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Walmart sues city again

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

The City of Rhineland is facing another lawsuit from Walmart as the retailer is once again challenging the city's assessment of the value of its Lincoln Street building.

Walmart filed its latest lawsuit against the city on Aug. 30, under the name Lincoln Plaza, Inc., claiming the city's most recent property tax assessment was off by \$6.3 million.

The newly filed document largely mirrors complaints filed by the retailer in 2021 and 2022, and still unresolved, claiming the city's annual assessments were off by \$6.3 million.

All three complaints state the city's valuation of the local Walmart property is \$12 million, however lawyers for the retailer argue the value of the property is no more than \$5.7 million and thus the court should order a refund for the overpayment of property taxes.

The City of Rhineland has had to defend itself against several so-called "dark store" lawsuits over the last several years. Most recently, in 2019 the city settled three property assessment lawsuits brought by Walmart and refunded just over \$65,000.

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Council OKs public meetings on proposed sidewalk snow removal program

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

Snow removal is a fact of life in a northern town but that doesn't mean the concept of consistently clearing sidewalks in a timely man-

ner has been mastered. In an effort to improve walkability in the winter months, the City of Rhineland administration wants to explore a new approach to this annual con-

cern. During Monday's meeting of the common council, city administrator Patrick Reagan introduced the idea of implementing a sidewalk snow removal program that would involve a

special assessment. The idea was mentioned during the group's Aug. 28 meeting but a full discussion did not take place until Sept. 11.

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SCHOOL NURSE VISITS 4K

Health services nurse Gary Leinon recently visited the Pelican 4K class. The youngsters were introduced to Leinon and learned what he does and what to expect during a visit to the school's health office. Pictured: Student Owen Teichmiller is introduced to the stethoscope.

Cassian town board takes formal action in opposition to drug rehabilitation facility

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKE LAND TIMES

The Cassian town board has gone on record with its opposition to the planned construction of an adolescent recovery and wellness center (ARWC) on North Pine Square Road.

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) announced its plans to build the center earlier this summer.

After previously expressing concerns about the project, the town board on Monday unanimously approved a resolution "opposing the construction of the proposed drug and substance abuse rehabilitation center in the Town of Cassian."

Town chair Patty Francoeur read the resolution prior to the vote.

The document outlines the reasons for the board's opposition including

that town residents and the town board "were never consulted about the construction of a drug abuse rehabilitation center" by GLITC.

Other reasons for opposition stated in the resolution include:

- The town's infrastructure "is not designed to and unable to support the construction and maintain the day-to-day demands" of the new center.

- A reduction in property values "according to numerous studies and reports, and cause undue economic harm to the citizens of Cassian Township through no fault of their own" and that "subsequent reduction in property values and economic activity will reduce the revenue and further diminish the town's ability to meet its obligation to the citizens" of Cassian.

- The proposed ARWC would "negatively impact the welfare, public

health, and safety of the citizens of the Town of Cassian due to the increased public safety demands for a remote location already dealing with pre-existing challenges caused by long response times for EMS (emergency medical services) and/or law enforcement to respond to incidents."

The resolution goes on to ask the GLITC to "immediately halt" the planned construction in Cassian. It also asks the Oneida County planning and zoning department and county board to deny zoning permits for the facility "unless demonstrable guarantees are provided to the citizens of the Town of Cassian" that the ARWC "will not negatively impact the welfare, economic security, and public safety of the citizens of Cassian Township."

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The School District of Rhinelander Community Education Program’s fall session is underway. There are a wide variety of class offerings including an oil painting class with local artist Tom Barnett.

School district offers community education classes

The School District of Rhinelander Community Education Program is offering a “Lightning and Ocean” Oil Painting class with local artist Tom Barnett.

“Join professional artist Tom Barnett in his studio for this amazing learning experience! No previous painting experience is required,” according to a press release announcing the class. “With Tom’s step-by-step teachings you will create a masterpiece you can be proud of. All materials are supplied. This class will focus on a lightning and ocean

landscape theme.”

Date and Time: Wednesday, Sept. 27, 5-7 p.m.

Ages: Adults
Instructor: Tom Barnett, Professional Artist
Fee: \$35/person

Location: Tom’s Drawing Board, 52 N. Brown St. in Rhinelander

Registration Deadline: Sept. 25

The oil painting class is just one of wide variety of courses offered through the school district’s community education program

“For this session we are offering classes in ceramics, painting, dog obedience, fitness, floral arrangements, cooking, candy making, stamp-

ing, photography, basket weaving, loom-beading, lacrosse, pickleball, Fab Lab, and much more,” community education coordinator Mike Cheslock said. “We’re also once again offering the ever-popular ‘100 Mile Get Out and Walk Challenge’!

Class listings with details and dates can be found by visiting <https://www.rhineland>

[er.k12.wi.us/community/CommunityEdClassGuideFall2023.pdf](https://www.rhineland.k12.wi.us/community/CommunityEdClassGuideFall2023.pdf).

Online registration is available with a credit or debit card. Visit <https://www.rhineland.k12.Twi.us/community/communityeducation.cfm>. Paper registration is also available by mail or drop off.

For more information, contact Cheslock at 715-365-9745.

Pool, fitness center at RHS offered free to the community

The School District of Rhinelander continues to offer free Open Swim and Open Fitness Center times for the community.

Community Open Swim

Enjoy family time and lap swim in the Heck Family Community Pool (located in Rhinelander High School).

Date/Time: Sundays, Sept. 10 to May 19, 9 a.m. to noon

Ages: All (children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult).

Registration: Pre-registration is not required. Sign-in is required upon

arrival. Please use Door 22 to enter the building.

Aspirus Community Fitness Center

Located in Rhinelander High School, the fitness center is available to the community free of charge. Use free-weights, machines, treadmills, bikes, and other exercise equipment.

Date/Time: Mondays - Fridays, Sept. 5 to June 4, 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Please note, the pool and fitness center are closed on certain dates due to holidays and school breaks. Check the school district website



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The School District of Rhinelander is offering free use times for the Heck Family Community Pool (pictured) and the Aspirus Community Fitness Center — both located inside Rhinelander High School — to community members during the 2023-24 school year.

for more information.

Ages: 12 to adult
Registration: A waiver must be signed prior to using the As-

pirus Community Fitness Center. Sign-in is required upon arrival.

Please use Door 19 to enter the building.

Organ concert to be held Sept. 24 in Rhinelander

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander will present an organ concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, in celebration of the 140th anniversary of the church.

The guest organist will be Brian De Young, Director of Music at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in suburban St. Paul, Minn.

De Young is an organist and

pianist with broad skills and interests ranging from Renaissance and Baroque to tango and new classical music, according to a press release announcing the Rhinelander performance.

As an active chamber musician, he has performed with members of numerous orchestras around the country and has conducted church and community choirs in Iowa, Michigan

and Minnesota.

“Come and enjoy a free concert entitled ‘Our Hope for Years to Come’ featuring music by Bach, Rheinberger, and Mendelssohn, as well as new works by Barbara Harbach, Aaron David Miller, and Wisconsin native Jonathan Posthuma, a rising star in the world of new classical music,” organizers said in a press release.



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Not guilty plea entered in overdose death case

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

The La Crosse County woman charged in connection with the overdose death of a Rhinelander man in late January has entered a not guilty plea to one count of first-degree reckless homicide-drug delivery.

An attorney for Andrea Jean Walker, 42, of Bangor, entered the plea Monday afternoon during an appearance in Oneida County Circuit Court.

Walker is a free on a combination signature and surety bond in the amount of \$10,000.

She is on supervised electronic monitoring until November in connection with a sentence handed down in La Crosse County.

Walker is accused of being “the middleman” in a drug transaction wherein the Rhinelander man purchased heroin and methamphetamine.

According to the criminal complaint, the man was found dead in his Rhinelander home days after the alleged transaction took place in western Wisconsin.

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

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

“A large pile of white crystalline substance” was located on a dresser and a bed in the room where he was found, and other drug paraphernalia was located elsewhere in the residence, the complaint states.

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

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Phillip Street project expected to wrap up in about three weeks

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

There has been no shortage of detours and orange cones in the Rhinelander area over the last several months, as multiple infrastructure improvement projects are taking place simultaneously. One of the projects — replacement of the 50-year-old water main under the Phillip Street bridge — is expected to wrap up later this month, Mark Barden of Town and Country Engineering told the Rhinelander Common Council Monday evening.

“I would say in three weeks that project will be wrapped up,” Barden told the alderpersons.

Town and Country is assisting the city in overseeing that project as well as the Oneida Avenue and Timber Drive improvement projects.

“They have all the water main removed from underneath the bridge,” Barden reported Monday. “They’re starting to install the hangers on the bottom of that bridge. You’re going to see tonight there’s some modifications we had to do to some of the brackets under there to make that work. They’re moving slowly getting those brackets on and they’re hitting some hardened steel in that bridge deck which



HEATHER SCHAEFER/RIVER NEWS

The Phillip Street bridge water main project, one of several infrastructure projects resulting in detours and closed roads in the City of Rhinelander, is expected to be complete in approximately three weeks, according to Mark Barden of Town and Country Engineering.

is causing some issues and also requiring some modifications to some brackets in there.”

“We’re anticipating that the brackets will be up in next week,” he added. “At that point they’ll start installing the pipe. We’ll get it tested and once it’s tested we’re going to have to install the water main on the west side of the bridge”

The council’s last briefing on the bridge project was in July.

At that time, the alderpersons were told that the project was originally planned for

2022 but was delayed because it was not possible to get the necessary insulated water main.

Also, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which regulates dams, was delayed in approving the permit and scope of work.

Phillip Street is open during the overnight hours to allow for emergency vehicle traffic, Barden added.

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Oneida County administration committee moves OCEDC budget proposal forward

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Oneida County board’s administration committee on Monday unanimously approved a motion made by committee member Ted Cushing to forward the 2024 budget for the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) for further review as part of the county’s 2024 budget process.

According to the Oneida County board’s committee structure, a department budget must first be reviewed by the committee of jurisdiction. The committee of jurisdiction for the OCEDC is the admin-

istration committee.

With the approval of Cushing’s motion, the OCEDC’s 2024 budget proposal will now be part of budget discussions in October.

“It’s weird,” Oneida County clerk Tracy Hartman told *The Lakeland Times*. “It just goes back to the administration committee.”

Cushing’s motion, to take up the OCEDC’s proposed 2024 budget of \$96,500, with the addition of \$10,300, came at the end of a lengthy discussion.

Committee chairman Billy Fried noted that one question that has arisen involves the potential creation of a part-time position to oversee the

county’s broadband project and whether it should be established within the OCEDEC or “housed in the county.”

“I think a lot of it depends on what happens with this (broadband) committee that’s being formed ... understanding if the position can be utilized within the courthouse, so to speak, and be complimentary to another job responsibility,” he said. “I think that’s part of this discussion for the county moving forward.”

Fried said internet provider Bug Tussel “was ready to roll” and there would be “a lot of stuff to process.”

“The county still needs to define the role of the committee and really define where economic development (OCEDC) ... who’s doing the heavy lifting and who’s responsible for what,” he said. “Hopefully, within the next month or 45 days, we’ll get this all figured out. I expect appointment of the committee at the end of September.”

In the meantime, everyone needs to get on the “same page”, Fried noted.

“So, once it (the broadband committee) gets appointed, there will be some things to figure out,” he said, one of those being funding for the committee, something he said he asked Oneida County board chairman Scott Holewinski about.

“Obviously, this committee is very concerned about dollars as we move into October so we can allocate the proper funds,” Fried said.

Committee member Steven Schreier expressed frustration there hadn’t been any information regarding the addition of a position to oversee the broadband project. The 2024 budget proposal included \$51,200 for a part-time position to manage the

broadband program once installation by Bug Tussel is complete during the spring of 2024, he noted.

Even when it was clarified that the actual budget proposal for 2024 to address personnel was \$10,300 to cover additional hours and not a position, Schreier, also frustrated with the amount of time it was taking to get the broadband committee formed, still wanted to know why personnel costs to oversee the broadband program “wasn’t proposed much earlier?”

“Why now, once the bonding seems to be set, are we talking about project positions?” he asked. “This should have been discussed a year and a half ago when we were taking this on because that could have been factored into what we’re bonding.”

Toward the end of the discussion and before he made his motion, Cushing said planning for the broadband project in Oneida County, now in its third year, has been, “like the gestation of an elephant.”

“I have no concern with somebody (overseeing) \$24 million ... in the fullest, ethical way,” he said, referring to the project’s cost.

With the proposed base budget for 2024 being the same as the previous three years at \$96,500, Cushing said he felt the OCEDC budget should be forwarded for consideration during the county’s 2024 budget process.

“We’ve done this already this year,” he said. “If they can’t justify it by the time the budget hearing rolls around, maybe the position won’t take place. There’s another kick at the can when it goes to county board in November.”

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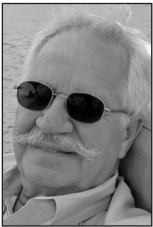
David Robert Schoeneck, age 76, of Rhinelander, died on Sept. 10, 2023, at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital, with his loving family at his side.

He was born in Rhinelander on July 9, 1947, the son of Lester and Charlotte (Kadell) Schoeneck. He attended schools in Elcho, graduating from Elcho High School in 1965. He worked for Marplex for just a short time before entering the U.S. Marine Corps. He served his country as a Marine in Vietnam. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to the states.

David married the former Sharon York on February 14, 1985 in Houston, Texas. God blessed them with over 38 years of marriage. They made their life in Houston where he was employed as the port manager for Nissan Motors.

They moved to the Rhinelander area in 2019 and have lived here since.

David was a member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tomahawk. He loved the Northwoods and being outdoors. Hunting with family and friends was one of his favorite things on earth. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.



Schoeneck

David is survived by his wife Sharon, his daughter Heather (Cody) Camp, his son Steven Schoeneck, his grandchildren Abby, Chase, Reese and Freyja, his sisters Dee (Mike) Froncek, Sandy Knutson, Debbie Aird and Sue (Russ) Rocke, his brothers Dennis (Kim) Schoeneck and Scott (Denise) Schoeneck, nieces, nephews, his sister-in-law Connie, other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Randy and his brother-in-law, Tom.

