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# Town of Lac du Flambeau sues **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Gaulke: 'It's a federal agency and it's not following federal law'

By Brian Jopek OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

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If there's one thing there's no shortage of in the ongoing expired road easement issue in Lac du Flambeau between the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the town is legal action.

Since the road issue began on Jan. 31 when the tribal council had road crews put up barricades on Annie Sunn Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake

Lane and Elsie Lake Lane because of expired easements on portions of tribal land that crossed the roads, there has been plenty of litigation, including claims against the tribe filed by property owners, lawsuits against the town filed by property owners and a lawsuit filed by the United States Department of Justice against the town.

The barricades remain lifted for the time being as the town pays the tribe a monthly, escalating fee that began in May with a \$20,000 payment; prior to that, an initial

90-day, \$60,000 agreement between the tribal council and the town established the barricade lifting, an agreement reached with the intention of providing both entities time to meet and hammer out a long term resolution for the road issue.

To date, they've met three times since May — not at all during the month of August — and as of Thursday, Sept. 14, town clerk Susan Schoonover said

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Artist in Residence Greg Preslicka helps fifth-grader Logan Remme pick just the right colors for a mural being painted by students, staff and Preslicka at North Lakeland School on Thursday, Sept. 14, in Manitowish Waters.

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# Woodruff, Lake Tomahawk town boards have no issue with ATV/UTV trails

Trails are in portions of the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest

By Brian Jopek OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Woodruff and Lake Tomahawk town boards last week gave their approval to all terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility task vehicle (UTV) trails in the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest.

Town chairman Mike Timmons said at the Sept. 12 Woodruff town board meeting he'd received notification from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Aug. 30 that the public comment period for ATV/UTV trails in the forest had ended Aug. 24.

"They (the DNR) still want a letter from us that says we would have no objection to a trail," he said. "What it is is going back to the original plan and there would be a variance of the plan ... in the town of Woodruff, it

takes off from Hasbrook Road, gets on one of the existing logging roads/snowmobile trails, it'll come across and finally end up on (County) Highway D after it crosses over some private property which happens to be High Point Sand and Gravel."

Town supervisor Corky Sheppard, also president of the Lake-

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# Felzkowski, Swearingen raise concerns about proposed wolf management plan

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Lawmakers: Buffer zones around tribal lands will impact private landowners

> By Richard Moore OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Two Northwoods lawmakers, state Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma) and Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander), are expressing concerns

about the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) revised wolf management plan, especially the addition of circular buffer zones around tribal lands that call for reduced wolf harvests within them.

The revised plan heads to the state Natural Resources Board (NRB) on October 25.

The draft has already sparked controversy by abandoning numeric goals for managing the wolf population. The proposed buffer zones have raised other issues about property rights, not to mention the specter of increased conflicts between landowners and tribal authorities, because a lot of private property sits inside the buffer zones.

According to the DNR, two new subzones are designed to decrease the likelihood of harvesting wolves from "reservation wolf packs" whose territories extend beyond reservation borders by limiting the total amount of public wolf harvest that may potentially occur in those areas. These zones would includes lands adjacent to the Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles and Lac du Flamb Ojibwe reservations.

"Their use would be intended to respect tribal interests in these areas while also continuing to allow reasonable public wolf harvest opportunities," the draft plan states. "Together, these subzones are intended help balance competing social and biological factors unique to these areas and ultimately increase the department's ability to effectively manage the wolf population."

In a September 11 letter to DNR regulation policy specialist Scott Karel, Swearingen and Felzkowski said they were especially concerned about how regulatory changes would pertain to wolf harvesting zones on or near tribal lands.

"It is imperative that both the ecological balance of our state, and the respect for property owner's rights be carefully considered and reevaluated," Felzkowski and Swearingen wrote.

The lawmakers said the zoning sys-

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# **NON-FICTION**

Harry Anderle enjoys looking through the non-fiction section during the Minocqua Public Library's used book sale on Friday, Aug. 4.

### CORRECTIONS

On page 25 of the Friday, Sept. 15 edition of The Lakeland Times, in the article "Tomahawk spoils Lakeland volleyball's home opener with comeback win," Mosinee was incorrectly called the reigning conference champion, Tomahawk, not Mosinee, won the GNC last season. The Times regrets the error.

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## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

### Tuesday, Sept. 19

LAKELAND AIRPORT COM-MISSION- 5 p.m., Noble F. Lee Memorial Airport. VILAS COUNTY BOARD **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE-**9 a.m., Highway Department, 2104 N. Railroad Street, conference room.

MINOCQUA TOWN BOARD **OF SUPERVISORS-** 5 p.m., Minocqua Center,

3rd floor board room.

