect if attached to a boat, an anchor, or other piece of equipment. Much harder to detect are the tiny larval forms, called veligers, that come out of the eggs that the adult mussels lay. The Minnesota DNR says a female zebra mussel can produce 100,000 to half a million eggs in a year. One lake's experience with zebras is instructive. On Minnesota's Mille Lacs Lake, a noted walleye fishery, zebra mussels were first detected in 2005. By 2009 DNR divers could no longer count all the mussels. In 2012 their average density topped out at 1,269 per square foot. By 2019 the density had dropped to a still significant 574 per square foot. The mussels changed the way nutrients are processed in the lake. Material they filter out is either ingested or expelled as feces or mucus-covered pseudofeces, tending to concentrate nutrients at the lake bottom. As a result, there is more slimy green filamentous algae in the water. Algae that grows in the shallows can die, wash up and rot in mats on shorelines. The pseudofeces are utilized by crayfish and bottom-dwelling insects, which are prime food sources for smallmouth bass, which in Mille Lacs increased in numbers. Meanwhile yellow perch, the primary forage fish for walleyes, declined. It isn't clear to what extent zebra mussels were responsible for the changes. The lake ecosystem is complex and has seen various stresses in recent decades.

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Tips for a successful turkey hunt

By Beckie Gaskill
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Fall turkey season — a favorite of many hunters — is upon us. In the fall, as with a good portion of the year, turkeys have two goals — survival and finding food. At this time of the year, all wildlife understand that winter is coming and food sources may get scarce. Almost every species is looking to add bulk and take in as much nutrition as possible before the long, cold winter — at least that is the case for species who overwinter here. Those that migrate just need to find enough food to get to their next stopping point. Turkeys are not in that group of birds, however. In some ways, that makes finding them a bit easier, at least for those hunters who are willing to put in the time to find out where they are feeding.

Changing food sources
One of the nice thing about fall turkey hunting, compared to deer hunting, is the amount of days a hunter truly needs to put in where scouting is concerned. While deer hunters may spend months scouting, fall turkey

hunters know that what they find weeks in advance of the season will likely not be what is happening as the season starts. Where they find turkey, and what those turkeys are doing, is not likely to be the same at the beginning of the season as it will later in the season. As the available food source changes, turkey movements will change as well. When acorns start to fall, turkeys may seek them out. In areas where crops have been harvested, this may draw the birds out into the fields, especially if the acorn crop is slim. Knowing what is around the area for forage, and when that forage is most available, will be key to finding birds. Heavy hunting pressure directly on a food source can move birds to another food source, however. For that reason it can be advisable, if a hunter still wishes to hunt those birds, to wait until the others have moved on before moving out of the area or letting the birds know the hunter is there.

Roosting sites
Knowing where roosting areas are is a good idea for hunters looking to hunt the corridors where turkeys normally travel.

Getting in tight to the roost is apt to scatter turkeys, so many hunters wait until late in their season to employ that tactic. However, learning how turkeys get from their roost to their food will prove helpful as the season gets closer. Finding roosting areas is easiest in the mornings and the evenings. Fall turkeys will make a fair amount of noise as they come back to their roosts and before they leave in the morning for the day. Scouting at these times can make for less of a search for hunters. Midday roost scouting means a hunter is forced to look for feathers and scat below roosting sites. Of course, this can be done, and done effectively, especially by a hunter familiar with the woods in which they are hunting, but keying in on the sounds can help a hunter find roosting areas much more quickly. Hunters should also keep in mind that while some turkeys will utilize the same roosting sites each night, others rotate between several sites, only returning to one every few days.

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Corridors

Once forage is discovered and a hunter knows where the roosting areas are, hunting the corridors between the two can bring good results. Turkeys will have daytime spots where they root around, scratching the ground and showing signs that this is an area to which they will likely return. These are good places for hunters to set up, leaving both the roosting sites and the food sites undisturbed.

Calling and calls

There are a variety of calls available for turkey hunters. Box calls are the easiest to use, but using one of these types of calls means a hunters hands are busy. As the name would suggest, a box call consists of a box with a paddle attached to the top. Sounds are produced by rubbing the paddle across the top of the box.

Slate calls are comprised of a round slate and a striker. These calls can also be very effective, but do take a bit more practice to get the calls right. Again, the hunters hands will be busy, meaning they need to put the call down and pick up their weapon before taking aim at a bird. Both of these calls are used by many hunters in many situations.