Visitation for David will be held on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 from 3 to 5 p.m., with funeral services following at 5 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tomahawk.

Reverend Mark Gass will be officiating. Interment will be in the Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw.

You may leave your private condolences for the Schoeneck family at www.carlsonfh.com.

The Carlson Funeral Home (715-369-1414) is serving the Schoeneck family.

Kathryn Ann (Danner) French

Kathryn Ann (Danner) French, age 87, of Slidell, Louisiana, died on September 9, 2023, at her home, with her loving husband Mike at her side. She was born on February 28, 1936, in Rhinelander, the daughter of Norman and Syda (Wil-

son) Danner. She attended elementary school at Zion Evangelical Lutheran School and then graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1954. She then attended the University of Wisconsin Madison where she met her first husband, Robert Hyland. She then met and married Robert French who preceded her in death in 1983.

Later in life Kathy met Malcolm "Mike" Sutter. They were married and made their home in Florida and Slidell, Louisiana for the past 30+ years. Mike was the love of her life.

Kathy's faith was lifelong as her parents made sure that she received her Christian education and confirmation in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Rhinelander. She continued her commitment to her Lord as a longtime member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Madison and Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Slidell. Kathy and Mike spent many years traveling and scuba diving and were dedicated animal lovers taking in many rescue dogs. Kathy was known for her kindness, sweet spirit and beautiful smile, and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Kathy is survived by her husband Mike and her sons Dan (Mary) Hyland and Steve (Gaye) Hyland, grandchildren



French

Leeann (Aaron), Kyle (Jenny), Amy (Mike), Matt (Tiffany), daughter-in-law Miah, great-grandchildren Laney, Luella, Marah, Avery, Lucas, Shane, Addie, Elijah, Alise, Bennett and Davin, sister Ruth Stohl, brother Jim (Cathy) Danner, nieces, nephews, other family and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her sisters Virginia and Doris and her brothers, Richard and Fred "Butch".

The family would like to recognize Mike for his endless love and devotion, especially in the final years of her life. His commitment to keep her at home and provide for her care will never be forgotten! He was a devoted husband who put Kathy above all else. His loving commitment to her care, especially in her later years, allowed her to remain at home until she was called to her eternal home.

Visitation for Kathryn will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023 from 10 a.m. until noon, with funeral services following at noon, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Reverend Karl Schultz will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Forest Home Cemetery. You may leave your private condolences for Kathryn's family at www.carlsonfh.com.

In lieu of flowers please send memorials to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Lamb of God Lutheran Church.

The Carlson Funeral Home (715-369-1414) is serving Kathryn's family.

2022 Nobel winner: Climate change orthodoxy is dangerous corruption of science

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Despite media claims that climate change is settled science and represents scientific consensus, the number of prominent scientists breaking from the consensus continues to grow, with the 2022 winner of the Nobel Prize for physics signing onto a World Climate Declaration decrying the existence of any climate emergency.

The declaration now sports the signatures of 1,609 scientists and experts, including that of John F. Clauser, who won the 2022 Nobel Prize for his work on quantum mechanics.

Clauser has also joined the board of directors of the CO2 Coalition, which promotes what it says is the vital role carbon dioxide plays in the environment. In joining the coalition, Clauser said the anthropogenic climate change movement poses a serious threat to world economies.

"The popular narrative about climate change reflects a dangerous corruption of

science that threatens the world's economy and the well-being of billions of people," Clauser said. "Misguided climate science has metastasized into massive shock-journalistic pseudoscience. In turn, the pseudoscience has become a scapegoat for a wide variety of other unrelated ills."

Clauser said the climate narrative has been promoted and extended by similarly misguided business marketing agents, politicians, journalists, government agencies, and environmentalists.

"In my opinion, there is no real climate crisis," he said. "There is, however, a very real problem with providing a decent standard of living to the world's large population and an associated energy crisis. The latter is being unnecessarily exacerbated by what, in my opinion, is incorrect climate science."

In June, the Nobel laureate continued his assault on climate change orthodoxy, delivering a withering assessment of the movement in a speech at Quantum Korea

2023, an international event sponsored by the Korean government looking into global trends of quantum ecosystem innovations.

Clauser said he had been asked to make some brief remarks as inspiration to young Korean scientists, and he quickly wanted them to be aware of pseudosciences sweeping the world.

"The current world I observe is literally awash, saturated, with pseudoscience, with bad science, with scientific misinformation and disinformation, and what I will call 'techno-cons,'" he said. "Techno-cons are the application of scientific disinformation for opportunistic purposes."

Clauser said non-science business managers, politicians, politically appointed lab directors, and the like are very easily snowed by scientific disinformation, but that, in the end, good science is always based on good experiments and good observations. He called on young scientists to observe nature directly so that they could determine real truth.

"Use the information gained from carefully performed experiments and research to stop the spread of scientific misinformation, disinformation and techno-cons," he said. "Well-educated scientists can help solve the world's problems by acting as scientific fact-checkers."

Clauser then homed in on climate change, saying the Nobel Foundation had recently formed a new panel to address pseudoscience but in his opinion had made a big mistake by modeling the panel on the UN's International Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC: "I think personally that they are making a big mistake in that effort because in my opinion the IPCC is one of the worst sources of dangerous misinformation."

Clauser went on to say that the peer-review process whereby credentialed colleagues assess each other's work — the previous system of scientific fact checking — had broken down. Often, Clauser said, there are "elephants hiding in the

room in plain sight," and yet peer-reviewers somehow do not see them.

One of those elephants is climate

change orthodoxy, Clauser told the assembled scientists.

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The most dangerous gas in America

Of late the globalist warming crowd has targeted the poor cow for the cause of the earth burning up before our very eyes.

Along with humans, of course. We remain public enemy number 1, but the lowly cow has become a target because of all that methane. And many alarmists want to exterminate cows to put an end to it. So you know what they think the solution to human pollution is.

But about that methane. Supposedly, it's one of the most potent and dangerous of the greenhouse gases. We don't know about that, as we are not methane scientists or cow proctologists, but here's what we do know: The most dangerous gas in America these days — and indeed in the western world — is the gaslighting of the people about climate change by international corporations, the corporate media, the emerging Unified World Government, and its court jester, George Soros.

Well, you know what they say. Nothing is absurd so long as everything is absurd. Or to put it another way, when the absurdity captures everything — media, financial institutions, governments, schools, civic organizations, Bam Bam's Bowling and Strip Club — when there is nothing to pierce the veil of nonsense and to let truth in, the absurdity itself looks like truth.

In other words, there is consensus. There is settled science. And only heretics who are going to hell and crazy people who are also going to hell because they vote for conservatives or visit Bam Bam's can possibly believe in an alternative narrative.

Of course, in the real world, there is no such thing as settled science, and scientific consensus is never meant to be taken as incontrovertible proof. Just the opposite. Scientific consensus is meant only to be foundational starting point to begin testing that consensus and trying to undermine its foundations. It provides a pathway toward its own destruction.

Throughout history consensus has time and again been shattered in just such a way. Lavoisier destroyed the consensus that a fire-like element called phlogiston existed and

in the process he discovered oxygen; the idea that the sun revolved around the earth was another consensus fiasco that was knocked down, but not before disbelievers were condemned and even jailed.

Now, as we report in today's edition, another consensus is in serious jeopardy, namely, that human-made climate change has plunged the earth into such a dire crisis of survival that we need to destroy ourselves and our standard of living to save ourselves.

It's an absurdity protected by the veil of the world's elite, and it needs to be pierced no less than the absurdity that the earth was the center of the universe.

Nobel laureate John Clauser — whose Nobel came just last year — is trying to do just that by joining a growing group of scientific dissenters who say there is no climate crisis at all, at least not a human-made one. Clauser's dissent is the loudest and the latest, but the numbers are spiraling upward.

At least Clauser is trying to be loud. Most do not know he exists because the corporate media ignores — and the regime tries to cancel — all those who upset the approved narrative. Instead, the media continues to gaslight us with horror stories of record temperatures, super hurricanes, melting polar ice caps, and death by cow farts.

Poor maligned cows.

To prove the point, right on cue as we were writing this, the *Washington Post* has just published a story with this alarmist headline: "A new era of climate-linked disease threatens humanity"! If only we had a nickel for every time humanity has been so threatened.

It's all bunk, and the truth is out there if only people will look for it. Granted, it's hard to find sometimes.

But what about this year's record global heat?! people ask.

Well, as we reported several weeks ago, the EPA's data for 1,066 weather stations across the United States shows that 81 percent reported either a decrease or no change in the number of unusually hot days since 1948, while only 19 percent reported an increase in the number of unusually hot days.

That's not to say we haven't been heating up at all. But, as scientist Judith Curry, the former chairwoman of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology, reports on her blog, this year's heat, part of a warming trend since 2015, is mostly due to natural variability, that is, an increase in absorbed solar radiation "driven by a slow decline in springtime snow extent, but primarily by a reduction in reflection from the atmosphere driven by reduced cloudiness and to a lesser extent a reduction in atmospheric aerosol (in 2020 there was a change in ship fuel regulations that reduced the amount of sulfate particles in the atmosphere and made low clouds less reflective, she wrote): "Any increase in the greenhouse effect from increasing CO2 (which impacts the longwave radiation budget) is lost in the noise."

Then, too, though global warming was as pronounced in the first half of the 20th century (1910-1945) as in our time (remember the Dust Bowl), it was not due to carbon dioxide, as, Curry has reported. On her blog, she noted that in 1910 the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration was estimated to be 300.1 parts per million; in 1950 it was only 311.3 ppm; and in 2018 it was 408 ppm.

"So, the warming during the period 1910-1945 was associated with a CO2 increase of 10 ppm, whereas a comparable amount of warming during the period 1950 to 2018 was associated with a 97 ppm increase in atmospheric CO2 concentration — almost an order of magnitude greater CO2 increase for a comparable amount of global ocean warming," Curry wrote. " ... Clearly, there were other factors in play besides CO2 emissions in the early 20th century global warming."

But what about those melting ice caps?!

On her blog, Curry reports that in 2023 the Arctic sea ice is healthy, with sea ice extent for July being only the twelfth lowest on record and with snow mass balance (accumulation minus melt) for July above average relative to 1980-2010.

And while the Antarctic sea ice is seriously thin, it's not because it's warming there. In fact, Curry reports, Antarctica has a significant cold anomaly, running 3oC below average. Rather, there was an early seasonal start to the Antarctic ozone hole, she reports, that, for complex reasons, are bringing winds that are breaking up the sea ice.

But what about all those super-sized hurricanes?!

The data don't support that they exist in any greater effect than back in the day. That there are more numerous, more powerful hurricanes

is a myth. Funny enough, but Curry was herself once a climate alarmist, and particularly so on hurricanes, as she reported in one of her studies:

"We found that the percent of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes had doubled," Curry told John Stossel in an interview last month, adding that she became a climate alarmist rock star after the study. But then, she said, some researchers pointed out serious flaws in her work, and, as Stossel wrote in Reason:

"Like a good scientist, I investigated," says Curry. She realized that the critics were right. "Part of it was bad data. Part of it is natural climate variability."

She went on to discover a climate change industry that rewarded climate alarmism, or, as Stossel framed it, "a massive government-funded climate alarmism complex."

More and more scientists are catching on to the reality of that complex, kicking at its walls to crack them and to let the light of truth expose its absurdity. It's only a matter of time.

It would help if presidential candidates would give these truth-telling scientists a hand. Right now only Donald Trump and Vivek Ramaswamy have told the truth that anthropogenic warming is fake and that the climate change agenda is a pretext for radicals to control of all society.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is close behind Trump and Ramaswamy in sensible climate policy. While he believes the climate crisis is real, he also says the climate change movement has been co-opted by totalitarians to impose ever more control over society. He opposes the climate movement's "obsession with carbon" and would end all energy subsidies and let the market determine winners and losers, rather than the government.

As for the rest of the candidates, they simply flunk the test. They need to have the courage to stand up and call out the climate change movement for what it is, an ideological movement for authoritarian control by elites. And they need to say it loud and clear: The climate change crisis is a manufactured crisis to scare people into submission, just like the COVID crisis.

No doubt it won't be long before *The Washington Post* publishes another story about how the climate is threatening humanity in one urgent way or another.

If Nobel laureates can stand up and say the truth, so can presidential candidates.

All of us are waiting for them to step into the fight. The should do it for us, and, oh yeah, they should do it for all the poor maligned cows. Their moos are on the line, too.



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Deer hunt 2023 kicks off with archery and crossbow season

By Beckie Gaskill
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The 2023 deer hunting season is finally here with archery and crossbow starting this weekend. It's not a moment too soon for the many hunters who have spent countless hours in the woods scouting and preparing to harvest that big buck or get some meat for the freezer.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently released its fall forecasts for hunting and trapping. One of those looked at the upcoming deer season.

DNR wildlife biologist Curt Rollman compiled the outlook for the Northern Forest Zone, which includes Oneida, Vilas and Iron counties within its borders.

"The diverse habitats, from mixed hardwoods or conifer forests, aspen stands, open grasslands of vast wetlands, offer abundant opportunity," the report stated. Habitat management by private land owners continues to be more and more important in the Northwoods, with deer being one of the most iconic animals for which to manage land."

"Recognizing and responding to habitat transitions is helpful," the report went on. "Changing your hunting strategy as deer behavior changes can lead to a fulfilling hunting season."

The report highlighted the deep snowpack that remained well into late winter.