### Wed., Sept. 20

LAC DU FLAMBEAU TOWN **BOARD-** 5:30 p.m., Lac du Flambeau Town Hall. ARBOR VITAE BOARD OF **SUPERVISORS-** 6:30 p.m., 10675 Big Arbor Vitae Drive.

### Thursday, Sept. 21

LAC DU FLAMBEAU TOWN **BOARD BUDGET WORK-**

SHOP- 10 a.m., Lac du Flambeau Town Hall. **ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL** SERVICES COMMITTEE-1 p.m., Oneida County Courthouse, county

board room.

### Tuesday, Sept. 26

**VILAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-** 9 a.m., Vilas County Courthouse, conference rooms A and B.

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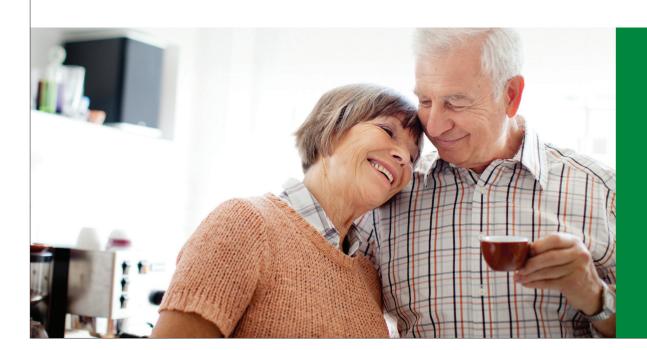


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# Manitowish Waters town board holds public hearing for shared EMS

By Trevor Greene OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Manitowish Waters town board held a public hearing Sept. 12 with regard to forming a four-town emergency medical service (EMS) district. Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Presque Isle and Winchester are the four towns involved.

Nearly everyone who spoke during the hearing supported the idea of creating a four-town EMS district.

EMS service director for the Manitowish Waters Fire Company Jessie Mabie was one of the first to speak.

Mabie, who has played a large role in the effort to merge the four towns' EMS, said the north Lakeland area has seen a continued increase in calls year over year.

Because only two emergency medical technicians (EMT) for Manitowish Waters live in town and the rest in surrounding areas, Mabie said response times can range between 20 to 45 minutes, sometimes even an hour.

She agreed with the speaker prior to her and said "that's totally unreasonable for somebody who's having a medical emergency."

"We do do our best, but everybody has a job, everybody has a family," Mabie said. "We can't continue to do this without any type of support. So that's why we came to the towns and said 'We need some help.' We can't continue this, and we'll be without EMS soon if we don't do something. So that's where this all came from.

As Mabie alluded to, the idea to form a shared EMS district came two years ago as emergency calls continued to rise and the amount of people able to volunteer continued to dwindle.

"We live far away from a hospital," Mabie said. "And there's a lot of things that can be done for you, if you are the one in the ambulance on your way to the hospital."

Steve Herzberg, an EMT with the Manitowish Waters Fire Company who also lives part-time in Sonoma County, Calif. spoke after Mabie.

He explained the recommended plan drafted by a third-party company the four towns contracted with, Strategic Management and Consulting (SMC).

Sechler and Dan Williams worked for the state's Department of Health Services EMS Office — Williams as the bureau chief and Sechler as the ALS/paramedic program coordinator.

"The effort that has gone into this plan to taylor to these four towns is exemplary," Herzberg said. "Not only will we have a more reliable service, we're gonna try to up the level of care to paramedic service, so we don't have to wait for paramedics to come up the highway when they're available to give us a higher level of service."

He said besides people supporting the four town consolidation, another

way people can help is by training to become first responders themselves.

"All I can tell you is there are no new EMTs joining us in these four towns," Herzberg said. "We're losing people, we're not gaining people. So, we need both more people and a better setup.'

There was one member of the public who said he wasn't sure if he was for or against the idea to form an EMS district. He said he thinks there's definitely a need for better EMS service, but Manitowish Waters. still wasn't sure

about "the budget-side of it."

Town chairman John Hanson said "the numbers" presented in the SMC proposal include a \$1.25 million budget.

He said he thinks the only fair way the four towns could split the cost would be based on equalized property valuation.

In 2022, Hanson said the equalized value among the four towns was about \$2.4 billion.

He said that number went up to \$2.844 billion for this year.

"When Dana first saw these numbers, he had trouble believing it," Hanson said. "So, in that respect, we are extremely fortunate that we have this kind of (tax) base for this kind of operation."

said that increase would be \$35 per \$100,000 valuation.

"So if you have a \$100,000 home, this is gonna cost you \$35," he said. "If you have a \$500,000 home, it's gonna cost you \$175."

The percentage share among the four towns, according to Hanson, includes Boulder Junction at 25.16 percent, Manitowish Waters at 30.8 percent, Presque Isle at 28.43 percent and Winchester at 15.62 percent.