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The mouth call allows hunters to keep their hands free, but are arguably more difficult to learn to use. They are comprised of the tape, which helps the call conform to the roof of the mouth, and the reeds, which are held together by the frame. Tapes can be cut down to fit into the hunter’s mouth, making it easier to use. As with a musical instrument, the reeds produce the sound.

No matter the type of call a hunter uses, there are several calls they should master in order to call in birds. Those are the yelp, the cluck,

the purr and the gobble. Yelps are a common fall call. It is one of the most common ways turkeys communicate with each other. They happen in strings, and hunters can take their key from the birds as to how many yelps to issue in a row. Clucks are more relaxed than the alarm putt turkeys sometimes use. The cluck is often used to gain the attention of another bird. The purr, as one would expect, is a soft call turkeys use when communicating with one another. Gobbles can be used to locate Toms and are the call most associate with turkeys.

Camouflage

Turkeys have incredible eyesight. For that reason, hunters should pay special attention to camouflage. Covering all parts of the hunter is important, including the hands and face. Hunters go to a great deal of effort to properly conceal themselves when hunting these birds. However, when walking in and out of the woods, it can be a good idea to wear a blaze orange hat or gloves. This will allow hunters to see each other and properly identify hunters as humans. Hunters should also take care when moving decoys. A decoy should be covered before moving it, keeping other hunters from mistaking the decoy for a turkey they would like to harvest.

Learn to Hunt opportunities

Each year the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) holds Learn to Hunt Turkey classes across the state. Those classes are also held here in the Northwoods, usually taking place just before the season starts. Those interested in learning more about Learn to Hunt classes can sign up to be notified of future classes by going to the DNR website dnr.wi.gov and inputting keywords “Learn to Hunt Turkey.” Information about turkeys, turkey hunting and laws around turkey hunting can also be found on the DNR website.

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Gaskill

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When fishing for bass in the fall, I like to think back to spring on any particular lake. In the spring, fish often come up onto shallow flats to find food. This can also be the same in the fall, so starting in those places can be a good idea. While I tend to gravitate toward crayfish imitations most of the rest of the year, in the fall I like my bait to imitate a minnow of some sort. By fall, all of the bait fish born this season are about perfect eating size for bass. Bluegills, crappies, shiners, and other bait fish have gotten big enough now that it is worth expending the energy to chase them down.

Finding the transition areas between those shallow flats bass utilize in the spring and their deep summer haunts can usually provide some success, too. Those areas are where fish will hang out, waiting for pods of bait fish to swim by.

“Target the first drop,” I can hear my late husband Rod saying about bass fishing in September. He won a whole lot more money bass fishing in his lifetime than I have up to this point, so I tended to listen to him and he was usually not wrong.

That first drop off of a feeding or spawning flat, if the fish are not up on the flat, will likely be where the fish are sitting. Those pre-spawn areas can be productive in the fall.

The big thing, of course, is to find the bait fish. This is one place where electronics can be a big help. They make it much easier to find schools of bait fish. Once you find the fish, though, it is important to know what they are. I will change up my presentation based on whatever the fish are chasing at that time in that lake. Matching the size and basic color pattern can be important here. That is not to say an angler won’t catch a fish on a pink worm that was originally chasing cisco, for instance. That will happen. Fish are hungry and they know food will be scarce in short order. So they will take a chance on something that might not look quite right. But at the same time, the bigger fish did not get to that size by being dumb. Yes, again, they do have a brain the size of a pea, as we fishermen like to remind ourselves, but they must use that space well to keep all of the important information (i.e. how to stay alive) they need.

I always talk about “matching the hatch,” which really comes from fly

fishing, I would suppose, where an angler is looking to match which insects are hatching at any given time. But over the years the term has evolved to mean showing the fish a lure that looks as close as possible to what it is already eating. Then you make that lure look like an easy meal, like it is injured or sick in some way. Game fish are powerful swimmers, but if they can be lazy and take an easy meal first, they are all about it.

So, with all that said, what do I throw in the fall? I will first say, I will still have crayfish imitations tied on. But I will spend more time with a bait fish imitation in the water. This could be a good time to use an Alabama rig, although I have still not thrown one for any length of time or with any success (less time = less success, basic fishing math at work here.) An Alabama rig mimics a small pod of bait fish. It usually has 5 baits, but in Wisconsin we can only use three hooks, so if anyone reading this wants to try one out, keep that in mind. I keep the middle and bottom two swim baits with a hook and in the top two spots I will just run baits without hooks or simply naked blades of some sort, usually willow leaf shaped. The fish will be “feeding up,” or looking up to find bait fish swimming by, so they are more apt to take the bottom or middle bait. Running willow leaf blades on the top two arms adds to the flash, which can get a fish’s attention.