During County Deer Advisory Committee meetings, too, biologists spoke about the Winter Severity Index and made adjustments based on the freeze and thaw conditions that made things a bit more difficult for deer, but were not specifically reflected in the Index by late winter. The Winter Severity Index gives one point for each day of below zero weather and one point for every day with over 18 inches of snow cover. The higher the numeric value, the more se-



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A buck with a deformed left antler was photographed in the town of Pine Lake Tuesday, Sept. 12, The 2023 deer hunt in Wisconsin kicks off this weekend with the start of archery and crossbow hunting.

vere the winter is said to have been. Even with this Index adjusted for notable conditions this past winter, general observations and a quickly receding spring snowpack in some places showed the deer herd, by and large, came out of winter in good condition.

Last year, harvest rates were reported as being up 19% on average for the zone. Harvest numbers were up for both antlered and antlerless deer. The increase in buck kills pointed toward a growth in deer populations overall in the zone, according to the DNR report.

In the Northwoods, a general consensus is that where deer are present, there are "too many" deer, causing issues by over browsing. However, in other areas, there are markedly fewer deer than in past years, according to hunters. While it remains to be seen how the harvest season will play out, hunters are sure to enjoy their time in the woods this fall. The following are some things hunters should remember when heading out this season.

Harvest registration

All deer harvested in the state must be registered by 5 p.m. the day after the deer carcass is recovered. Registration can be done through the online platform Game Reg, which can be found on the DNR website

dnr.wi.gov by searching "game reg." Hunters should have their harvest authorization number available before logging on to the Game Reg system. In addition to the online option, hunters may register their harvest by phone at 1-888-426-3734. There are also in-person registration stations available across the state.

In the Northwoods, there are several in-person registration stations available including the Three Lakes Convenience Store, J&J Sports, Lake Tomahawk BP and Moran's Landing on Swamp Lake.

Once the hunter submits their harvest data, a ten-digit number will be generated. This number no longer needs to be written on the authorization tag, but the hunter should retain it for their records. This number may be required when taking the deer to be processed at a meat processor or when bringing it to a taxidermist.

By logging in to the Go Wild Game Reg system, hunters can view their current tags and harvests as well as register a harvest directly. Hunters also have access to their harvest history on this platform. More information can be found on the DNR website, by searching for the Go Wild system.

Baiting and feeding ban

By state statute, the DNR must prohibit the feeding and baiting of deer in any

county where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been found in the wild or captive white-tail deer herd. This ban must remain in effect for three years. Any county within a 10-mile radius of where that animal was harvested must also have a ban enacted for two years. With each new finding of the disease, the clock effectively "resets," and extends once again for that period of time from the new finding.

Due to findings of CWD positive deer in Oneida County in two locations — one near the Wisconsin River in the southwestern part of the county and also near Three Lakes at a game farm, Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Lincoln and Langlade counties remain under a feeding and baiting ban. Hunters are not allowed to bait deer and residents are not allowed to feed deer for any purpose, including the desire for wildlife viewing.

According to the feeding and baiting regulation, food may still be placed for birds and small mammals under certain conditions. Feed for those animals can be placed if:

- It is placed in bird feeding devices and structures at a sufficient height or design to prevent access by deer

- The structures and devices are within 50 yards of an occupied dwelling devoted to human occupancy

When any other animal such as deer, bear or elk are found to be utilizing bird feeding devices they must be removed, enclosed or elevated higher to prevent access. Placement of plain water for drinking or bird-baths is allowed.

CWD sampling in the Northwoods

As in years past, the DNR is asking for help from hunters in determining the prevalence and location of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the deer herd. In recent years CWD has been found in both Oneida and Vilas counties.

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THE LAKE WHERE YOU LIVE

Musky bait



Ted Rulseh
COLUMNIST

I'm riding my bike along the town roads, about three miles from home, when the phone in my pocket rings. I pull it out. The call is from Tucker Kulow, my older grandson, age 11.

I can't let a call like this go to voice mail. I stop, dismount, and touch the green button on the screen. "Hello, Tucker!"

"Hi Grampa. Is it true that muskies eat ducklings?"

"Yes, they do. In fact, I saw it happen once years ago on Birch Lake."

"Well, I want to make a musky lure out of a rubber duck. I want to glue on some material from a feather duster to make it look more real."

Tucker fervently wants to catch a muskie. Actually, both he and his brother Perrin (age 9) have caught one on Birch Lake. That is, they have reeled it up to the boat until it either dropped the walleye it was holding on to, or I cut the line rather than use my inadequate landing net to bring it on board and risk causing it serious or fatal injury.

But now Tucker wants to catch one on a lure made from a two-inch rubber duck he played with in the bathtub when he was little. He not only wants to add feathers; he wants somehow to fasten on plastic twister tails to imitate legs and webbed feet.

"Tucker, I don't think you need to do all that," I tell him. "How about when I get home from my bike ride I send you a drawing of how you could make the lure? Then next time you come to Birch Lake you could try it out."

"Or how about Bearskin Lake?" (That's the lake just down the road from Birch). "Does it really have more muskies?"

"Yes, it does."
"And are there lots of them in Musky Bay?"
"Yes, there are."

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Fish like a GIRL



By Beckie Gaskill
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

There is a saying that goes something like "you don't know what you don't know." That's what is interesting about learning in general. As soon as a person

starts to learn about a particular topic, they realize there is so much they had no idea they did not know.

That was the way I felt for the last three weeks taking the Master Naturalist training. I did surprise myself by properly identifying the aquatic species of plants we were given to ID one day during the training, but other than that, I realized how much more there was out there to learn, in all facets of the outdoors.

I can tell a birch from a balsam, but even in tree iden-

tification, subtle differences in cherries, for instance, were something to which I had not dedicated much time or thought.

Also, when it comes to geology of the area where we live, I think I left a lot of that back in school, which, as most of you know, was more than a hot minute ago. When a person really thinks about it, it is incredible that a rock found along a typical hiking path in the Northwoods may be a billion years old.

It is mind-boggling.

Master Naturalist training is complete, but I'm just getting started

Along the trails while we walked, several of us handed Mike Porter a random rock we thought was "cool," and he could identify not only what type of rock it was, but how old it was, where it came from and how it got to its current location. Porter is a Master Naturalist and geologist. Tom Fritz was another geologist from whom we learned enough that many of us were glad we had the next day off from class to simply sit and try to absorb and process all of the information he shared. Igneous rocks,

sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks were terms I had not heard in years.

We hiked along an esker with Fritz. I know I have encountered these land forms before, likely many times before, but I never knew what they were or how they were formed.

In my mind they were just "hills" that snaked through the woods. I suppose I had never even thought about how they were formed before.

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Fall brings user groups together in the woods, on the water

By Beckie Gaskill
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Silent sports enthusiasts enjoy getting outside to view the fall colors. With the heat of summer being replaced by cooler temperatures and the smells of autumn in the air, there is arguably no better time to hit the trails in the Northwoods. However, fall also brings about hunting seasons. This means many user groups will find themselves occupying the same trails and waterfront areas. With that in mind, hunters and silent sports enthusiasts can find ways to co-exist in those spaces.

On the trails

For hikers and bikers, it is not uncommon to come across hunters once the season has started. They may be walking to or from their deer blind, walking trails hoping to flush out their quarry, or sitting in a favorite spot, waiting for an animal to come through. Silent sports enthusiasts need to understand that, just as with their use of the woods and trails, hunting is a legal pursuit and hunters have the right to be there as well. On the flip side of the coin, hunters need to understand other user groups may be in the area and may be passing through a public

area where the hunter has hoped to spot a deer, for example. There are a few things hikers and bikers can do to stay safe during the hunting season, and to help hunters know they are there. Wearing bright-colored clothing is always a good idea. This will allow hunters and others to see a hiker at a distance and quickly establish they are a person, not a large animal coming through the woods. A blaze orange vest and hat should be enough to differentiate a hiker. When hiking or biking with a dog, it is a good idea to find a way to make that pet stand out, too. Blaze orange vests and jackets for all size dogs are easy to find on the market today. Attaching a bell to Fido’s collar is a good idea, too. Pets should be kept leashed and close to their owner. This will make it easy for hunters to realize, even at first sight, that this is a pet and not an animal they may be looking to harvest. Should a silent sports enthusiast come across a hunter in the woods, it is a good idea to identify oneself. A simple greeting is enough to establish a person is heading through an area. While it may be best to attempt to stay away from areas where hunters are known to be, all of those areas may not be known to

the hiker or biker. Once a hunter is seen and contact is established, the hiker or biker should continue on their way and not linger in the area. Hunters will appreciate that level of respect, especially from a person who may not necessarily agree with their pursuit of game. Just as when coming across other hunters in the field, hunters should take steps to not interfere with silent sports enthusiasts enjoying their time in the woods. **On the water** Waterfowl hunters and silent sports enthusiasts are bound to run across each other from time to time as well. A kayaker sliding into a bay in the early morning could very well find themselves in the middle of a set of waterfowl decoys. Of course, avoiding that situation is always the best tactic, but should a kayaker or paddleboarder find themselves close to a hunter on the water, they should make every attempt to navigate farther away from the decoys and continue on their way as quickly as possible. Offering up an apology is not a bad idea, either. Again, silent sports enthusiasts may not necessarily agree with the idea of hunting, but it is a legal pursuit and hunters have the right to be

on the water hunting waterfowl within season and following all of the regulations. Bright clothing is a good idea for these silent sports enthusiasts as well. This is especially true in the mornings and evenings and any other time when visibility is reduced. Anglers, too, may find themselves sharing shorelines and shallows with hunters. The best course of action, if an angler happens upon a waterfowl hunter, is to move along and find another area to fish. The same can be said for hunters. Wading into the water to set decoys in the immediate vicinity of an angler who is already fishing an area is infringing on their right to fish. Both user groups should be courteous and friendly to one another, allowing for a good day on the water for all. Fall is a great time to be outdoors and there are many popular recreational opportunities to enjoy. This may bring many user groups into contact with one another. However, all groups should keep in mind that other groups also have the right to pursue their passions and work together to find amicable solutions to any issues that may arise. *Beckie Gaskill may be reached via email at bgaskill@lakelandtimes.com.*

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And he launches into a series of questions about the size of the muskies, and whether Musky Bay also has northern pike, and how exactly to use the duck lure once he has created it. I explain to him that I’m on my bike ride and Gramma is waiting for me at home, so I should hang up. “OK. Bye, Grampa.” Back home I ask Noelle to draw me a picture of a rubber duck. I add details involving braided fishing line, a 12-inch wire leader, a couple of split shot, and a large treble hook. I take a picture of it and text it to Tucker. He doesn’t respond — until three days later. He still wants to add the feathers and legs, and he’s not exactly sure what to do with the split shot. “You put one in front of the duck and one in the back, so it won’t slide back and forth on the wire leader,” I say. We go over a few other design details. “Grampa, will the wire leader keep the musky from biting the duck off the line?” “Yes, I think so.” We’re planning to visit his family at the end of this month. I wonder if he’ll have made the lure by then (with a little help from his dad) and how it will actually look. And whether it has a chance of drawing a hungry musky’s attention. *Ted Rulseh is a writer, author and lake advocate who lives on Birch Lake in Oneida County. His new book, “Ripple Effects,” has been released by UW Press. You can learn about it by visiting his website at <https://thelakeguy.net>.*

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For that reason, the DNR is asking hunters to have their deer tested for the disease. It is recommended humans not consume meat from deer that ultimately test positive for the disease. Although no direct link to the disease has been found in humans, there is some concern it may be possible. Chronic wasting disease is an always-fatal brain disease in cervids such as deer and

elk. It was first detected in 2002 and has since been making its way across the state. Eradication efforts have been unsuccessful and the best hope now that the disease is so prevalent on the landscape is containment. In order to contain any disease, how the disease spreads must be determined. It is known that CWD can be spread through direct contact, from one deer to another. It can also be spread through the environment and has been found in urine, saliva and feces. The prions

that cause CWD can persist in the environment, being taken up by plants growing there. It is unclear how long prions can remain viable on the landscape, but it is known to be more than several years. The more deer that are tested, the better handle the department will be able to get on how and where the disease is spreading. For that reason, hunters are asked to continue to have their deer sampled. Sampling locations in the Northwoods include: The DNR Service Station in Rhinelander, Lake Toma-

hawk Meat Market, Strassburg’s North Country Taxidermy, TJ’s Butcher Block, The DNR Service Station in Woodruff, Prime Choice Meat Market, the Eagle River Ranger’s Station and the Three Lakes Shell Station. Full instructions on how a hunter can prepare their own deer for sampling can be found on the DNR website. dnr.wi.gov. *Beckie Gaskill may be reached via email at bgaskill@lakelandtimes.com.*

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Here is the definition of an esker from our training binder: “A ridge, commonly sinuous in pattern, composed of sand and gravel that was deposited by a stream that flowed in an ice-walled channel beneath a glacier.” Fritz asked us to think about a snow bank or ice sheet we may have seen in the winter that had water flowing out from underneath it. That was something small enough and familiar enough that we could wrap our minds around it. We then extrapolated that out to the mound on which we were standing as he explained it to us. As I looked along the esker, I could not help but look up to imagine how large of an ice flow had once been in the very place where I was standing. It was another mind-blowing moment. Truly, there was so much packed into the three weeks of training that it would be impossible to discuss it all here. It had been decades since I had walked out onto a bog. I remember being in fourth grade at Pine Lake Grade School and Tom Doyle taking us out onto a bog one day. That was the first time I had experienced that floating feeling of walking along on a bog and, I can say, it was when I first fell in love with bogs and swamps and fens and all things wetlands. Susan Knight and Carol Warden took us out on the Crystal Lake Bog during the second week of our training. We got to not only explore the bog, but we also learned more about everything connected to the bog. We extracted the “lunch” of some pitcher plants and found mosquito larva as the main contents of what was inside of those carnivorous bog-dwellers. This was another great experience that I know none of us will soon forget.