"That's not the important thing," he said. "The important thing is that the levy for this would be the same for everybody throughout the whole district ... so you can't really look at these

> numbers and say 'Well we're paying a larger share than the next town is paying' because individually you are not, you're paying the same rate regardless of where you live."

Hanson said he thinks the four towns are in a good position in terms of having the necessary equipment to get started. All four towns have an ambulance, he said. and all four towns have fire departments that could be pany, speaks in support of forming a used in the interim.

Ultimately, though, he said he thinks the shared

EMS district will need a building, or, possibly two, "for this thing to work properly."

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Jessie Mabie, EMS service director

for the Manitowish Waters Fire Com-

four-town EMS district during a pub-

lic hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 12, in

For example, Hanson said the towns would need to pay more money to construct the buildings, which would also need to be strategically based.

"So, if we were to have to spend a million dollars on a couple buildings, and we were to finance that over a ten-year period, the cost to each individual tax payer would be \$5 a year," he said. "So you're looking at some numbers that probably 99 percent of the state of Wisconsin would look at and say 'Boy, you guys are lucky,' because

Answering a question from the crowd as to how fast the EMS district would be implemented, Hanson said his hope is to start by Jan. 1, 2024, with full implementation by 2025.

Right now, he said, each town will need to get through its public hearings and if there isn't any major oppositions, then each town board will need to take action to create the district. He said an initial budget would then need to be formed and staff would need to be hired.

"Each town board would then appropriate the money for the district," Hanson said. "It's a little different than a lot of other ... districts, like school districts or lake districts or other taxing districts. This district would not have taxing authority because of the laws in the state of Wisconsin."

Towns appropriate the money first, he explained, and then that money is given to the EMS district for its expenses.

Staffing the department is expected be the biggest challenge, Mabie said to one member of the public who asked.

She explained how there would be a mixed staff of full-time and parttime paramedics and EMTs, as well as maintaining volunteers.

Two ambulances would be staffed full-time, while still designating the four ambulances owned by each township as backups.

"I'm not saying that's exactly how we're gonna do it," she said. "I can't put it in writing right now, but that's the general idea of how we're gonna do it."

The hearing was heavily attended, and at one point, a member from the public raised his voice and rhetorically asked if there's any reason not to form an EMS district among the four towns.

"That's a good question," Hanson said. "We did a survey in Manitowish Waters, I think three or four years ago, and at that time it was like two to one: 'Let's do this.' And, the other point was (already) brought up, is that it is the town's responsibility to provide this service. And if we can't provide this service and somebody has a problem, we could be subject to some legal action. So it's pretty critical."

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## **OBITUARIES**

### **David James DeBauche**

David James DeBauche, 74, of Arbor Vitae, passed away at his home on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 with his wife Jacqueline at his side.

He was born in Green Bay to Ronald and Delores (Hickey) De-Bauche on February 28, 1949. Dave enlisted in the Marines shortly after

graduating from high school. Days before his 20th birthday he was severely injured in Vietnam rendering him disabled for the rest of his life. He was awarded the Purple Heart, as well as the Navy Achievement Medal for Meritorious Service for his work as a "Tunnel Rat."



**DeBauche** 

He may have come back physically disabled but he had the heart of a warrior and led by example. His heroics during the war and disabil-

ity at a young age could have defined the rest of his life but he didn't allow it. Rather his life was all about love for his family, animals and fishing. He was happy to spend the day on his favorite chain of lakes catching fish and iust enioving nature.

Even though pain became a way of life, Dave dedicated his life to saving wounded animals and birds of prey, a passion he shared along side his wife. He can be found on the cover of Wildlife Hospital and in many stories inside this book.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ronald and Delores (Hickey) DeBauche, and two brothers Denis and Patrick DeBauche.

He is survived by his loving wife Jacqueline; daughters Theresa Rumpf, Angela (Steve) Belliveau, Alisha De-

Bauche, and son Ronald DeBauche; one brother Michael DeBauche, Boulder Junction; two sisters Barbara Peters (John), Merrill and Rebecca Kaster, Green Bay; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Future celebrations of life will be an-

Donations in Dave's memory can be sent to Arbor Vitae Fire and Rescue or Compassus Living Foundation.

### **Christopher (Chris)** D. Kemnitz

Christopher (Chris) D. Kemnitz, 78, of Minocqua passed away unexpectedly on September 5, 2023.

She is survived by her sons, Tony Kemnitz (Diane) and Christopher Kemnitz (Becky) and grandchildren, Rebecca, Karl, and Sarah Kemnitz, Jenny, Diana, and Daniel Kemnitz-Meyerson; stepgranddaughters, Laura Vanden Lan-



Kemnitz

genberg (Sam) and Anna Ellis (Tatum), and by her brothers, Bob and Greg Sebbo. Pat Leach and sister, Liz Leach, and brother and sister-in-laws, and several nieces and

Chris was predeceased by her father and mother, Robert N. Sebbo and Elizabeth Leach, her sister, Kate Swanson, daughter-in-law Ellen Kemnitz (Tony) and her beloved husband and partner of over sixty years, Anthony F. Kemnitz.