Swim baits are an obvious choice for fall, as far as I am concerned. Swim jigs, too, produce great results. The retrieve will vary, depending on what the fish want. And I did learn something pretty important from arguably the best jig fisherman in the area (definitely the most successful one I know) about fishing a swim jig. If fish short strike a swim jig, it is the trailer color that is off. Just switching the color of the trailer can make a difference. I took that to heart and it has worked very well.

This is the same person that told me to always set the hook twice on a small-mouth on a swim jig.

Again, he was right. I have yet to lose a smallmouth after setting the hook twice. The first hook set may just be turning the jig in the fish’s mouth. The second will slam the hook home, if it is not already there. Good tips.

My own personal favorite for fall fishing, though, is a small swim bait on a Scrounger Head type hook. The longer the bill, the more wobble the bait

will have. The earlier or later in the year I am fishing, the wider wobble I like, similar to a crank bait. I will not get into crank bait fishing here, as there is a lot to that. I will write a separate article on that. The scrounger head gives the swim bait a lot more action than just the tail wobble. I use it to tick the bait along the top of the weeds, even in summer. It can be fished at any depth in the water column, making it effective in various parts of the lake. It is not completely weedless, but the bill does give it a better chance of coming through weeds clean.

This is also a good search bait. It allows me to cover water quickly when looking for fish. Again, the idea, once I find fish, is to make the bait look like an injured bait fish. The action of this bait itself is helpful in that, but using a retrieve that is not exactly steady can be helpful as well. Brief pauses in the retrieve will make the bait look as though it is injured or sick. In other words, a great, easy meal for a big bass.

At this time of the year, anything that imitates a bait fish is a good place to start. Even a wacky rigged stick worm or a soft plastic jerk bait can be good choices. I like fishing a soft plastic jerk bait all season, from early spring to late fall. It has such an erratic action and seems like it can move a fish to strike when other presentations fail.

Before I end this, I do want to say a word or two about moving water. Moving water, such as at the mouth of a creek, inlet or outlet, is another great place for a fish to lie in wait for an easy meal.

Fish will likely sit in either a ditch or depression, behind some weeds or anywhere near moving water where they do not need to expend much energy. They will simply sit there, not moving much, until an unsuspecting bait fish happens to swim by.

Bait fish will move with the current, chasing their own prey. And game fish will follow the bait fish. As those little fish look to move into the creek channels and back bays, they can be ambushed by bigger fish just looking for a quick meal.

I hope those of you who enjoy fishing get a chance to get out this fall. I know we will make some time, outside of the championship, to get out on the water and make some more great memories before the cold and snow has us shoveling and wishing for warmer weather once again.

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For one thing, the lake was also invaded by spiny water fleas. Forage fish for walleyes had already declined by the time the zebras and spinies arrived. And over the years the walleyes became thinner. DNR scientists say the invasives are probably making things worse, although they can’t quantify the extent. In any case, the mussels annoy anglers: A lure or jig that touches the bottom is likely to hook and pull up a clump of three or four zebras.

The lake saw strong walleye reproduction in 2007-08, but from 2009-12, low numbers of newly hatched walleyes reached maturity. Walleye fishing was excellent in 2012; the DNR believes during that time anglers likely over-harvested fish from the strong 2008 year class, while relatively few young fish were there to replace them.

Measuring the impact of an invasive species like zebra mussels is complicated. It’s not reasonable to assume that zebras will thrive in any lake they invade. Some lakes may have only sparse populations, while in others the mussels may have massive impacts on the ecosystem. That makes a compelling case for taking aggressive measures to prevent their spread.

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Unbeatens

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Junior Alex Depew is the incumbent starter and has already put up some solid numbers to start the season. He’s thrown for 126 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for a team-high 213 yards and two scores.

But Hayward has also used sophomore Keegan Walsh in a number of series this fall. He threw a pair of touchdown passes in Hayward’s season-opening win over Cumberland and has three touchdown passes on the season in only 17 attempts.

Kraemer said both quarterbacks bring something different to the table. Depew likes to run while Walsh is more of a prototypical pocket passer. The key will be to force both to beat Rhinelander in a manner in which they are not comfortable.

“When you can really focus on one and take away the strength and force that player into doing something they’re not comfortable with, that’s when we can be successful,” he said.

Depew had a team-high 43 rush attempts on the season and it averaging 5.0 yards per carry. Junior Brock Chucka, who had 34 yards on eight carries in last year’s meeting against the Hodags, is Hayward’s second leading rusher.