Another thing that struck me throughout the training was the caliber of researchers and other knowledge-filled professionals we have right here in the Northwoods. I am sure most people who are reading this column are familiar with another Northwoods outdoors columnist, John Bates. While John and I have had a working relationship for the last eight years since I started here at the Times, we both marveled at the idea that we have never actually met in person. We spent an afternoon hiking and learning all about the land near his home as well as the Powell Marsh. He and I even chatted about hunting and the deer populations locally. While John is not a hunter himself, we did have some of the same ideas and observations as far as the deer herd goes. I thought that brought about another learning point, and that is that user groups can see eye to eye on things, even if their use of a particular resource may be different. In the case of deer, John may like them more for the aesthetics and I may see them as quite tasty first and foremost, but we can still agree on the areas where deer cause problems (such as over-browsing and car crashes) and areas where deer have problems (such as in old growth areas with little browse for the deer and areas with heavy predation). I think that was a takeaway for the entire group, which was neat and somewhat unexpected. All of our instructors for the course, Porter, Fitz, Knight, Warden Collen Matula, Bruce Bacon, Joe Panci and Bart Kotarba, were all so knowledgeable and more than willing to answer all of our 1,000 questions. Licia Johnson, Hannah Gargrave and Jenna Richardson from the North Lakeland Discovery Center, who hosted and compiled the training I took, were also very knowledgeable and made the training fun and entertaining. Each of them had their own special fa-



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Licia Johnson found many mushrooms during Master Naturalist training, which she used to teach students more about fungi. vorite species and would continually be overturning logs and digging around in the leaf duff to uncover cool creatures and pointing out different mushrooms as we walked along the trails. A couple of weeks ago, at the beginning of this training, I was wondering, “Can I do this?” If there is anyone else out there who may feel like they may not “know enough” or be “smart enough” or any other of the 85 doubts that could run through a person’s head, I encourage anyone to just get involved in the program next year. Go and explore and have fun. Then take what was learned and pass that on to others. That’s what it is about. Finding and exploring a person’s passions. It is eye-opening. *Beckie Gaskill may be reached at bgaskill@lakelandtimes.com or outdoors@lakelandtimes.com.*

The history behind the Bell Game

RIVER NEWS STAFF

Friday is the 89th playing of the Bell Game between Rhinelander and Antigo high schools.

The Bell Trophy has been traded between the rival schools since 1935 when *Rhinelanders Daily News* sports-writer Jack Cory swapped trophy-trade ideas with Antigo writers Fred “Bus” Snyder and Johnny Tradewell. They eventually opted for the Bell over an old oaken bucket.

The Bell was once a piece of Gene Shepard’s most expensive fancies. In 1903, Shepard, the creator of the Hodag myth, built a large sternwheeler boat on the east shore of Boom Lake for about \$13,000 with another \$9,000 in silver and satin. The boat drew in water and rolled at its own dock.

With the help of Shepard’s widow, Cory was able to acquire the Bell from a dusty corner of Shepard’s barn. Rhinelander firemen refurbished the bell and industrial arts students at RHS fashioned the framework and back-board, which is now covered with the winner and final score of each year’s game.

The winning school gets the honor of keeping the Bell in its trophy case and paints the Bell’s legs in its school colors.

Since the two teams began playing for the Bell, Antigo holds a 55-31-2 edge in the series. Antigo won 26-14 last year, snapping a three-game Rhinelander winning streak in the series — which was its longest since 2000. Rhinelander won 10 straight Bell Games from 1943-52. Antigo won 13 in a row between 1961-1973.

For year-by-year Bell Game results
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PIGSKIN PREVIEW WEEK 5: ANTIGO AT RHINELANDER



BOB MAINHARDT FOR THE RIVER NEWS

The Rhinelander High School football team reacts after picking up a game-clinching first down late in the fourth quarter of a GNC game against Hayward at Mike Webster Stadium Friday, Sept. 8. The Hodags are 4-0 on the season and looking to avenge last year’s loss to the Robins as they host Antigo tonight in the 89th playing of the Bell Game.

A chance for redemption

Hodags seek to underscore turnaround season, reclaim the Bell tonight vs. Antigo

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

If a 26-14 loss to arch-rival Antigo in the Bell Game was not the low point for the Rhinelander High School football team last season, it was the moment where the Hodags began their precipitous fall to rock bottom.

The Hodags were not competitive in a game the rest of the season and limped home with a 1-8 record.

However, that game may have also served as the catalyst for the rebound season the Hodags have enjoyed this year.

With tailback Payton Campbell being a late scratch from last year’s game and, ultimately, the remainder of the season, it underscored the need for the Hodags to be more diversified on offense. That led to a change in philosophy this year that, through four games, has seen eight different players score touchdowns.

WEEK 5 AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Antigo at Rhinelander

WHEN: 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15

WHERE: Mike Webster Stadium

HOW TO WATCH: RHS Activities via Team1Sports

HOW TO LISTEN: 101.3 FM/1240 AM, TheGameNorthwoods.com

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, 20% chance of rain, 66 degrees, winds W at 14 MPH.

RECORDS: Rhinelander 4-0 (2-0 Great Northern), Antigo 2-2 (1-1 Great Northern)

LAST WEEK: Rhinelander def. Hayward, 13-7. Antigo def. Merrill, 28-0

LAST MEETING: Antigo 26, Rhinelander 14 — Sept. 15, 2022

Last year’s game, and the team’s response from it over the final month, also led to a bit of soul-searching for the program, which has bounced back with a resilient attitude that has already resulted in two come-from-behind wins this year.

“That did lead us to a downward spiral. I think that hurt, mentally and physically, to our guys,” Hodag coach Aaron Kraemer said this week. “The season last year lead to a lot of soul-searching for me and a lot of hard conversations

with a lot of different people about how things were going to go this year. That had to do with personnel, that had to do with our coaching staff and putting guys in the right seats on the bus and moving in the right direction.”

Just how far Rhinelander has come exactly one year after a troubling Bell Game defeat will be measured tonight as the Hodags host the Red Robins in a quest to take back the Bell for the fourth time in the last five years.

“All of that has kind of led to this moment,” Kraemer said. “If you asked me if we’d be 4-0 at the beginning of the year, I would have told you yes because I believe in this group and believe in what we’re doing, but it’s taken a lot of hard work from a lot of different people to get to this moment.”

The Hodags have shown plenty of promise this year. Their 3-0 start moved them to No. 10 in the WisSports.net Division 3 coaches poll last week. Rhinelander had to fight hard last Friday night to retain that ranking, fending off a strong Hayward defense in a 13-7 victory at Mike Webster Stadium.

With a number of key players back from last year’s game, the Robins come in with confidence after playing by far their best game of the season, holding Merrill to 83 yards of offense in a 28-0 shutout win on the road last week.

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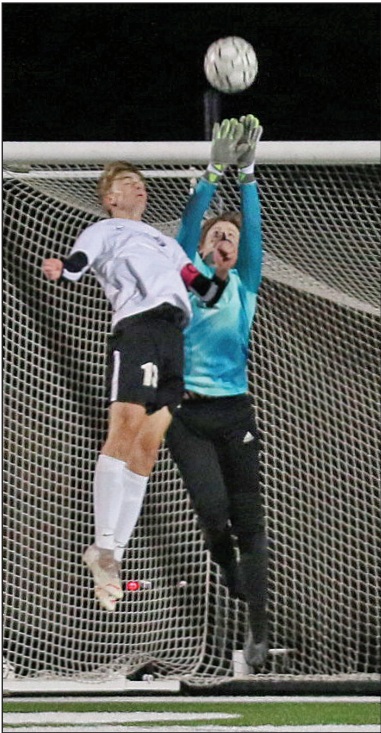
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Rhinelanders goalkeeper Barak Rappley is unable to stop a penalty kick chance by Mosinee’s Tucker Kowalski during a GNC boys’ soccer game at Mike Webster Stadium Tuesday, Sept. 12. Kowalski’s kick was the decided as Mosinee took a shootout, 5-4, after the teams played to a 1-1 draw in regulation.

Rhinelanders ties Mosinee, falls in PKs

By **Jeremy Mayo**
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A struggling offense finally caught up with the Rhinelanders High School boys’ soccer team Tuesday night in Great Northern Conference play. The Hodags suffered the first blemish on their conference record as a pair of late goals off free kicks canceled each other out and Rhinelanders settled for a 1-1 draw with Mosinee at Mike Webster Stadium. Mosinee won the subsequent penalty kick shootout, 5-4, for an extra conference point. Rhinelanders has scored only five goals in four conference games so far. While the Hodags’ defense has stood strong, the team’s first conceded goal in conference play ended up looming large against a Mosinee side that controlled play in the second half and out-shot Rhinelanders 25-14 overall. “It was a close game. They’re a tough team,” Rhinelanders coach John Weigel said. “They scored on us kind of late and I’m glad the boys didn’t give up. They kept fighting hard and got that equalizer and took us to the PK and we came up short tonight. That’s sports, I guess.” The Mosinee attack had been building, with a number of quality looks as the game lurched over the hour mark. Mosinee finally struck in the 70th minute



Mosinee’s Cole Kowalski collides with Rhinelanders goalkeeper Barak Rappley following a free kick during the second half of a GNC boys’ soccer game at Mike Webster Stadium Tuesday, Sept. 12. Mosinee scored on a rebound on the play while Rhinelanders argued, to no avail, that Rappley was fouled by Kowalski prior to the shot.

on a free kick. The ball was headed inside the box and Mosinee’s Cole Kowalski collided with Rhinelanders keeper Barak Rappley as Rappley swatted the ball away. Officials deemed no

foul occurred, play continued and Trevor Tazelaar was able to cash in on a rebound to put Mosinee ahead. “I thought our keeper kind of got bumped there, but I guess they didn’t see it that way,” coach Weigel said. “I thought he kind of went into our keeper, put him off-balance. It looked like Barak was in good position to get the ball, but they didn’t see it that way. That’s the way it goes in soccer sometimes, unfortunately.” Mosinee’s lead was short-lived as the Hodags cashed in on a set piece of their own less than a minute later. Will Quinn sent a free kick into the box which bounded around in a mass of humanity before junior Aidan Ostermann was able to sneak his left foot on it from close range for the equalizer. “They pulled everybody to try to defend it, so we pulled our defense and pulled them up into the box also,” coach Weigel said. “I think there was like 22 kids, aside from our keeper, down there almost. Having those extra bodies, we were able to get a foot on it.” Ostermann had another look off a set piece in the 77th minute that sailed high, and Mosinee missed on a header chance in the final minute that sent the game to PKs.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Rhinelanders-Columbus tennis match postponed

Late afternoon showers and thunderstorms forced the postponement of the Rhinelanders High School girls’ tennis team’s Great Northern Conference match at Marshfield Columbus on Tuesday. Hodag coach Matt Nichols told the River News that the teams will make up the match this coming Monday, Sept. 18. While Rhinelanders was rained out, a few other teams were able to get in conference matches, with Lakeland edging Pacelli 4-3 and Medford upending Antigo 6-1. Those results dropped Rhinelanders to fifth in the GNC standings, 16 points behind Lakeland. However, the Hodags have at least one match in hand on all four teams ahead of them in the conference standings. Rhinelanders was set to host Antigo Thursday in a match that concluded after press time for today’s edition. The Hodags will wrap up conference dual meet play at Columbus next Monday and at Lakeland next Tuesday.

RHS alum Martin earns D-III football honor

UW-Whitewater tight end Drake Martin, a Rhinelanders High School alum, earned recognition from D3football.com this week for his performance in the eighth-ranked Warhawks’ 56-28 win over No. 4 Saint John’s University (Minn.) Sept. 9. Martin was honored by the website as the top-performing tight end across the NCAA Division-III ranks for the weekend. He caught three passes for 93 yards, including a 45-yard touchdown in the second half of the contest. Through two games, Martin has recorded eight catches and is UW-Whitewater’s second-leading receiver with 123 yards. The Warhawks (2-0) travel to Belton, Texas this Saturday to face the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Pickleball lessons to be held in Hodag Dome

The School District of Rhinelanders Community Education Program will offering Pickleball Lessons in the Hodag Dome beginning later this month. Lessons will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 25 to Oct. 18, with sessions geared toward beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Level 1 lessons are for those who never played pickleball before or have played very little (hit balls for less than 10 outings in the last year). No prior skills are required. Learn serve, return of serve, basic volley and overhead, dinking and the no volley zone, third shot drop, basic strategy and positions, rules, faults, court geometry, and scoring. Level 2 lessons are for those who know how to keep score; are able to serve and return successfully seven out of 10 times sequentially; understand the no volley zone; can dink unattackable balls successfully at least five sequential shots; can volley more than three times in a sequence; have basic overhead skills; understand the lob, third shot drop, and other reset shots; can usually be in the right court position and understand court geometry.