She was born at the Long Beach Naval Hospital in California on April 3, 1945. As a young girl, Chris grew up in a Navy household, moving

across the country and living in Southern California and Texas. Eventually she spent her teen years in Milwaukee, where she met her husband and love of her life, Tony Kemnitz. As a young woman Chris modeled; she also trained and worked as a pharmacy technician at the New Berlin Hospital and Walmart Pharmacy in Minocqua. She raised her family in Mukwonago, and was a Cub Scout den leader and held various other jobs from working as a crossing guard to waitressing. Chris and her husband retired to Woodruff in the early 2000s where they lived out their dream of building a home in the Northwoods and fishing as much as possible. She enjoyed travelling, especially in the southwest United States where she visited her father and spent time with her sister Kate.

Chris was known for her wit and kindness and for being extremely organized. She enjoyed many hobbies in her lifetime including needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, reading, fishing, snowmobiling and art. She also had a beautiful singing voice.

With her husband Tony, Chris built over half a dozen houses from the basement up. Her energy and love of life were an inspiration to all who knew her. She always had her door open for friends and offered coffee, advice, and understanding. Her kindness and big heart will be missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of life is being planned for close family this coming spring.

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

### Robert R. "Bud" Stice

Robert R. "Bud" Stice, 89, of Mercer, died with his daughter by his side on Friday, September 1, 2023, in Kansasville. He was born on April 25, 1934, in Slidell, Texas to Hatty (nee Gregory) and Tom Stice where he was orphaned at an early age.

He was cared for by his brother TJ and wife Dora and then by Dora's mother Miss Rudolph. Once his brother Bill Stice was married to Emma Stice, Bud was moved from Texas to Waukegan, Ill. to live with them where he finished his childhood.



Stice

Bud worked at Johnson Outboard Motors and became a licensed barber. He met his friend's

cousin Shirley Boshantin and married her. They were husband and wife for 58 years. Bud retired from Johnson Outboard and Shirley from Warren Township High School, moving from Wadsworth, Ill. to Mercer, where they resided on the Flambeau Flowage to enjoy fishing, snowmobiling, casinos, and their grandkids and friends. Bud was preceded by his wife Shirley and brothers: Bill (Emma) Stice and TJ (Dora) Stice. He is survived by his daughter, Brenda Stice-Rockwell and grandchildren Sam and Peter Rockwell.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the American Legion Post in Union Grove (1027 New St. Union Grove, WI 53182). Prayers and military honors will be conducted at noon. The bar opens at 11:30 a.m. and tacos will be served following the services.

### Tuesday, Sept. 19

MINOCQUA: STILL STANDING!- 6 p.m., Reulands Conference Center. Motivator speaker, patriot., veteran, survivor John Kriesel share his inspirational story of overcoming adversity. In 2006, Kriesel was nearly blown to shreds by a 200-pound roadside bomb in Iraq, but battlefield angels in army uniforms kept him breathing long enough to reach a field hospital. He died three times and was shocked back to life. Somehow, he survived through four hospitals, 35 surgeries and months of recovery. He lost both legs and suffered numerous other major injuries, but it was the loss of two close friends that hurt the most. Please come and join us to welcome him to the Northwoods! Price \$75. Info: visit www.https://www.lakelandretirement.org/still-standing/

MINOCQUA: STROLLERBRARY- 10 to 11 a.m., Minocqua Public Library. Children ages 0-4 and their caregivers are invited to meet at the library's raised garden beds (behind the kids' room) and walk with Miss Erica to Dorwin Park and back. Miss Erica will lead literacy-based activities at the park and along the route as well. Bring your stroller, wagon or two feet! Info: call 715-356-4437.

### Wed., Sept. 20

**BOULDER JUNCTION: CHAT 'N CRAFT- 10** a.m. to noon, Community Center, Nordlof room. Our Knitting Club is branching out and will now be called "Chat 'n Craft." Crafters of all kinds – knitting, coloring, beading, etc. - are welcome to join us. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own supplies and projects. This is a chance to share ideas, socialize with others, and learn new things. This program is open to all crafters of all abilities. Info: call the library at 715-385-2050.