Xzavier Stojek has been the big-play receiver so far for Hayward, averaging 23.1 yards per catch. Four of the seven passes he’s hauled in have gone for touchdowns.

The best defense ...

For Rhinelander, this season, it has been a game-controlling offense. The Hodags are averaging more than 31 minutes of possession time per game through three games this season. That’s something Rhinelander will look to continue this week to keep Hayward’s offense on the sidelines.

“When you have the football, you have control of what you can do, and you have control of the points. Defensively, when you’re constantly on the field, it’s tough to score points,” Kraemer said. “That’s what this offense is built around. It’s about tempo, getting to the line quickly and running the play, but it’s not about tempo out of the huddle. We need to take our time and make sure we control the possession, keep the defense off the field. Then, when we have those long drives, the 20, 21, 22-play drives like you’ve seen so far this year, we have to cash in and capitalize on those with points.”

Still improving

Kraemer was still disappointed on Tuesday after the Hodags took the opening drive 20 plays last Friday night against Ashland, but came away empty following a fourth-down interception inside the 5.

While the mistakes are becoming fewer for the Hodag offense, they are still out there. Rhinelander had six penalties in the Ashland game and turned the football over twice.

“We’re executing a little bit better than we were the week before, and definitely better than we were Week 1, but we’re not all there yet,” Kraemer said. “That makes it kind of scary when you think about that we’re not yet at full capacity as far as the way we’re executing, but we’re still putting up points.”

Defensively, Ashland’s lone score came on a 66-yard pass through busted coverage — the fourth scoring play of 58 yards or longer allowed by the Hodag defense this season.

“You take those plays away, we’ve had one of the best defenses in the conference,” Kraemer said. “Our job this week is just to take away those big plays, make teams earn their points. We’re going

to dictate the ball offensive, dictate the time of possession. We’re going to take over the tempo of the game offensively. So, defensively we just need to get them off the field and let our offense operate.”

Hayward’s defense

The Hurricanes have been playing some sneaky-good defense to start the year, holding teams to just over 7 points and 183 yards per game. The Hurricanes return a pair of all-conference players from that side of the ball in defensive end Luke Snider and safety Sam Schmitt.

Schmitt already has a pair of interceptions, has recovered a fumble and is the team’s second leading tackler through three games. Snider is fourth on the team with 18 tackles.

Inside linebackers Kayden Kennel and Lucas Jorczak have been seeing the lion’s share of the action, with 39 and 24 tackles, respectively on the year.

“They’re certainly strong up front,” Kraemer said. “Their defensive line is very good and they’re experienced. They have some all-conference players up there. They have athletes on the perimeter offensively, and those athletes play defense as well. You can expect those guys will be very good in the secondary.”

Kraemer said Hayward has been susceptible to big plays at times in the misdirection game, which is something the Hodags will likely employ at times this evening

Honoring and remembering

Off the field, tonight’s game holds special significance as the home game that falls closest to the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The team is marking the occasion by dedicating the game to active and former military members as well as law enforcement and emergency personnel. Those who have served in these roles have



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Owen Kurtz carries the American flag as he leads the Rhinelander High School football team on to the field to take on Ashland in a GNC football game in Ashland Friday, Sept. 1. The Hodags will honor active and former military members as well as law enforcement and emergency personnel prior to tonight’s game.

been invited to join the Hodags for their team meal this afternoon prior to the game. They will also be recognized during a pregame ceremony that will include a presentation of colors by the Northwoods Honor Guard.

“It certainly means a lot to our program to give back to those that serve us and allow us, first of all freedom but, second of all allow us the opportunity to play football,” Kraemer said. “We look forward to giving back to them, look forward to having them at our team meal and having a little bit of fellowship and we definitely look forward to honoring them at the game.”

Additionally, the Hodag Gridiron Club will be selling patriotic-themed Hodag football T-Shirts with proceeds going to benefit Camp Ryan Adams, whose mission is to “facilitate emotional healing in the outdoors of veterans and their families,” according to its website.

The camp’s environment and activities promote fellowship, community and new relationships.

The camp was founded in honor of Adams, a Rhinelander native and former RHS football player, who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in 2009.

“We’re thankful that we’re able to give back to Camp Ryan Adams,” Kraemer said. “I’ve heard so many stories about him, not only from his coaches but from players that played with him. The type of guy he was and obviously the tragic accident that happened to him while he was serving in the military. We need more people like that. We need people that are willing to give selflessly for others and always do so with a smile on their face. It seems like Ryan was that type of person. We want to make sure we’re able to honor him.”