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Hodag volleyball swept by Mosinee

By **Jeremy Mayo**
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Rhinelanders High School volleyball team fell to Great Northern Conference-leading Mosinee in straight sets on Tuesday night. The script followed what has been a familiar story for the Hodags so far this season. Rhinelanders stayed close in the first half of each set but was unable to recover from mid-set Mosinee runs as Mosinee won 25-17, 25-14, 25-23. “We came out and played really tough against them, I thought,” Hodag coach Dan Wolter said. “We hung with them until that part of the game again. We just got into a lot of really long volleys back and forth. Each team touched it three, four times and we were just unable to come up with those points.” The first set was close, with Rhinelanders trailing 12-10 before Mosinee went on a 9-1 run to stretch the lead to 10. The Hodags reeled off

five straight points from there, but a missed serve by Libbey Buchmann ended the run and Mosinee took four of the final five points to claim the set. “They were able to stretch their lead a little bit and we just weren’t able to climb back in it,” Wolter said. Rhinelanders had an 11-8 lead on Mosinee in the second set before things went downhill. Mosinee scored 16 of the next 18 points to take control and eventually win by 11. “They got some separation with some good serving and we just weren’t able to get a good response,” Wolter said. “Then, with us, when we did get the serve, we missed too many serves on the other side and just gave them the ball right back.” The Hodags led again in the third set, up 11-7 at one point as a couple of rotation violations put Mosinee behind. “We definitely picked up

some momentum out of some rotation errors on their part,” Wolter said. “They had the libero serve twice which got them out of rotation and got us a point that way. Then they had another issue with a back row play that they called. We picked up some points on their mistakes and kind of gave us some momentum. We actually used it tonight and it helped the girls push through and hang with them tough.” Mosinee went on a 9-2 run to take a 22-16 lead in the third and eventually got up 24-18. A Kelsi Beran kill staved off the first match point and then Mosinee committed four straight attacking errors to get Rhinelanders within 24-23, but a kill in the middle by Mosinee through Beran’s block attempt ultimately decided the match. “In that third set we were down three, four points and were able to chip away late in the game and climb within

two,” Wolter said. “It was a great set on our end and, hopefully, a good confidence builder for us heading into the weekend.” The Hodags spread the attack again. Lily Treder recorded six kills, Beran had five and Buchmann chipped in four. A change in formation saw a share in the setting duties. Lucy Lindner finished with eight assists while Ava Krouze had seven. “We switched to a 6-2. Lucy and Ava Krouze did a good job of pushing the ball around and Lily and Kelsi kind of got the benefit of that with moving their block a little bit and opening holes,” Wolter said. Emma Chiamulera had 15 digs for Rhinelanders while Buchmann had seven. Buchmann and Lindner each recorded a pair of service aces on the night. MaKayla Weisner paced Mosinee with 10 kills while Tristan Wicklund, Bella

Kyhos and Bridget Frey had six kills each. Rhinelanders (8-9, 0-3 Great Northern) suffered its 60th straight defeat in Great Northern Conference play dating back to the end of the 2017 season. The Hodags will look to snap that streak Saturday in the first GNC tournament of the year in Antigo. Rhinelanders draws Medford and Tomahawk in the tournament. Both of those teams pulled out five-set victories on Tuesday. “Medford and Tomahawk were up toward the top of the conference last year,” Wolter said. “I think if we continue with the momentum that we played with today and the confidence that we showed in each other, I think we can definitely put some stuff together and pull out a couple of wins.” *Jeremy Mayo may be reached at jeremy@rivernews.com.*

Plum Ski-ters shine at National Figure 8 Endurance Barefoot Championships

Several members of the Plum Ski-ters Water Ski Show team participated in the Footstock National Figure 8 Endurance Barefoot Championships in Crandon on August 19-20. This tournament is the National Championships for endurance barefooting in the United States. Competitors from around the world participate in this event held the third weekend of every August on Peshtigo Lake in Crandon. This year, 217 skiers competed in five divisions: Womens, Juniors, Open, Seniors and Masters.

For the fourth time in five years, Sophie Miljevich of Rhinelander won

the Womens Division and was crowned the national champion. She has previously won the division in 2019, 2020, 2021 and was runner up in 2022. Her sister, Ella Miljevich, who won the division last year, was runner up in 2023 and 2021. The two sisters have faced each other in the finals for the last three years in a row and Miljevich girls have now dominated this division for the last five years. Both Sophie and Ella also competed in the Junior Division as well.

Van Coda from St. Germaine was the runner up in the Juniors Division. He was the 2022 Junior Division

champion. He also placed third in the extremely difficult Open Division.

Joe Coda, also from St. Germaine, placed 11th in the Open Division. Owen Repenshek of St. Germaine skied in the Junior and Open Divisions.

Figure 8 endurance barefooting pits two competitors behind a boat barefooting in a Figure 8 pattern at speeds of 40-plus miles per hour (mph). The person who barrooms the longest moves on in the winners bracket. It is a double elimination tournament. These competitors ski in tournaments across the country throughout the year.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sophie Miljevich holds the trophy after winning the Womens Division for the fourth time in five years at the Footstock National Figure 8 Endurance Barefoot Championships Aug 19-20 in Crandon.

YOUTH SPORTS ROUNDUP

JWMS cross country team opens season

The James Williams Middle School cross country team opened its season at home Thursday, Sept. 7 with a seven-team invitational. The Hodag boys and girls finished fourth in their respective divisions.

Seventh-grader Teagan Clark paced the JWMS girls, taking fourth overall as she covered the 3.2-kilometer course in 13 minutes, 30.5 seconds.

Quinn Steinbrink was second across for the Hodags in 13th (14:48.4) followed by Noella Tulowitzky in 16th (15:14.8), Noelle Mayo in 23rd (15:06.5), Olivia Eades in 26th (15:25.2), Helen Beuning in 28th (15:45.6) and Harmony Gomez in 29th (15:46.2).

Michael Brunette paced the Hodag boys with an 11th-place finish (13:25.7). Wyatt Crowell took 15th (13:42.4), Max Cahee was 20th (14:35.0), Juan Diego Grage finished 22nd (14:36.5), Jack Congdon took 31st (15:26.5), Chasin Wallmow was 35th (15:58.5) and Ryder Clark was 48th (18:25.6).

The team ran again Tuesday in the three-team Gartzke Flowage Invite hosted by Antigo, sweeping both the boys' and girls' divisions. Clark (14:59.7) won the girls' division of the race. Steinbrink finished third (15:25.4), Mayo was fifth (16:13.3), Tulowitzky was sixth (16:15.2), Gomez was seventh (16:16.8), Eades finished ninth (19:53.5) and Beuning was 10th (16:58.8) to round out the team's top seven.

Brunette (14:21.9), Crowell (14:47.3), Cahee (16:06.8), Grage (16:20.8) and Wallmow (16:48.1) took spots 3-7 overall for the Hodag boys. Congdon finished ninth (17:10.2) and Clark was 12th (20:16.5).



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The Hodag girls' pack, led by Teagan Clark (1441), Quinn Steinbrink (1454), Noella Tulowitzky (1443) and Noelle Mayo (1452) leaves from the starting line of the Rhinelander Invite middle school cross country race at Rhinelander High School Thursday, Sept. 7.



Rhinelander's Michael Brunette races Northland Pines' Royce Remme to the finish line of the Rhinelander Invite middle school cross country race at Rhinelander High School Thursday, Sept. 7.



Harmony Gomez leads teammate Helen Beuning during the Rhinelander Invite middle school cross country race at Rhinelander High School Thursday, Sept. 7.



Rhinelander's Olivia Eades battles Lakeland Addison Eggen for the lead in the opening mile of the Rhinelander Invite middle school cross country race at Rhinelander High School Thursday, Sept. 7.



Wyatt Crowell runs during the during the Rhinelander Invite middle school cross country race Thursday, Sept. 7.

JV VOLLEYBALL



Kali Skubal bumps the ball during the JV-3 match against Lakeland at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Thursday, Sept. 7.



Ava Rathbun serves during the JV match against Lakeland at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Thursday, Sept. 7.



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Sadie Edyvean bumps the ball for Rhinelander while teammate Taylor Dahlquist (8) looks on during a JV-2 level invite at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Monday, Sept. 11.

WIS. SPORTS GLANCE



SCHEDULE

Sept. 10: N.Y. Yankees 4, Brewers 3, 13 innings
Monday: Brewers 12, Miami 0
Tuesday: Brewers 3, Miami 1
Wednesday: vs. Miami, late
Thursday: vs. Miami, late
Friday: vs. Washington, 7:10 p.m. (BSWI)
Saturday: vs. Washington, 6:10 p.m. (BSWI)
Sunday: vs. Washington, 1:10 p.m. (BSWI)
Sept. 19: at St. Louis, 6:45 p.m. (BSWI)

MLB STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 12

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	95	50	.655	—	Baltimore	91	53	.632	—
Philadelphia	79	66	.545	16	Tampa Bay	89	57	.610	3
Miami	74	71	.510	21	Toronto	80	65	.552	11½
N.Y. Mets	66	78	.458	28½	Boston	73	72	.503	18½
Washington	65	80	.448	30	N.Y. Yankees	73	72	.503	18½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	81	63	.563	—	Minnesota	76	69	.524	—
Chicago Cubs	78	68	.534	4	Cleveland	69	77	.473	7½
Cincinnati	75	71	.514	7	Detroit	66	78	.458	9½
Pittsburgh	67	78	.462	14½	Chi. White Sox	56	89	.386	20
St. Louis	64	81	.441	17½	Kansas City	45	101	.308	31½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	88	56	.611	—	Houston	82	64	.562	—
Arizona	76	70	.521	13	Texas	80	64	.556	1
San Francisco	74	71	.510	14½	Seattle	80	65	.552	1½
San Diego	68	78	.466	21	L.A. Angels	68	78	.466	14
Colorado	52	92	.361	36	Oakland	46	99	.317	35½

z-Clinched Playoffs



SCHEDULE

Sept. 10: Packers 38, Chicago 20
Sunday: at Atlanta, Noon (FOX)
Sept. 24: vs. New Orleans, Noon (FOX)

NFL STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 12

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



SCHEDULE

Sept. 9: Washington State 31, Badgers 22
Saturday: vs. Georgia Southern, 11 a.m. (BTN)
Sept. 23: at Purdue, 6 p.m. (FS1)

AP POLL AS OF SEPT. 10

Team (1st)	Record	Pts	Prv	13. Oregon	2-0	827	13
1. Georgia (55)	2-0	1540	1	14. LSU	1-1	667	14
2. Michigan (2)	2-0	1458	2	15. Kansas State	2-0	636	15
3. Florida State (3)	2-0	1413	4	16. Oregon State	2-0	605	16
4. Texas (2)	2-0	1338	11	17. Ole Miss	2-0	505	20
5. USC	3-0	1269	6	18. Colorado	2-0	481	22
6. Ohio State	2-0	1265	5	19. Oklahoma	2-0	453	18
7. Penn State	2-0	1204	7	20. North Carolina	2-0	444	17
8. Washington	2-0	1102	8	21. Duke	2-0	421	21
9. Notre Dame	3-0	1015	10	22. Miami (Fla.)	2-0	230	NR
10. Alabama	1-1	953	3	23. Washington State	2-0	129	NR
11. Tennessee	2-0	929	9	24. UCLA	2-0	107	NR
12. Utah	2-0	847	12	25. Iowa	2-0	106	NR

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Level 3 lessons are for those who have mastered scoring; can put eight out of 10 sequential serves and returns in play with depth consistently; can hit some spin serves; can volley consistently four or more sequential shots; have a reliable overhead that can place eight out of 10 sequential shots for some winners; can dink unattackable balls successfully and consistently at least six sequential shots; can successfully hit eight out of 10 third shot drops sequentially forehand or backhand from anywhere; can hit eight out of 10 sequential forehands or backhands keeping the ball in play; have good control over the no volley zone and understand court position and strategy.

Level 1 sessions will be held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. on the specified days, Level 2 sessions will be held from 1:15 to 2:15 and 7 to 8 p.m. and Level 3 sessions will be held from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Local pickleball players Darrell Schmidt, Larry McKittrick and Jon Koch will serve as the instructors. Registration is \$60 per person.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Space is limited. To register, please visit the “Community” section of the School District of Rhinelander website: <http://www.rhinelanders.k12.wi.us/community/communityeducation.cfm>. Online registration is available with a credit or debit card. Paper registration is available by mail or drop off. For more information, contact Mike Cheslock at 715-365-9745.



BOB MAINHARDT FOR THE RIVER NEWS

Rhinelanders Aiden Ostermann defends Mosinee’s Connor Zastrow during the first half of a GNC boys’ soccer game at Mike Webster Stadium Tuesday, Sept. 12. Ostermann scored Rhinelander’s lone goal in a 1-1 draw.

Soccer

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Mason Shinnners, Will Gretzinger, Neil Weigel and Matthew King all converted for Rhinelander in the five-man shootout. Quinn was stopped in the second round on a diving save by Mosinee’s Ben Harris that deflected off the left post. Rappley forced extra kicks by stopping Greyson Gabrielski’s look to the right corner in the fifth round.

Michael Schiek misfired high and wide right for the Hodags to open sudden death, and Tucker Kowalski fired past Rappley to the upper left corner to win the shootout for Mosinee. “I’m confident when we go to

the PKs. We’ve got a good keeper in Barak and some great players. It just didn’t roll our way tonight,” coach Weigel said.

Shots were nearly even, 9-8 in favor of Mosinee, in a defensive-minded first half. Mosinee began to find cracks in the Rhinelander defense in the second half and slowly gained control of the match.

Harris made seven saves for Mosinee. He denied Quinn on a low, hard shot from 12 yards out in the 59th minute and stopped Shinnners on a give-and-go chance from Quinn in the 78th minute. Aside from Ostermann’s goal in the scrum, those two were the only quality scoring chances for the Hodags in the second half.

“They kind of got us in the midfield, I felt. I tried to correct that a little bit at halftime. It worked somewhat, but we need to work on that a little bit more,” coach Weigel said.

Rappley made nine saves for Rhinelander in what will count, officially, as the Hodags’ third consecutive draw.

The Hodags (4-1-3, 3-0-0-1 Great Northern) were scheduled to travel to Northland Pines Thursday night in a game that concluded after press time for today’s edition. Rhinelander begins the second half of GNC play at Medford next Thursday night.

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

HODAG LANES

Monday Morning Ladies League
Monday, Sept. 11

High Game	203
Nancy Nebgen	189
Trista Alsteen	188
Connie Reinke	188
Vicki Larson	188
Ann Levijoki	180
High Series	
Nancy Nebgen	505
Trista Alsteen	487
Ann Levijoki	482
Vicki Larson	480
Connie Reinke	470

Standings as of Sept. 11

Team	W-L
Class Act	5-2
Pin Pals	5-2
Cat Lovers & Co.	4-3
Big Dogs	3-4
Alley Cats	2-5
Hi Lo Rollers	2-5

Ladies Friendly League
Tuesday, Sept. 12

High Game	202
Joey Tess	201
Amy Kinsch	199
Nancy Nebgen	199
Donna Beiler	193
Sharon Cline	190
Jessica Haback	190
High Series	
Joey Tess	564
Nancy Nebgen	560
Donna Beiler	539
Amy Kinsch	539
Teresa Cleary	523

Standings as of Sept. 12

Team	W-L
McNaughton Pub	10-4
Rhinelanders Brewing Co.	9-5
Play By Play	9-5
Hodag Country Fest	9-5
Tom’s Drawing Board	8-6
Rick’s Pro Shop	7-7
Acre Chicks	7-7
Avco Vacuum Cleaner Co	7-7
Country Bar	7-7
KSW Construction Corp.	7-7
Hodag Honda	4-10
Nick’s Side Chicks	0-14

CYCLING

HODAG BMX CLUB

Results — Friday, Sept. 8
12 & Under Minion Mayhem Open: 1, Emmerich Crass. 2, Conner Kurilla. 3, Noah Biermeier-Prott. 4, Ivan Crass. 5, Hailey Jackson. 6, Tucker Matushak. 7, Colton Welch. 8, Kaylee Johnson.
13 & Over Hodag Havoc Open: 1, Zakk Sorley. 2, Brennan Polaski. 3, Brandon Anderson. 4, Lain Mahner.