MINOCQUA: LAKELAND AREA REPUBLI-CAN WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON **MEETING-** 11:30 a.m., Minocqua Country Club. Registration/social time with lunch at noon, and speaker Annette Olson from

the Mac Iver Institute. Info: call or text Liz

MINOCQUA: FIBER FRIENDS- Noon to 3 p.m., Minocqua Public Library, program room. Open to all fiber art enthusiasts. Info: call 715-356-4437 or visit www.minocqualibrary.org

ST. GERMAIN: WILD INSTINCTS PRESEN-TATION- 7 p.m., St. Germain Community Center. "How do wildlife rehabbers get animals back on their paws, claws, and wings, and the impact of human-caused injuries," by Mark Naniot, director of rehabilitation at Wild Instincts wildlife rescue center in Rhinelander. Naniot will have one or two birds for the evening presentation. Attendees may bring donations to support Wild Instincts if they wish. Paper towels, garbage bags, toilet paper, postage stamps, towels, canned dog food & canned cat food are much appreciated. An Amazon wish list link is available on their website, wildinstinctsrehab.com. Info: call Kelly McGill at 715-542-1614

MINOCQUA: POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM WORKSHOP: "SUPPORTING YOUR PARTNER" - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Minocqua Public Library program room. Free event offered by Children's Wisconsin. Discuss tips for focusing on your relationship and working together as a team. Includes tip sheets, conversation starters and date night ideas to promote communicating and supporting each other's efforts. Info: call 715-356-4437.

MINOCQUA: STORY TIME- 10 a.m., Minocqua Public Library. Join us for stories, finger plays, flannel boards, songs and more for children 0-4 and their caregivers. Info: call 715-356-4437 or visit www.minocqualibrary.org.

### Thursday, Sept. 21

MINOCQUA: CLUB CONNECT | EVERY-THING APPLES! | FOR KIDS AND TWEENS- 4 to 6 p.m., Minocqua Public Library. Join us in the library's program room for apple taste testing, apple themed crafts, STEM activities, apple themed snacks and cider too! Info: call

715-356-4437 or visit www.minocquali-

ST. GERMAIN: NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE- 5 to 8 p.m., Whitetail Inn. A Night for Wildlife is a fundraiser for wildlife rescue rehabilitation and education for the Northwoods Wildlife Center. Join us as we celebrate 44 years of wildlife rehabilitation and education! Enjoy good food, partial open bar, an auction and up-close encounters with some of our resident education animals. Listen to live music while mingling with other wildlife supporters, our amazing staff and volunteers. Tickets \$75. Info: visit www.northwoodswildlifecenter.org or call 715-356-7400.

MINOCQUA: LAKELAND STAMP AND **COIN CLUB-** 3 to 4:30 p.m., Minocqua Public Library community room. Come to the bi-weekly club meeting to meet other collectors, and to learn to identify, value

and display your collections. Info: call Chuck 414-640-3429 MINOCQUA: WIGGLE, GIGGLE & SHAKE-

10 a.m., Minocqua Public Library, program room. Children ages 0-4 and their caregivers are invited to sing, dance and play! Info: call 715-356-4437 or visit www.minocqualibrary.ora

EAGLE RIVER: ENCHANTED DOLL CLUB OF THE NORTHWOODS- 1 p.m., Kalmar Senior Center. Judy Wainwright will present a program about boudoir dolls, also known as bed dolls were decorative objects rather than playthings. Wainwright will have her collection of bed dolls to share as part of her program. Guests are always welcome at the meetings. Info: call Judy Wainwright at 714-482-9804.

### Friday, Sept. 22

MINOCQUA: FARMERS MARKET- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau + Chamber of Commerce, 8216 US-51. The Minocqua Farmers Market is a vibrant market where area farmers, producers, crafters, artisans, and non-profit groups come together to offer a variety of agriculnity with area food growers and producers, and provides education and inspiration for growing and eating healthy, for a healthier lifestyle

### MANITOWISH WATERS: TOMAHAWK LAKE HEMLOCKS STATE NATURAL

AREA HIKE- 9 a.m. to noon. Trailhead Join WDNR Conservation Biologist Carly Lapin and NLDC Naturalist Licia for this fun morning hike! Please note that this will be a moderate to strenuous hike as it will be an off-trail hike through a hemlock stand. We will need to climb over/around some fallen trees. In total, we will go around 2-3 miles. Registration required by 9/20. \$35/non-member and \$30/member. Info: Call 715-543-2085 or visit www.discovervcenter net

MANITÓWISH WATERS: DISCOVERY CEN-TER ASTRONOMY NIGHT WITH NORTH-WOODS EXPLORERS- 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., We'll use lasers that point for miles to show the constellations and where we might see a few fascinating objects using binoculars and telescopes to observe Saturn, the crescent moon, the Ring Nebula M57 in Lyra, the Globular Cluster M13 in Hercules, Alberio and a few other double stars, and perhaps Jupiter later in the evening. Come learn more about how these objects fit into the big picture. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will extend the program inside the Lodge. White light flashlights are not allowed. Please use red lights or cover your white light with many layers of red cellophane or a thick red balloon. Backup weather date will be Saturday, 9/23. Registration required by 9/20. \$15/non-member and \$10/member. Info: Call 715-543-2085 or visit www.discovervcenter.net MANITOWISH WATERS: FREE CRANBERRY