Kraemer credited junior team member Dominic Lehmann and his parents for taking the lead on the Gridiron Club’s behalf in planning tonight’s festivities.

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“What I told them (at halftime) was simple,” Kraemer said. “I said, ‘We’ve controlled this game. We’re going to stop them here. We’re going to drive down and score and as soon as we score, that’s when they’re going to crumble.’”

That statement proved to be prophetic. The Hodags stopped Ashland on a fourth-and-2 run from the 44 to start the second half and then marched down the field 11 plays before rolling the dice again on fourth and 6 from the 9. Lamers rolled out and found Kyrle Vanney on a diving catch in the end zone to make it 19-7.

After turning Ashland over on downs again, Payton Campbell put Rhinelander up 26-7 with a 12-yard on the first play of the fourth quarter and Logan Schwinger put the icing on the cake on a 13-yard score with 2:52 remaining.

The Hodags were methodical in the ground



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Rhinelander’s Zach Germain hauls in a pass over Ashland’s Cooper DeBryn for a 68-yard touchdown during the second quarter of a GNC football game in Ashland Friday, Sept. 1. Rhinelander defeated Ashland 32-7 to move to 3-0 on the season

game, rushing 49 times for 203 yards. Eight different players carried the ball, led by Owen Kurtz with 68 yards on six carries. Campbell added 48 yards on 11 carries.

“I was really proud of the way we ran the football all night long but, late in the game, Owen and James (Heck) took over at the end of the second half,” Kramer said. “The

wings blocked their tails off. Kyrle had a really great block on Payton’s touchdown after having a good game receiving.”

Aside from the big pass play to Craig, the Hodags had the Oredockers grounded most of the night. Ashland finished with only 191 yards of offense, had only eight first downs and was held to 0 of 7 on third down. Andy Brandis was Ashland’s

leading rusher, but was limited to 29 yards on eight carries.

“We talked about getting our eyes on the wings, making sure we knew where they were,” Kraemer said. “Those wings can take you to the play and can give you a picture of what’s going to happen. The safeties played really, really well tonight, getting to the football and then stuffing the

counter when it came back. The linebackers scrapped and filled well and our defensive linemen — and I include our outside linebackers — those guys have been as solid as solid can be this year. I’m really proud of what they’ve been able to do.”

Lamers hit Vanney for 34 yards to convert a third-and-14 on that opening drive and later hit Stott on a crossing route on a catch-and-run of 22 yards for the game’s first score.

“Truman did a great job stepping up on the touchdown to Bo and Bo did a great job finishing that play,” Kraemer said. “I think you can get a little disillusioned as a tight end in this offense because you’ve got a lot of crossing routes, a lot of backside routes because we’re booting out to the side of the split end. Those plays end up counting though because teams are going to overplay on our split end and that Y is going to be wide open. He runs a beautiful crossing route. Well deserved touchdown.”

Lamers next pass was a big one as Germain got behind the coverage of Cooper DeBryn and was found in stride for a 68-yard score — the Hodags’ longest pass play so far this season.

“You can’t match Zach Germain’s speed. He’s very, very quick,” Kraemer said, noting that the Hodags found a weakness in the secondary and were able to exploit it a few times on Friday. “That ball was in the air forever. It took forever to come back down. I was just crossing my fingers that it would come down and he’d have it. Once he’s got it, you’re not catching him. Great job by him.”

Friday’s game marked the fourth straight road victory for the Hodags over the Oredockers. Rhinelander improved to 6-1 overall at Ashland since the team’s annual series started back in 2011. The lone loss was a 46-32 defeat back in 2015.

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YOUTH SPORTS ROUNDUP

JV FOOTBALL

The Rhinelander High School JV football team took on Ashland Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Mike Webster Stadium. Down 22-0 at one point in the first half, the Hodags rallied to take a two-point lead in the fourth quarter before the Oredockers scored a long touchdown with less than two minutes remaining to ultimately win, 36-32.

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Kade Tessmann tackles an Ashland ball carrier during the second quarter of Tuesday's game.



Ben Olson carries the football during the second quarter of Tuesday's game.



Cyrus Leisure (37) celebrates with teammate Evan Shoeder (24) after scoring a go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's game.

JV VOLLEYBALL

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Rhinelander's Kayla Skubal bumps the ball during a JV volleyball match against Antigo at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Thursday, Aug. 31.



Adaline Juedes (3) sends the ball over the net while teammate Zeva Barrett (36) looks on during a JV-3 volleyball match against Antigo at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Thursday, Aug. 31.