4 Balance Bike:

1, Warner Anderson. 2, Jeep Polar. 3, Liam Franklin.
7 Intermediate: 1, Jax Johnson. 2, Lilly Franklin. 3, Drak Deede.
7 Novice: 1, Dakota Freix. 2, Richard Smithy. 3, Colt Towne.
9 Intermediate: 1, Ivan Crass. 2, Koen Crass. 3, Tucker Matushak.
10 Intermediate: 1, Noah Biermeier-Prott. 2, Conner Kurilla. 3, Emmerich Crass.

10 Novice: 1, Colton Welch. 2, August McGeschick. 3, Emmersyn Wehrman.
11 Expert: 1, Jackson Wergin. 2, Dominic McCarty. 3, Hailey Jackson.
12 Cruiser: 1, Jackson Wergin. 2, Alec Pilat. 3, Dominic McCarty.
13 Cruiser: 1, Trevor Martin. 2, James Wergin. 3, Domaniqe Davis.

13 Expert: 1, Trevor Martin. 2, James Wergin. 3, Alec Pilat.
14 Cruiser: 1, Brody Haff. 2, Dalton McCarty. 3, Jayce Wergin.
14 Intermediate: 1, Josh Behl. 2, Wyatt Underwood. 3, Jayce Wergin. 4, Dalton McCarty. 5, McKennen Mahner. 6, Domaniqe Davis.

14 Novice: 1, Kaylee Johnson. 2, McKalynn Davis. 3, Maddelynn Quandt.
15 Intermediate: 1, Brody Haff. 2, Lain Mahner. 3, Savannah Smithy.
17-20 Expert: 1, Cole Biermeier. 2, Cameron Goetz. 3, Brennan Polaski. 4, Brandon Anderson.
36-40 Cruiser: 1, Cole Biermeier. 2, JJ Wergin. 3, Ken Davis Jr.

FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 12			
Team	GNC	Ovr	
Rhinelanders	2-0	4-0	
Medford	2-0	3-1	
Mosinee	2-0	3-1	
Hayward	1-1	3-1	
Antigo	1-1	2-2	
Ashland	0-2	0-4	
Lakeland	0-2	0-4	
Merrill	0-2	0-4	
Friday’s Games			
Antigo at Rhinelander, 7 p.m.			
Mosinee at Hayward, 7 p.m.			
Merrill at Lakeland, 7 p.m.			
Medford at Ashland, 7 p.m.			
Friday, Sept. 22			
Rhinelanders at Mosinee, 7 p.m.			
Lakeland at Antigo, 7 p.m.			
Hayward at Medford, 7 p.m.			
Ashland at Merrill, 7 p.m.			

SOCCER

PREP BOYS’ SOCCER

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 12		
Great Northern	Overall	

Team	Pts.	W-L-SW-SL	W-L-T
Rhinelanders	10	3-0-0-1	4-1-3
Lakeland	9	3-1-0-0	7-1-0
Mosinee	8	2-1-1-0	3-4-1
Medford	6	2-2-0-0	3-3-0
Antigo	0	0-3-0-0	2-5-1
N’land Pines	0	0-3-0-0	0-6-0

Tuesday’s Games
Northland Pines at Antigo, late
Mosinee 1, Rhinelander 1
Mosinee wins PKs 5-4
Lakeland 6, Medford 1

Thursday’s Games
Rhinelanders at Northland Pines, late
Lakeland at Antigo, late
Mosinee at Medford, late
Saturday’s Games
Antigo at Antigo Quad (NC), 10 a.m.
Mosinee at Rice Lake (NC), 10 a.m.
Northland Pines at Northland Pines Quad (NC), 11 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 18
Wausau at Antigo (NC), 4:30 p.m.
Washburn at Lakeland (NC), 7 p.m.

Mosinee at Rhinelander Tuesday, Sept. 12

Mosinee 0 1 — 1
Rhinelanders 0 1 — 1
Mosinee wins PKs 5-4
First Half: No scoring.
Second Half: 1, Mos. Trevor Tazelaar (unassisted), 69:17. 2, Rhi. Aiden Ostermann (unassisted), 70:30.

Penalty Kicks: Rhinelander — Mason Shinnners G, Will Quinn NG, Will Gretzinger G, Neil Weigel G, Matthew King G, Michael Schiek NG. Mosinee — Cole Kowalski G, Andrew Carlson G, Tazelaar G, Jaegar Dhein G, Greyson Gabrielski NG, Tucker Kowalski G.

TEAM STATS			
Shots (On Goal)	25 (10)	14 (8)	
Fouls	5	7	
Offsides	3	1	
Yellow Cards	0	1	
Corner Kicks	5	4	

SWIMMING

PREP GIRLS’ SWIMMING

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 12		
Team	GNC	
Colby/Abbotsford	2-0	
Rhinelanders	2-0	
Tomahawks	2-0	
Ladysmith Co-op	1-1	
Medford	1-1	
Mosinee	0-2	
Antigo	0-2	
Lakeland	0-2	

Thursday’s Meets
Tomahawks at Medford, late
Lakeland at Rhinelander, late
Mosinee at Ladysmith co-op, late
Colby/Abbotsford at Antigo, late
Saturday’s Meet
Rhinelanders at Waukesha South Invite (NC), 11:45 a.m.

TENNIS

PREP GIRLS’ TENNIS

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 12				
Team	W-L	Dual	Pts	
Lakeland	5-0	27-8	54	
Medford	3-3	25-17	50	
Wausau Newman	4-1	23-12	46	
Pacelli	3-3	22-20	44	
Rhinelanders	3-1	19-9	38	
Antigo	2-4	13-29	26	
Marshfield Columbus	1-4	12-23	24	
Phillips	0-5	6-29	12	

Tuesday’s Matches
Rhinelanders at Marshfield Columbus, ppd.
Medford 6, Antigo 1
Phillips at Wausau Newman, late
Lakeland 4, Pacelli 3
Thursday’s Matches
Antigo at Rhinelander, late
Marshfield Columbus at Wausau Newman, late
Lakeland at Medford, late
Pacelli at Phillips, late
Saturday’s Match
Lakeland at Wis. Rapids Quad (NC), 9 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 19
Rhinelanders at Marshfield Columbus, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

PREP VOLLEYBALL

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 12		
Team	GNC	Ovr
Mosinee	3-0	10-6
Tomahawk	2-0	9-12
Lakeland	2-1	7-6
Antigo	1-1	10-9
Medford	1-2	4-14
Northland Pines	0-2	4-10
Rhineland	0-3	8-9

BELL GAME RESULTS BY YEAR

Year	Winner	Score	Year	Winner	Score	Year	Winner	Score
1935	Rhineland	19-13	1965	Antigo	33-7	1994	Rhineland	22-14 (OT)
1936	Rhineland	22-0	1966	Antigo	19-0	1995	Antigo	8-7 (OT)
1937	Rhineland	31-6	1967	Antigo	11-6	1996	Rhineland	27-26 (OT)
1938	Rhineland	27-7	1968	Antigo	32-14	1997	Antigo	30-13
1939	Antigo	19-0	1969	Antigo	52-8	1998	Rhineland	26-20 (OT)
1940	Antigo	20-19	1970	Antigo	38-0	1999	Rhineland	34-28
1941	Tie	13-13	1971	Antigo	20-0	2000	Rhineland	28-19
1942	Antigo	19-12	1972	Antigo	33-0	2001	Antigo	15-14
1943	Rhineland	19-0	1973	Antigo	26-6	2002	Rhineland	14-0
1944	Rhineland	14-12	1974	Rhineland	32-12	2003	Antigo	48-14
1945	Rhineland	26-6	1975	Antigo	24-0	2004	Antigo	47-32
1946	Rhineland	28-0	1976	Antigo	26-12	2005	Antigo	28-14
1947	Rhineland	14-6	1977	Antigo	8-6	2006	Rhineland	22-18
1948	Rhineland	26-0	1978	Antigo	33-7	2007	Antigo	31-14
1949	Rhineland	6-0	1979	Rhineland	14-0	2008	Antigo	48-6
1950	Rhineland	27-0	1980	Antigo	14-12	2009	Antigo	49-21
1951	Rhineland	18-6	1981	Antigo	25-12	2010	Antigo	41-0
1952	Rhineland	14-13	1982	Antigo	28-16	2011	Antigo	42-13
1953	Antigo	38-6	1983	Antigo	28-0	2012	Antigo	32-7
1954	Antigo	19-6	1984	Antigo	41-6	2013	Antigo	27-0
1955	Rhineland	25-6	1985	Antigo	48-0	2014	Antigo	28-7
1956	Rhineland	20-13	1986	Antigo	35-7	2015	Antigo	20-14
1957	Antigo	20-13	1987	Antigo	50-0	2016	Antigo	25-6
1958	Tie	13-13	1988	Antigo	35-0	2017	Antigo	48-7
1959	Antigo	28-6	1989	Rhineland	31-0	2018	Antigo	24-13
1960	Rhineland	21-19	1990	Antigo	22-12	2019	Rhineland	20-10
1961	Antigo	40-7	1991	Antigo	42-7	2020	Rhineland	21-18 (2OT)
1962	Antigo	20-6	1992	Antigo	52-0	2021	Rhineland	42-0
1963	Antigo	39-7	1993	Antigo	32-21	2022	Antigo	26-14
1964	Antigo	6-0						

Sources: Rhineland Daily News archives and Antigo Daily Journal.



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In this Sept. 15, the Gene Shepard Bell Trophy is pictured on the sidelines during last’ year’s Bell Game. The Bell’s legs and handle were painted green back then, but has since taken on a less-attractive hue of maroon after Antigo’s 26-14 win over the Hodags last year.

Bell Game

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Kraemer said he knows Antigo will be hungry too as it seeks to reestablish the dominance that saw the Robins win 15 of 16 in the series between 2003 and 2018.

“We’re expecting that they’re going to throw the kitchen sink at us and they’re going to make this the biggest game of their year. And we are too. We want to win this one because it matters a lot for us,” Kraemer said. “We know they’re going to do everything they can in their ability to beat us and our job is to make sure we play our brand of football and, at the end of the day, one point more than them is enough.

Here are five storylines going into the 89th playing of the Bell Game.

Air Antigo?

While Antigo still employs a T-based offense, it has shown a propensity to air it out much more in years past. Antigo has displayed a willingness to operate out of the shotgun at times and has also flexed its ends and wings out wide, creating two, three and even four-receiver looks.

Just like last week’s opponent, Hayward, the Robins are doing it with a pair of different quarterbacks.

Senior Jake Verhasselt has seen the majority of the snaps this year going 21 of 45 through the air for 350 yards and two touchdowns, but he has also thrown six picks and has at least one interception in every game so far this season. Junior Colton Thomae has also seen time under center, going 12 of 22 for 167 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Verhasselt threw for 90 yards and two touchdowns in last year’s game — both of the jump ball variety to 6-6 target Mason Gray. Gray has since graduated and wingback Javon Bussey has turned into the team’s leading target with 11 grabs for 220 yards and a score.

“They’re still running their base plays, their belly and their criss-cross counter, but



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In this Sept. 15, 2022 file photo, Antigo’s Alec Knapkavage runs for a touchdown during the second quarter of the 88th Bell Game in Antigo Thursday, Sept. 15. Knapkavage, Antigo’s leading rusher this season, rushed for 143 yards and two scores in last year’s game.

it just gives them the opportunity to throw it and if they feel they have the athletes to utilize in those positions then why not do that,” Kraemer said. “If you can still run your base offense but also spread it out, then why not? It’s the same reason we’re in pistol.”

While Antigo can throw, the Robins went back to their bread-and-butter power running game in last week’s win over the Bluejays. The Robins rushed for 229 yards — which was more than they had in the previous three weeks put together.

Senior wingback Alec Knapkavage rushed for 119 yards and two scores in the game. That was his best rushing effort since last year’s Bell Game, when he torched the Hodags for rushing touchdowns of 67 and 48 yards as part of a 16-carry, 143-yard night.

Tailback Alex Schlieve (37 car-141 yards-2 TD) has been the counterpunch to Knapkavage in the ground game and Bussey ran for a 43-yard score in last week’s game.

“Bussey and Knapkavage and Schlieve all three of those guys present a challenge to us that is different from one another,” Krae-

mer. “One has speed (Bussey), one has power (Schlieve) and the other guy has kind of both (Knapkavage). We’re going to have to make sure that we shut those guys down and they’re equal talents this week.”

Physical defense

Expect an eight-man front out of Antigo tonight with its traditional 5-2 Monster defense. The Robins were physical up front last week, holding Merrill to just 75 yards on the ground and have a disruptive defensive line led by Jayson Arrowood and Grant Praslowicz, who have combined for seven sacks on the season.

Kraemer said it will be key to focus on the monster linebacker, Mitchell Hotchkiss. He leads the team with 28 tackles and also has a team-best four breakups in the passing game.

“Their monster, Hotchkiss, is a really good player and he’s been playing against us for several years,” Kraemer said. “I remember him all the way back as a sophomore playing against us in that game that we played at home, and being a very hard hitter and

somebody that’s flows to the football. We’ve got to know where he is, because he’s their extra guy in the defense. He’s the guy that’s going to set up where they’re unbalanced too. We just have to know where he is and be aware of that.”