MARSH TOUR- 10 a.m., Join us on the porch at Cranberry Square Farm Market and enjoy an educational video, Q&A, and free samples. Then, head outside to the marshes for an up-close look at this wonderful fruit. A local grower with the Vilas Cranberry Company will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Info: call 715-543-2778.

tural and related products directly to the public. The market connects the commu-

# Newbold town board supports OCBWTC's effort for Rookery Run national designation Hess: 'It's busy out their all the time'

By Trevor Greene OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Newbold town board on Sept. 14 formally agreed to support the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trail Council (OCBWTC) in pursuing National Recreation Trail (NRT) recognition for the trails at Rookery Run.

Rookery Run is the name of the disc golf course and hiking/snowshoe trails at the town's outdoor recreation area near Ole Lake Road.

Town chairman Dan Hess said he met with OCBWTC president

"And we figured that

this is historic in the

fact that we

reclaimed a landfill."

**Jackie Cody** 

**OCBWTC** president

Jackie Cody at the town's recreation area prior to the meeting to talk about the NRT designation. He said the recognition would put Rookery Run on the national registry.

Cody spoke to the board and said NRT began in 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the

National Trails System Act.

"The Trails Act (stimulated) the founding of the American hiking society, which has led to the National Trails Day, which is observed on the first Saturday of June," she said. "The trails nearby that have achieved National Recreation Trail status are Anvil Lake Trail, which was sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service; Bearskin Trail, which was sponsored by the state of Wisconsin; and the Heart of Vilas County paved bike trail system, which is city, town and county sponsorship."

Cody said Rookery Run's NRT application is "in the city, town and county sponsorship category because it is in the town of Newbold."

The application, she said, is due by Nov. 1 to American Trails, and the OCBWTC will submit it on the town's behalf.

Prior to the application submission, Cody indicated a letter of support or adopted resolution from the town board would need to be included.

"After that step is complete, the application will be sent with pictures and letter of support or resolution to the Wisconsin state trail coordinator ... ," she said. "And from there, (the coordinator) sends

it back to us with a letter of support from the state, providing we have filled out the application and we have the support of the town."

The NRT designation isn't a guarantee, Cody said. However, she said once the application materials are all submitted by Nov. 1,

the town board will be notified by February of 2024 if Rookery Run's application is up for review.

Laughing slightly, Cody said the town will not know if it received the designation for Rookery Run until June 7, 2025.

Rookery Run should be designated, she said, because it offers users interactive signage, it's one of the most walkable trails in the county with a natural surface and "was beautifully laid out by Tony Martinez, who is a master designer for the Department of Natural Resources."

All of the benefits to the town

from NRT designation, Cody said, include: Official signage being placed at the trail, Rookery Run being included in the nation-wide searchable database, designation could help with state funding programs, designation offers fundraising possibilities for the town as well as for OCBWTC.

She also noted how the national recognition could add value for nearby property owners.

Town supervisor Mike McKenzie complimented Cody with regard to the information packet she prepared for board members. He said he thought there was a lot of interesting information included in it.

"It's busy out their all the time,"

Town supervisor Petra Pietrzak said she's been a bicyclist her entire life and the bike station at Rookery Run was the first she's ever seen.

"And, the second thing is, the park, the area, is right along one of our Newbold designated trails," she added. "So this continuity (is) very cool."

Cody also noted how the NRT has OKd trails spanning only one-tenth

"And we figured that this is historic in the fact that we reclaimed a landfill," she said. "Which, to me, is the ultimate (achievement) in conservation.'

Hess said the town will draft a letter of support instead of adopting a resolution in order for OCBWTC to file the application as soon as

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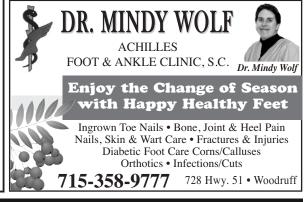




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- Keep the gun unloaded until you are ready to use it.
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
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### Come and Spend the Day in Manitowish Waters







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# PINIONS

# Stop hid'n Biden

Mona Charen

Our octogenarian president traveled 8,000 miles to meet with India's premier, Narendra Modi, and to attend the G20 summit in New Delhi. He then flew another 2,000 miles to visit America's new pal,

Vietnam — all over the course of just five days. That's a demanding trip, even for a younger person. After meeting for several hours with the general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Nguyen Phu Trong, Biden held a

formal press conference. And he did fine.

Yes, his voice is weaker than it used to be, and his gait is stiff, but on the matter that currently has 62% of the public seriously worried namely, whether he has the mental acuity to serve as president — his performance should be reassuring.