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The town of Cassian is accepting applications for the position of Highway maintenance worker. This is a part-time position performing a variety of semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance and repair of town roads, right of ways, facilities, and equipment. Standard procedures are followed and work is inspected by the lead worker, and or Town Chairperson and Town Supervisors. Position requires a CDL License. This position has a starting wage of \$22.86, it would include a call- in pay, with no benefit package, and no guarantee of hours. A full description of minimum requirements and application can be found on the Town of Cassian website: townofcassian.org, under, forms. Or by emailing a request to cassiantownclerk282@zoho.com or by calling the clerk @ 715-499-0132. Completed applications must be received by the Cassian Town Clerk, PO Box 4, Harshaw, WI 54529, or emailed to cassiantownclerk282@zoho.com by September 22, 2023

Paginator / Layout /

Graphic Designer

The Lakeland Times is now accepting resumes for an additional full-time or part-time experienced paginator / graphic designer to work in our production department. 2 years minimum experience with Macintosh Quark XPress, and adequate knowledge of Adobe Photoshop are required. Publishing, graphic design, marketing and/or customer service experience is a definite plus. The ideal candidate would also possess excellent organizational, communication and typing skills. efficiencycv. a positive

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262. EMPLOYMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

attitude and the ability to pay close attention to detail in a fast - paced environment. Please send resume, samples and references to: Heather Holmes, General Manager, The Lakeland Times, P.O Box 790, Minocqua, WI 54548. Email: hholmes@lakelandtimes.com.

Trout River Cranberry in Boulder Junction is currently looking for fall cranberry harvest help, Mid-September, harvest lasting approx. 3- 4 weeks. Also looking for seasonal labor or general cranberry marsh work. Wage dependent on skill. Contact Brad at 715-820-1529.

264. EMPLOYMENT

TRADE/SKILL

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

EXPERIENCED CARPENTER AND CARPENTER HELPER POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Are you an experienced carpenter considering a change... or are you interested in entering in a new career in the construction trade? Simply call or email to set up a time to speak with us confidentially to determine if this the right move for you. SCHATTNER CONSTRUCTION SERVICE INC. 715-479-8170, bill@schattnerhomes.com www.schattnerhomes.com

Forest-Tool in Crandon is accepting applications for: **Machinist, CNC Operator/ Programmer.** Applicants with machining and CNC experience are welcome to apply. Full-time hours with Benefits and Pay based on experience. Willing to learn and have ability to plan and complete projects on-time for customer schedules is required. Must be able to multi-task. Forest-Tool builds Injection Molds, Stamping Dies, and also provides production machining. Manual and CNC machines are commonly utilized. Please call 715-478-5870 for more information.

300.

FOR RENT

320. FOR RENT

APARTMENTS

-FOR RENT-
1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments at the "Westridge Village Apartments", Rhinelander, WI
Available for low & moderate income individuals & families. Handicapped accessible units available. Appliances, water/sewer, garbage service provided. Coin-op laundry facility Subsidy available to reduce rent to 30% of adjusted income. Certain income restrictions apply. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer
CALL NOW!
(715)580-5360 or
TOLL FREE (855)441-8688



2 Bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, stove and refrigerator included.

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320. FOR RENT

APARTMENTS

Close to town. \$575 month plus close utilities. \$575 security deposit. No pets. 715-490-2899

The Oneida Apartments, 28 N. Brown St., Rhldr. Newly remodeled, 1- BDRM. No pets. Units from \$500/ mo plus utilities. Sec. Deposit required. 715-362-6232

400.

ITEMS

FOR SALE

420. FOR SALE

BICYCLES

26" step through electric bike. Like new. \$595.00 715-499-6153

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

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12' pole chain saw \$100, Weather Tec floor mats that fit a GMC Terrain, 10' Jon Boat Smoker Craft \$250.00 Computer \$100. 715-409-6453

480. FOR SALE

SPORTING GOODS

ProForm Treadmill \$200
GR8 Flex total gym \$500

Specialized Sequoia Road Bike (18 speed) / Dolce Saddle \$600.00

KHS Alite 50 bike with 2 saddle bags \$350.00

490. FOR SALE

ITEMS UNDER \$50

HOW DO I GET AN AD IN ITEMS UNDER \$50 FOR **FREE?**
Visit www.rivernewsonline.com and click on the **FREE CLASSIFIED** link in the top tool bar.
Deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for the following Wednesday Shopper
Please, no phone calls.

500.