Refining the small stuff

The Hodags will look to get back on track offensively after the Hurricanes held them to a season-low 13 points and 218 yards last week.

Kraemer said as the newness and unfamiliarity with the Hodags’ offense wears off from opposing defenses, executing all the details becomes even more important. That’s especially true tonight against a team that’s well-versed in the T-based attack.

“Now we’re getting to the part where nuance is important,” Kraemer said. “Teams have seen us on film for six weeks and they know what to expect and what to stop, so we have to execute other things. I think maybe, last week, we clouded our heads with a little bit too much of that nuance and weren’t proficient at the things we’ve been doing all year long.

That’s what we need to do offensively, make sure that we’re proficient at the things we’ve been doing and make sure that this week we just clean some things up and finish to the whistle.”

Don’t stop Bell-evil

The Hodags certainly come in with a chip on their shoulder considering how last year’s game went down.

Kraemer said he expects a close game, especially considering how the last five games in the series have played out. Three of those games were either tied or one-score contests at the break. Even in 2021, when the Hodags led 21-0 at half-time, that came on the strength of a pair of defensive touchdowns.

If it’s close entering the second half, Kraemer said it may boil down to which team believes in itself more, something he has been trying to emphasize this week at practice.

“If they truly believe in themselves and they just tell themselves they can do it, and their brain speaks to them positively throughout the night, I think we can accomplish a lot — not just winning the Bell this week, but a lot more in the future,” he said.

For whom the Bell tolls

The Hodags are trying to win the Bell for the fourth time in five years. The last time that happened came all the way back in 2002 when, like the current trend, the Hodags won three straight from 1998-2000, dropped the 2001 game 15-14 and then bounced back with a 14-0 shutout in 2002.

Rhineland is also looking to go 6-0 in trophy games played at home under Kraemer. The Hodags won three straight home Axe Games against Lakeland from 2019-2021 and beat Antigo for the Bell at home in 2019 and 2021.

The 2021 Bell Game, won by the Hodags 42-0, marked the most points scored and largest margin of victory for Rhineland in the nine-decade history of the series.

Jeremy Mayo may be reached at jeremy@rivernewsonline.com.

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Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER.Chairman Holewinski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers and emergency responders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Members Present:** Tom Kelly, Billy Fried, Jim Winkler, Russ Fisher, Scott Holewinski, Mike Roach, Steven Schreier, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Diana Harris, Ted Cushing, Collette Sorgel, Debbie Condado, Robb Jensen, Mike Timmons, Linnaea Newman, Chris Schultz, Connor Showalter and Greg Oettinger. **Members Present:** 19 **Absent:** Tony Rio, Tommy Ryden. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**Please use a microphone when speaking. **ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2023 MEETING: Motion/Second: Winkler/Cushing** to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting. All “Aye”, Motion carried. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**2022 Audit Presentation – Finance Director Tina Smigielski and Anthony M Cervini, Sikich LLP presented an overview of the 2022 Audit. Per Smigielski, the state statutes requires an audit and the full Oneida County Audit Report is posted on the Oneida County website. Smigielski explained that financially we had a good year with \$4.9 million of net revenue. Smigielski reported that the largest revenues are property tax at \$18.1 Million and Grants and Contribution being second at \$14 Million. Smigielski explained that the largest expenses is Health and Human Services with the second being Public Safety. Smigielski stated that the Health and Human Services expense includes the Health Department, Social Service, Veterans Services and Human Service Center. Smigielski reported the balances on accounts. Discussion ensued regarding the unrestricted fund balance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes): Sign attendance form at the podium. Karl Fate of Crescent spoke in opposition to Resolution # 82 – 2023. Fate explained that this would increase the development of our lakefronts. Kathleen Cooper of Pelican spoke against Resolution # 82 – 2023 stating that this would benefit only a handful of people.Stephania Burrows spoke regarding Shoreland protection. **CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution # 71 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to grant WPS an Easement for Electric Distribution. **Resolution to grant WPS an Easement for Electric Distribution. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County hereby approve granting the easements for no costs, across those lands as described in Exhibit A below to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is authorized to sign and place the county seal upon the easement documents and other documents necessary to complete such transaction. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 11th day of July, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Mike Timmons, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Greg Oettinger. **Resolution # 72 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Return Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to Oneida County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency which were previously allocated in Resolution #35-2022 for the purpose of Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion. **Resolution to Return Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to Oneida County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency which were previously allocated in Resolution #35-2022 for the purpose of Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that \$1,500,000 in CLFRF funds be returned to the ARPA Contingency for future allocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 17th day of July, 2023.Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly. **Resolution # 73 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Amend Resolution # 110-2022 Returning Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to Oneida County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency which were previously allocated for the purpose of the Jail Dorm Pod Fire Suppression System Replacement Project. **Resolution to Amend Resolution #110-2022 Returning Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to Oneida County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency which were previously allocated for the purpose of the Jail Dorm Pod Fire Suppression System Replacement Project. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that \$13,600 in CLFRF funds be returned to the ARPA Contingency for future allocation; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 7th day of August, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly. **Resolution # 74 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to fund a new Salt Dome Roof for the price not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$180,856.00). **Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department are authorized to fund a new Salt Dome for the price not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$180,856.00) and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department are authorized use of the available funds in the “Buildings and Grounds” account for the aforementioned purchase. **Approved by the Public Works Committee this 10th day of August, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Mike Timmons. **Resolution # 75 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Amend Resolution # 50 -2023 to Amend the 2023 Budget Relative to the Landfill Entry and Parking Lot Project. **Resolution to Amend Resolution # 50 -2023 to Amend the 2023 Budget Relative to the Landfill Entry and Parking Lot Project. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Oneida County Board of Supervisors approves an amendment to the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan and Adopted 2023 Annual Budget. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 7th day of August, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly. **Resolution # 77 – 2023/ Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the

County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse Planning and Development Committee amending Chapter 9 of the Oneida county Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, Article 7, Section 9.78 – Sign Regulations. **Resolution to amend Section 9.78 Sign Regulations. Ordinance Amendment offered by the Planning and Development Committee.**

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists. Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law. Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby. Section 4. Chapter 9 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]: 9.78 SIGN REGULATIONS B.On-Premise Signs1. a.A business shall be permitted one freestanding sign exposure visible and designed to be read from each direction of travel. 1.An on-premise free standing sign shall be no greater than 64 square feet per face if the setback is 0 feet or greater from right-of-way.2.An on-premise free standing sign shall be no greater than 250 square feet per face if the setback is greater than 100’ from right-of-way.b.A multi-tenant business shall be allowed one free standing sign visible and designed to be read from each direction of travel.1.An on-premise free standing sign shall be no greater than 128 square feet if the setback is 0 feet or greater from right-of-way.2.An on-premise free standing sign shall be no greater than 250 square feet per face if the setback is greater than 100 feet from right-of-way.3. No single tenant can utilize greater than 50% of the allowable area of the sign. c. A home occupation as allowed by section 9.43 of this ordinance shall be permitted one free standing sign no greater than 12 square feet per face.d. No part of an on-premise free standing sign shall exceed 35’ in height from existing grade including support.e.Freestanding signs must comply with the requirements of sections 9.70, 9.94 and 9.97, highway and waterfront setbacks. Free-standing signs at all intersections shall meet the highway setback requirements.f.Freestanding signs must comply with the requirements of section 9.71, side and rear lot line setbacks.2. In addition:a.Every business shall be permitted attached building signs as follows:Two “flat” signs a maximum of 32 square feet mounted flat against the building or on the roof for a building with a face of 1250 square feet in area or less OR a maximum of 64 square foot sign mounted flat against the building or on the roof for a building with a face of greater than 1250 square foot area. No part of this sign including supports shall be ~~more than 30 feet from ground level located above the roofline.~~ Only one flat sign per building face. The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #06-2023 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Town Clerks of Oneida County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 28th day of June, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Scott Holewinski, Mike Timmons, Bob Almekinder, Tommy Ryden. Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations: Re-Appoint Guy Hansen to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term to expire in July 2026. Re-Appoint Jeff Viegut to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term to expire in July 2026.**Motion/Second: Roach/Sorgel** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**Roll Call Vote:** 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Motion:** Adopted

Cushing requested that Resolution # 76 – 2023 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed after # 79 – 2023. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: Resolution # 78 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) Allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Paving Solid Waste Landfill Rd. and Parking Lot.

Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Paving Solid Waste Landfill Rd and Parking Lot.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 7th day August, 2023.Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly **Discussion:** Solid Waste Director Lisa Jolin reported that this was a CIP project repaving the Solid Waste Department. Jolin reported the project came in higher than the budgeted amount that was to be funded with ARPA funding. Jolin explained that this Resolution is for that approval of the original portion for this project. Discussion regarding the balance in the ARPA funding account. **Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 78 – 2023:** 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Resolution # 78 – 2023:** Adopted. **Resolution # 79 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to amend Resolution # 128 -2022 to loan General Fund monies to the Solid Waste Department for Funding Capital Equipment and Improvement Projects. **Resolution to amend Resolution # 128-2022 to loan General Fund monies to the Solid Waste Department for funding Capital Equipment and Improvement Projects. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Administration Committee is authorizing the Finance Department to amend the loan to the Solid Waste Fund contingent upon approval of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, and upon notification of the completion of the Paving Project described herein. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 7th day of August, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly. **Discussion:** Jolin explained that this Resolution is to complete the repaving project and they are requesting a loan to cover the overage. Per Jolin, the project came in higher than the budgeted amount and this will cover that amount. **Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 79 – 2023:** 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Resolution # 79 – 2023:** Adopted. **Resolution # 76 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to award a Contract for the Purpose of the Solid Waste Paving Project. **Resolution to Award a Contract for the purpose of the Solid Waste Paving Project. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective on August 15, 2023 the project be awarded to Pitlik & Wick. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works Committee this 10th day of August, 2023. Offered and passage moved**

by: Ted Cushing, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Mike Timmons. **Discussion:** Cushing stated that this is to award the project bid for the Solid Waste paving project. **Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 76 – 2023:** 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Resolution # 76 – 2023:** Adopted. **Resolution # 80 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Authorize a Reimbursement Agreement with Bug Tusssel 1, LLC for Oneida County Expenses related to the \$24,000,000 Bond Guarantee. **Resolution to Authorize a Reimbursement Agreement with Bug Tusssel 1, LLC for Oneida County Expenses related to the \$24,000,000 Bond Guarantee. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that a Reimbursement Agreement by and between the County and Bug Tusssel 1, LLC for expenses incurred by Oneida County related to the \$24,000,000 bond guarantee be authorized. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 17th day of July, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly. **Discussion:** Fried stated that this Resolution is so the County can be reimbursed for the cost of administration regarding the Bonding. Fried reported that this offsets the costs.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 80 – 2023: 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Resolution # 80 – 2023:** Adopted. **Resolution # 81 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to Sign a Lease Agreement to have a Communications Tower Constructed at the Solid Waste Facility in Oneida County. Resolution to sign a lease agreement to have a communications tower constructed at the Solid Waste Facility in Oneida County. **Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Public Works Committee is requesting to enter into the lease agreement with VB 500 II, LLC, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that any and all payments resulting from the communication tower being placed at the Solid Waste Facility shall be deposited in a Solid Waste Revenue Account. **Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Mike Timmons, Ted Cushing, Bob Almekinder. **Discussion:** Jolin stated that they were approached by a company to construct a tower on this site. Jolin stated this would create revenue for Solid Waste in the future. Jolin reported that the committee has approved it. John Sweeney stated that this would create connectivity so that Solid Waste will be able to do business. Discussion regarding where the revenue should go. **Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 81 – 2023:** 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Resolution # 81 – 2023:** Adopted. **Resolution # 82 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to provide funds from the contingency budget to retain outside Counsel for Legal Representation for Ordinance Amendment # 13-2022. **Resolution to provide funds from the contingency budget to retain outside counsel for legal representation for Ordinance Amendment #13-2022. Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the request for the Planning & Development Committee to retain legal representation for the review of and to provide a legal analysis and/or language acceptable to the WDNR concerning the proposed Ordinance Amendment #13-2022 with funding in the amount of ten thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) to be disbursed from the contingency budget. **Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 9th day of August, 2023. Offered and passage moved by:** Scott Holewinski, Mike Timmons, Bob Almekinder, Tommy Ryden. **Discussion:** Planning and Zoning Director Karl Jennrich stated that this would give the Planning and Development Committee the authorization to hire outside counsel. Jennrich reported that there was a public hearing and it was then decided to hire outside counsel. Jennrich explained that this attorney is well versed in zoning issues. Holewinski stated that counsel will be able to advise what direction to go. Jennrich explained what some of the other counties were doing. Discussion ensued regarding working directly with the DNR to get this cleared up. *Newman left at 10:43 a.m.* **Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 82 – 2023:** 16 Aye; 2 Nay, Winkler, Schreier; 3 Absent, Ryden, Rio, Newman. **Resolution # 82 – 2023:** Adopted. **Amended Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Winkler to Amend the County Board Meeting Agenda to Include an Invocation/Prayer. **Second by Roach. Ordinance amendment to amend the County Board meeting agenda to include an invocation/prayer. Ordinance Amendment offered by Supervisor Jim Winkler, District 10. NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:** Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.Section 4. Section 2.02 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:2.02 RULE 2: ORDER OF BUSINESS. (Am. #51-94; #72-94; #20-2008)The order of business shall be as follows: (1)CALL TO ORDER. At the appointed hour for the meeting, the Chair shall call the Board to order requesting that the members rise for a brief moment of silence followed by a prayer/invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.(a)The Board or Committee Chair ~~shall~~ may ask if any County Board member wishes to offer a prayer/invocation (b)The prayer/invocation shall be no longer than fifteen (15) seconds.(c)The Chair should ask if any other person would like to offer a prayer to another god. If no one offers prayer the Chair will continue business at hand.[The remainder of Section 2.02 is to remain unchanged.]Approved by the Supervisor Jim Winkler, District 10, this 8th day of August, 2023.Offered and passage moved by: Jim Winkler, Mike Roach. *Newman returned at 10:49 a.m.* **Discussion:** Winkler stated that this Resolution was brought back with some adjustments. Winkler explained that the prayer would be offered by the Board of Supervisors. Discussion ensued regarding implementation **Motion/Second: Schreier/Jensen** to amend line 43 to strike “or committee”, change the word “shall” to “may”, and add “County Board” before the word member and delete lines 46 and 47. **Roll Call Vote on Amendment to Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 1 Nay Newman, 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Amendment to Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** Adopted. **Discussion:** Discussion regarding a motion to call the question. **Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** 15 Aye; 4 Nay, Fried, Newman, Harris, Fisher; 2 Absent, Ryden, Rio. **Amended Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** Adopted. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** September 26, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m. Unless a motion is made to change the starting time. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. . *The foregoing is a condensed version of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, August 15, 2023 meeting. Complete proceedings are on file and available for public inspection during regular office hours. /s/ Tracy Hartman, Oneida County Clerk.*

Climate

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“I believe that climate change is not a crisis,” he said, adding that in climate change the dominant process has been misidentified by factors of 200.