The public's perception of Biden's mental decline is out of all proportion to reality. A May NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll found that 69% of registered independent voters believe Biden's mental fitness is a real concern. A more recent CNN poll found that 73% are seriously concerned that his physical and mental health might not be adequate for another term. Even among Democrats, only 49% say he has the stamina and mental sharpness to serve another term. At dinner parties, people say the president has dementia.

To be clear, it would be better to have a younger president seeking reelection — and I would like to be four inches taller and gifted at the cello. But we got what we got, and part of being a grown-up is accepting reality.

There is no way to watch Biden's Hanoi press conference and not recognize that his brain is working fine. He responds to questions in appropriate fashion. His words are diplomatically chosen, and his thoughts follow in logical order.

Anyone who has ever had a friend or relative with dementia knows that this is nothing like what they sound like. They repeat themselves constantly without self-awareness. They don't distinguish between things that happened that morning and things that happened years ago. They get angry and tearful for no apparent reason. Dementia is a devastating disease and quite different from normal aging. In fact, while the percentage of people with dementia rises with age, only about 10% of those aged 70 and older suffer from it.

Now, have a look at Biden's press conference. He was asked about a Chinese official's accusation that Biden was "insincere" about the relationship with China, and also whether he thought Chinese President Xi Jinping was sincere in light of his recent move to "ban" Apple in China. Biden had trouble hearing the first part of the question (OK,

that is his age showing), but then gave a careful answer.

He declined the implied invitation to get into a spitting match with Xi and emphasized that "we're not looking to hurt China ... We're all bet-

ter off if China does well," adding that "if China does well by the international rules, it grows the (world's) economy.' To underline that point, he noted that "It's not about isolating China. It's about making sure the rules of the road — everything

from airspace and — and space and in the ocean is the international rules of the road are ... abided by."

Without overt threats or intemperate words, Biden then noted that he is building and/or bolstering alliances with other Asian nations. "That's what this trip was all about: having India cooperate much more with the United States, be closer with the United States, Vietnam being closer with the United States. It's not about containing China; it's about having a stable base — a stable base in the Indo-Pacific."

I could have done without the too-clever-by-half tactic of calling only upon female journalists (a reprise of an Obama gimmick from 2014). And Biden's acknowledgement at the start that the five questioners had been chosen in advance was a mistake. He introduced the Q and A by saying, "And now, I will take your questions. Let me see. They told methey gave me five people here," which made him seem directed by others instead of in charge. And he stumbled over their names all the same.

But in the course of his basically direct, non-meandering answers, he touted the new rail and shipping corridor just announced at the G20 that will link India to Europe; noted that the United States has the world's strongest economy; praised a past Republican senator for working with poorer nations to maintain forest land; and mentioned the amount of carbon the Amazon rainforest absorbs.

At one point he did sound like a geezer, quoting from a John Wayne movie, but that was one deviation from an otherwise workmanlike performance.

Biden's physical presentation — the slow and careful walk, the slightly pitched posture — suggests age more than his words. But, bottom line: He is perfectly capable of thinking on his feet. Too many Americans have come to believe that he is in sharp mental decline. When you see him in a Q and A, it's clear that he isn't, and people need to know that.

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# The impeachment of Joe Biden

Ben Shapiro

COLUMNIST

This week, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., announced the opening of an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. "These are allegations of abuse of power, obstruction and corruption, and they warrant further investigation by the House of

Representatives," Mc-Carthy explained. The impeachment inquiry will give the House Republicans a better legal defense against claims that any subpoenas they issue exceed the scope of congressional authority. More importantly, it signals to the American public the seriousness of Republican intent to make Biden's corruption the top

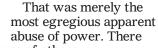
issue in the 2024 election. For those complaining about Republican politicking, turnabout is surely fair play. Former President Donald Trump was impeached not once but twice; neither time did Democrats so much as allege a statutory crime. They relied on the fact that impeachment is a political response, not a criminal one — true as far as it goes, but precedent-setting in the context of prior impeachments. They pursued impeachment inquiries without so much as a vote in the House. The genie is out of the bottle, and it isn't going back in anytime soon.

The allegations against Biden are already damning. So is the evidence. Biden used his son, Hunter, as a cutout to clear cash from foreign sources on behalf of the Biden family. That's all part of a decadeslong pattern by which Biden has used his political power and influence to benefit his family. Back in the 1970s, Jimmy Biden, Joe's brother, somehow obtained generous loans from a local bank to open a rock club, despite little in the way of collateral; Joe was sitting on the Senate Banking Committee at the time and ended up pressuring the bank when Jimmy fell behind on his loans. In 1996, Joe cashed out his home by selling it to the vice president of MBNA in a sweetheart deal; MBNA would also hire Hunter fresh out of law school. MBNA was one of Biden's biggest donors and a beneficiary of his credit card policy largesse. In the words of Politico reporter Ben Schreckinger. "The Bidens regularly intermingled personal, political, and financial relationships in ways that invited questions about whether the public interest was getting short-changed."