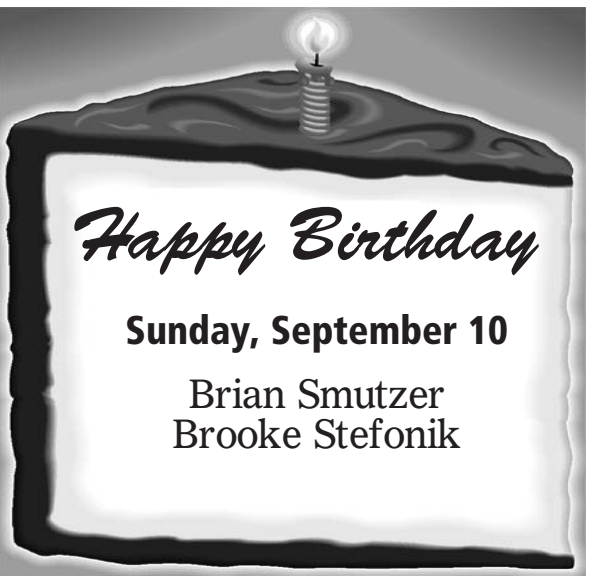
GENERAL

SALES

530.

ESTATE SALES

Pack Rats Estate Sales is hosting a sale. Saturday, Sept. 9th 9am – 2pm and Sunday, September 10th *50% off: 10am- noon *bulk/wholesale hour: 12pm- 1pm Location: 8457 E. Amber Lk. Rd., Lac du Flambeau (once named Squaw Lk. Rd.) Go to: packratsestatesales.com for pictures and more information.



540.

GARAGE /

RUMMAGE

SALES

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

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

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

To be in the Wednesday Super Shopper: **THURSDAY at NOON**

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

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

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

Find what you're looking for in the classifieds!

550.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nicolet Welcome Service & Bundles of Joy
Newcomers and Newborns in the northwoods area go to www.nicoletwelcome.com for FREE certificates, and area information or FREE baby calendar with offers from local sponsors.

800.

SERVICES

820. SERVICES

CONSTRUCTION / REMODELING

Roofing and Roof repairs, paint & stain, power wash, drywall repair, texture match, flooring and complete home repair services. Insured. 5 mi. radius of Rhinelander. Ken 715-891-7154

830. SERVICES

GENERAL

Go To Guys Tree Service
Tree removal, free estimates. Also available split seasoned hardwood \$120 per face cord. 715-360-4135

RICK'S Clock Repair, Rhinelander. 715-360-7797. Repairing all types of clocks.

Road Gravel & Grading. Road and Building Site Construction. Tree Removal, Sand and Rock.
715-550-0443

840. SERVICES

LANDSCAPING

A&D New Lawn's Top Soil Seeding
715-550-0443

930.

WANTED

TO BUY

Buying and free pick up of cars, trucks, vans, scrap metal, appliances, copper, brass, aluminum, batteries, etc. Call Jake @ 715-612-2380

Clean out your garage with the classifieds.

CLASSIFIED CATEGORIES

- 050 ANIMALS
- 060 LIVESTOCK
- 070 PETS
- 080 WANTED
- 100 ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 110 BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
- 120 GIVEAWAY
- 130 LOST/FOUND
- 140 MISCELLANEOUS
- 150 PERSONALS
- 200 BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL
- 220 FOR LEASE
- 240 OPPORTUNITIES
- 250 EMPLOYMENT
- 252 ADMINISTRATIVE
- 256 CHILD CARE
- 258 HEALTH CARE
- 260 FOOD SERVICE
- 262 MISCELLANEOUS
- 264 TRADE/SKILL
- 300 FOR RENT
- 320 APARTMENTS
- 340 DUPLEX/HOUSES
- 350 MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT
- 360 ROOMS
- 400 ITEMS FOR SALE
- 410 ANTIQUES
- 420 BICYCLES
- 430 HAY
- 440 HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- 450 FARM, FLEA MKT
- 460 FUEL/WOOD
- 470 MISCELLANEOUS
- 480 SPORTING GOODS
- 500 GENERAL SALES
- 520 AUCTIONS
- 530 ESTATE SALES
- 540 GARAGE and RUMMAGE SALES
- 550 MISCELLANEOUS
- 600 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE
- 620 ACREAGE/LOTS
- 640 MOBILE HOMES
- 650 FOR SALE
- 660 WANTED
- 670 WATERFRONT
- 700 VEHICLES
- 710 AUTOMOBILES
- 720 PARTS & ACCESSORIES
- 725 SUV'S
- 730 TRUCKS
- 740 VANS/BUSSES
- 750 VEHICLES/RECREATIONAL
- 752 ATVS
- 754 BOATS
- 756 CAMPERS/RVS
- 760 MOTORCYCLES
- 766 PWCS
- 780 SNOWMOBILES
- 788 TRAILERS, PARTS, & ACCESSORIES
- 790 WANTED
- 800 SERVICES
- 810 CHILD CARE
- 820 CONSTRUCTION/REMODELING
- 830 GENERAL
- 840 LANDSCAPING
- 860 SNOWPLOWS
- 900 SITUATION WANTED
- 930 WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUE HUNTING?
Check the CLASSIFIEDS!