Beware, Clauser advised the young scientists.

“If you’re doing good science, it may lead you into politically incorrect areas,” he said. “If you’re a good scientist, you will follow them. I have several I won’t have time to discuss, but I can confidently say there is no real climate crisis, and that climate change does not cause extreme weather events.”

But saying the climate crisis isn’t real can apparently cause people to be canceled: The International Monetary Fund promptly canceled a seminar Clauser was to give on climate modeling the following month, saying it was being postponed and reorganized into a panel discussion.

A declaration

The World Climate Declaration that Clauser signed onto also proclaims in its lead that there is no climate emergency.

“Climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific,” the declaration states. “Scientists should openly address uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real costs as well as the imagined benefits of their policy measures.”

The Earth’s climate has varied as long as the planet has existed, with natural cold and warm phases, the document continues, with the Little Ice Age ending as recently as 1850.

“Therefore, it is no surprise that we now are experiencing a period of warming,” the declaration states. “Natural as well as anthropogenic factors cause warming.”

The world has warmed significantly less than predicted by IPCC on the basis of modeled anthropogenic forcing, the document continued, while the gap between the real world and the modeled world shows that science is far from understanding climate change.

“Climate models have many shortcomings and are not remotely plausible as policy tools,” the declaration

stated. “They do not only exaggerate the effect of greenhouse gases, they also ignore the fact that enriching the atmosphere with CO2 is beneficial.”

Perhaps most important, the document asserts, carbon dioxide is not a pollutant.

“It is essential to all life on Earth,” the declaration states. “More CO2 is favorable for nature, greening our planet. Additional CO2 in the air has promoted growth in global plant biomass. It is also profitable for agriculture, increasing the yields of crops worldwide. CO2 is plant food, the basis of all life on Earth.”

What’s more, the document contends, there is no statistical evidence that global warming is intensifying hurricanes, floods, droughts and suchlike natural disasters, or making them more frequent, but there is ample evidence that carbon dioxide mitigation measures are as damaging as they are costly.

“There is no climate emergency,” the declaration concludes. “Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO2 policy proposed for 2050. Go for adaptation

instead of mitigation; adaptation works whatever the causes are.”

Critics of the declaration point out that not all of its 1,609 signatories are scientists or climate experts. That’s true but it’s also true that most are such scientists and experts, including another Nobel laureate, Dr. Ivar Giaever, as well as Richard Lindzen, Emeritus Professor of Atmospheres, Oceans and Climate at MIT; and Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu, a professor of geophysics and founding director of the International Arctic Research Center of the University of Alaska Fairbanks from 1998 until 2007; and others.

Like Clauser, Giaever has been vocal in his dissent from climate change orthodoxy and even resigned from the American Physical Society (APS) because of its climate change agenda.

“In the APS it is OK to discuss whether the mass of the proton changes over time and how a multi-universe behaves, but the evidence of global warming is incontrovertible?” Giaever said.

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

Lawsuit

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The “dark store” theory refers to a legal argument large retailers have made that their properties should be assessed at the same rate as similar vacant buildings. The theory has been used on a number of occasions following a 2008 state Supreme Court ruling that Madison city assessors had overvalued a Walgreens store and therefore the difference had to be refunded.

Walmart’s 2021 and 2022 claims against the city are set for trial before Oneida County circuit judge Mike Schiek in May 2024.

A final pretrial conference on those claims, which were consolidated into one action, is scheduled for March 2024.

As for the new lawsuit, city attorney Steve Sorenson told the River News he had no immediate comment as he had yet to see the filing. The legal landscape in Wisconsin, with respect to property tax reduction lawsuits, has changed since the last time Walmart filed suit against the city. In February, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in favor of the City of Delavan in a lawsuit brought by the retailer Lowe’s using the dark store tax theory.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities lauded the decision as “representing a major victory for Wisconsin municipalities and their taxpayers.”

“We are very pleased with the Court’s decision in this case,” the League’s legal counsel Claire Silverman said. “Large commercial retailers have engaged in concerted efforts, statewide and nationally, to challenge tax assessments using novel and aggressive theories such as the dark store theory. In Wisconsin they have misconstrued and argued for ever-more expansive readings of the Court’s 2008 Walgreens decision. It’s incredibly expensive to litigate these cases and owners of big box commercial properties who assert these theories unsupported by the law, like dark store, are trying to pressure local governments to reduce their tax assessments. If the municipality caves, these owners get an unfair tax break, with the difference ultimately being shouldered by home owners and other small businesses. We hope today’s court decision brings an end to that practice.”

Heather Schaefer may be reached at heather@rivernews online.com.

Cassian

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Francoeur said town attorney Greg Harrold drafted the resolution and after it was approved by the town board, she made a motion to have the town board meet with an outside attorney, Frank Kowalkowski of the Green Bay office of the law firm Van Briesen and Roper.

Kowalkowski has also been hired by the Lac du Flambeau town board to provide additional legal assistance related to its ongoing road dispute with the Lac du

Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

“He might tell us different options that are out there,” Francoeur said.

Cassian fire chief Mike Leir told the town board at its Aug. 14 meeting he was informed by representatives of the construction firm that is expected to be the primary contractor for construction of the AWRC that conditional use permit applications were to be submitted by the end of August.

However, town supervisor John Schaub said Monday’s meeting he had spoken to Oneida County planning and

zoning director Karl Jennrich on Aug. 31 and Jennrich told him then there had been no CUP applications received from GLITC and that was still the case as of Tuesday.

GLITC chief executive officer Bryan Bainbridge, who previously told *The Lakeland Times* he’d like to begin construction of the AWRC in October, and has said he wants to be “a good neighbor” for the town of Cassian, could not be reached for comment as of press time for this edition.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Debra Jumonville please contact Attorney Ivy L. Graham at P.O. Box 1083, Denham Springs, LA 70727; (225) 663-8959; or bobbie@ivygrahamlaw.com 111859 9/12,9/15,9/18 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR70

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Sandra C. Kostka

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/24/42 and date of death 7/21/23, was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 4893 W. Prairie Trail Rd., Rhinelander, WI 54501.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is December 28, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A-318 (probate office).

/s/ Amy M. Franzen
Probate Registrar
09/05/23

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR60

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PHILLIP S. KOEPP

Deceased

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 21, 1946, and date of death May 26, 2023, was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6145 E. Big Lake Loop, Three Lakes, WI 54562.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is December 14, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A-318 (probate office).

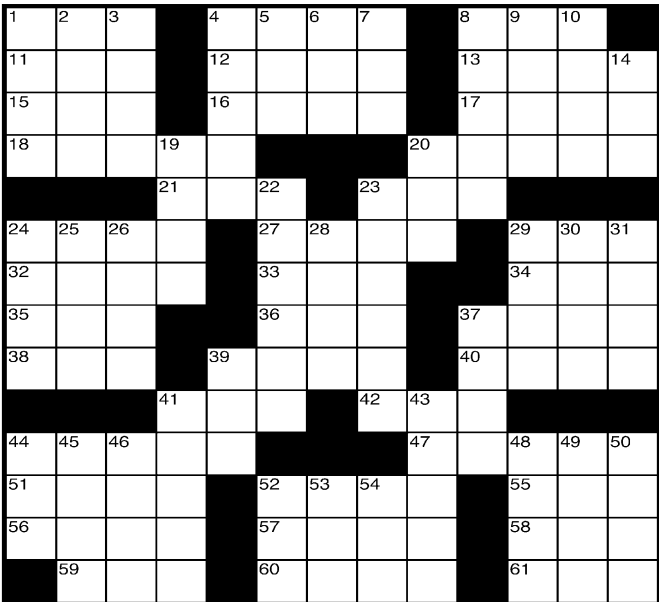
/s/ Amy M. Franzen
Probate Registrar
08/25/2023

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23 Plaything
24 Ankle sites
27 “Forget it!” (hyph.)
29 Travel stopover
32 A Guthrie
33 Bulldog cousin
34 Ms. Arthur
35 No, to a lassie
36 Wooden pin
37 Astin or Connery
38 Dog days in Dijon
- 39 Clamping device
40 Former Montreal athlete
41 Pollen spreader
42 Hoover or Aswan
44 Turn inside-out
47 Imitate
51 Costa —
52 Lucy Lawless role
55 Green prefix
56 Team cheers
57 Do a laundry chore
58 Cave, often
59 — Alamos
60 First-magnitude star
61 W-2 info

- DOWN**
- 1 Confront
2 Hertz rival
3 Crayola choices



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Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 4 Upholstery choice
5 “Barefoot Contessa” Garten
6 Farm animal
7 Ave. crossers
8 Tasty
9 Persia, today
10 Sanskrit dialect
14 Grassy expanse
19 Lhasa —
20 Sigh of delight
22 Materialistic urbanite
23 Yanked
24 Narrow road
25 Latin I verb
26 Winner’s feeling
28 Tints
29 Alpine goat
30 Lowest high tide
31 Former iPod model
37 18-wheeler
39 Animal doc
41 High-ranking persons
43 Fridge-maker
44 Make a mistake
45 Lab container
46 Canyon effect
48 Some T-shirts
49 Sorbets
50 Didi of “Grease”
52 Ovid’s 14
53 Afore
54 Wassail alternative

Snow

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“What staff proposes is to investigate the development of a program that would clear all side-walks on the following streets: Lincoln Street, from the bypass to Oneida Avenue; Courtney/Thayer Street, from Oneida Avenue to Timber Drive; Pelham, from Courtney to Anderson; Stevens, from Pelham to Iverson; and Timber, from Stevens to Coolidge,” Reagan wrote in a memo to the council explaining the concept. “The idea that we are working on at this point is having city forces clear these side-walks and funding this program using a special assessment, based on the amount of public sidewalk on each property in the aforementioned area. For example, if a property owner in this area has 60’ feet of public sidewalk abutting their property, and the Council were to set an assessment rate of \$3 per foot, this property owner would be assessed \$180 for snow removal for the entire year. This means that if it snows 3” or more ten times during the winter — and city forces must clear it 10 times, that property owner would ostensibly be paying \$18 for each clearing of snow on public sidewalk abutting their property. This assessment would be necessary to cover the costs of hiring an individual to perform this work, maintenance on equipment used during this work, fuel for this

equipment, and replacement of the equipment used in future years.” Reagan stressed that the city intends to take the time necessary to determine whether this is a viable option or not. “We want to just take and explore this idea,” he told the alderpersons. “We’re not asking you to pass a special assessment. We’re not asking you to really take any action tonight at all. We just want to let you know that we’d like to have public meetings on this, invite all the people that are going to be affected and talk with them and just see what their thoughts are, see if this is something they’d be interested in. If they are, great, we’ll move forward. If they’re not, we’ll go back to the drawing board or drop it all together.” In his memo and in his remarks Monday evening, Reagan noted that the traditional thinking has been that municipalities are responsible for clearing streets and residents/business owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks. In many cases, this works out fine but there are always exceptions, he noted in his memo. This is a concern as “jobs, groceries, doctors’ visits, and school do not wait for nice weather only. Instead, they happen when both the sun is out and when the snow is falling. Snow covered sidewalks — which are not

cleared in a timely fashion — are dangerous and force people to often walk into the street,” he wrote. According to Reagan, the staff wishes to hold two public meetings on the proposed program. The city will send a letter to each property owner in the proposed area, inviting them to participate in the meetings, he explained in the memo. The meetings have been scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 at City Hall, according to a press release issued Wednesday. “From there, I will report the outcomes of these two meetings back to the Council to determine if Council would like to move forward with this program,” Reagan wrote in the memo. Gerald Anderson was the only alderperson to offer a comment on the proposal. He agreed the idea is worth exploring and noted that this may be an area where a special assessment might make sense. After the council offered its blessing, Mayor Kris Hanus noted the program would not be enacted until the winter of 2024 at the earliest. “This wouldn’t be something that would happen this year,” he said. “We definitely will still have one more winter, no matter what, with the status quo.” In his press release, Reagan again stressed

the city is taking a “measured approach”. “Rather than rushing right in and saying, ‘this is what is going to happen,’ we are taking the approach to start this out as a small program, focusing only on certain streets, to see where this might go,” Reagan said. “Our first step was having the initial conversation with the City Council, which we did on September 11. The next step is to hold public meetings to get the opinions, comments, and concerns of the property owners on the streets that we are initially considering for this pilot project.” Heather Schaefer may be reached at heather@rivernews online.com.

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Overdose

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The complaint also details investigators’ application for and use of search warrants to obtain Facebook and phone records tying Walker to the deceased, including references to a meeting between the two in La Crosse County days before the man was found dead. In mid-May, Rhinelander officers interviewed Walker while she was being held in the La Crosse County jail, the complaint notes. During the interview, she admitted to being involved in a transaction between the deceased and individuals in La Crosse County in late January. “I guess it’s my fault if I’m the middleman,” she said, according to the complaint. A pretrial conference in this case is set for 2 p.m. Nov. 21. The Class C felony carries a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison upon conviction. Heather Schaefer may be reached at heather@rivernews online.com.

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