NORTHWOODS RECOVERY

Choose your path

By Jeff Frye
SPECIAL TO THE RIVER NEWS

Learning otherwise would come as no surprise, but I really hope Northwoods residents aren't given the impression I'm on a mission to save the world. Since I was barely able to save myself — and only with critical help from a small army of friends and behavioral health specialists — from addiction, I rightly feel totally unqualified to be any kind of savior. Even years into recovery, keeping my own head above water is still a constant challenge.

Even so, from day one I've held fast to my own belief there is a significant purpose to be found in this recovery.

One of it's most profound gifts, sobriety after long addiction grants a unique type of clarity, of heightened awareness; and how that awareness is deployed in daily living can identify the positive purpose found in every individual recovery.

I have only the vaguest inkling of my recovery's particular purpose, but believe it relates to sharing empowerment with those who express a genuine hunger for regaining the mental and emotional equilibrium lost in addiction. From my own experience I know that cannot be effected without a great deal of support. Admitting to addiction and helplessness when facing up to it is a most humbling proposition.

In telling my story, making public my experiences traveling from addiction to recovery and

beyond, my fervent wish is for those struggling with similar issues to see hope there for themselves, and act on it.

The impetus for change can only come from the addict himself. I don't see myself saving anyone. I can only help guide those seeking guidance.

Personal experience taught me this ultimate truth about addiction: salvation comes only from within, as one's inner voice finally breaks through and prevails over addiction's clamor.

When the quietude of reason overcomes and transcends the shouting from our demons, we begin to see the possibilities inherent in pursuing real purpose; redirecting a life previously devoted to nothing but staying stupefied abusing mind-altering substances.

Every individual recovery has a connection to higher purpose, and acceptance of this principle lends special intent to lives that had lost all meaning in the insanity of addiction. Once our way is recovered, there's no end of pathways open for us to follow.

Choose your path and go!

All paths lead to the same place; a destination reached only after a lifetime of purpose-driven endeavor, and leave us with no doubt that we do recover.

Do you think you may have a problem with alcohol? Alcoholics Anonymous can help. Call our Hotline at (715)360-4637 or visit our website at www.northwoodsaa.org for questions or to find a meeting in your area.

Light Up the Night for Recovery set for Sept. 14

The Oneida County Health Department has announced this year's Light Up the Night for Recovery event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 14 at Hodag Park.

"Mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities, people from all walks of life, and all age groups," according to a health department press release. Each September, National Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery. It reminds us that 'Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.'

Millions of people in the United States are living with a substance use or mental health concern, the release notes. In fact, many experience both of these as co-occurring challenges. Although these disorders are often serious, they are treatable. People can and do recover every day.

Recovery is a process of change where individuals improve their health and strive to reach their full potential. There are many different recovery pathways, all of which need to be supported through relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope. Recovery is more difficult to attain when people seeking recovery do not experience this level of support.

To better support the path to recovery, partners in Oneida County are working to reduce stigma, increase social connectedness and grow awareness of the local recovery support services. As part of this effort, all community members are invited to attend the annual "Light Up the Night for Recovery" outdoor event.

This free family-friendly evening will include a community resource fair, games, refreshments, raffle prizes, and a time for story-sharing. It is a time to celebrate recovery, remember those who were lost, and connect individuals with recovery support, the release states.

Light Up the Night for Recovery is made possible through partners of the Northwoods Community, Outreach, Prevention, and Education Coalition (COPE).

Nicolet College, Rhinelander Police Department, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, Oneida County Department of Social Services, and the Oneida County Health Department also support this event.

People with substance use and mental health disorders need community support on their pathway to recovery. Recovery support and treatment services can help.

Available resources include:

- American Indian Quitline: Call 1-833-9AL-QUIT (1-833-924-7848)
- Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line: Text READY to 200-400 or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)
- Dial 211: local resources and referrals
- Text or call 988 for 24/7 crisis support
- Tri-County Crisis Number (Forest, Oneida, Vilas): 1-888-299-1188
- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)
- If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately.

To learn more about National Recovery Month, visit <https://rm.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/>. For more information on this local event, contact Moriah Gross at 715-369-6110.

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