All of this came to a head when Joe attained the vice presidency. Hunter forged relationships, with his father's aide, in China and Ukraine; Joe would call into business meetings to "talk

about the weather." Hunter joined the board of Burisma, where he made an extraordinary amount of money; in return, he promised connection with his father. In December 2015, Biden went to Ukraine, where he demanded that Viktor Shokin, a prosecutor looking

into Burisma, be fired, threatening to withdraw \$1 billion in American aid. During this time, a confidential human source later told the FBI that Burisma's CFO said that he had hired Hunter "to protect us, through his dad, from all kinds of problems."



were dozens of others.

Was Joe benefitting from Hunter's business arrangements? We hear from the media that there is no evidence to suggest he was. But that's obviously a lie: scoring benefits for your drug-addicted, sexually deviant son is certainly a benefit that accrues to Joe. And we also have a text directly from Hunter to his daughter Naomi in 2019: "I hope you can all do what I did and pay for everything for this entire family for 30 years. It's really hard. But don't worry. Unlike Pop, I won't make you give me half your salary."

All of this is predicate to Biden's behavior as president. Thanks to whistleblowers, we know that the Biden DOJ attempted to cut a sweetheart deal with Hunter Biden to end any investigation into these matters. In this case, the cover-up may be just

as bad as the crime.

In the end, the American voters will give their verdict on Biden; with Democrats in control of the Senate, he won't be removed from office. But Republicans are right to remind Americans that Biden isn't a decent man restoring honor to the Oval Office. He's a career-long corrupt politician who simply got lucky in his enemies at the right time.

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# **Statement win**

### T-Bird football shuts out Merrill for first victory

**Brett LaBore** 

OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Lakeland football needed a win to get their season back on track. They got the win they needed with a home shutout for their first conference victory.

The Thunderbirds beat the Bluejays 35-0 at Incredible-Bank Field on Friday night.

"It's huge for the team.

Starting 0-4 is really tough. Getting this win tonight I think it's going to really propel us forward to finish out the season really strong," Kort Meyer said. "It's huge for our team and for the morale and for everything."

Offense, defense and special teams came together for the Thunderbirds in their most complete victory of the year.

"The most complete performance that we have played the entire season. The aggressiveness that they played downhill with, the way they pursued to the football, their ability to be ballhawks. Our

defense was incredible. You look at the special teams and the special teams being able to play complementary football and really set the offense and the defense up for success," coach Dan Barutha said. "Our kickoff team did a tremendous job tonight, forcing Merrill to drive the long field. Our return team did a great job being able to set the offense up with short fields, with higher, much higher percentages for scoring. And then you look at our offense and 300-something unofficially rushing alone."

Lakeland's 35 points more



**BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES** 

Tyrone Moore tackles Merrill's Callum Wheeler for a loss in the third quarter of a 35-0 win Friday, Sept. 15 at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua. The Thunderbird defense picked up their first shutout

win of the year.

than doubled their season high from the season. The shutout was their first of the season.

All five touchdowns by the Thunderbirds were scored on the ground — three by running back Noah Bruckner and two by quarterback Meyer.

An eight-play drive in the first quarter netted the Thunderbirds their first points of the day. All eight plays were runs. Meyer, Bruckner and Leonard Chosa had first down runs. From the one-yard line, Meyer punched the ball in for a touchdown. Chosa ran in the two-point conversion.

"Our coaches preach ... our offense being the surge and, I'm biased to the lineman, blowing guys off the line of scrimmage, just setting a

mean, nasty tone and finishing like a bully as (coach Matt Schoeneman) likes to say, and I feel like we did that tonight," offensive lineman Zane Amershek said.

One of the things Barutha and the Thunderbirds look for are explosive plays. There were plenty of them, including a big run for a touchdown.

"We want to run the football. Our guys played really well. We had some broken plays and guys just had to go make plays, and they did just that. When you look offensively at the amount of explosive plays," Barutha said. "It was certainly in our favor with the amount of explosive

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Noah Bruckner bounces one to the outside for his third touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter against Merrill Friday, Sept. 15 at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua. Bruckner ran for three touchdowns in the game.

# Lakeland volleyball takes Mosinee five sets in loss

Lady **Thunderbirds** bounce back to beat Northland **Pines** 

**Brett LaBore** 

OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Going up against the top team in the conference, the LUHS volleyball team gave Mosinee everything they could handle in a five-set match.

The Thunderbirds took part in the first GNC Meet at Sheldon Fieldhouse in Antigo on Saturday. They fell 2-3 (25-20, 13-25, 25-22, 21-25, 6-15) to Mosinee before beating Northland Pines 3-0 (25-22, 25-17, 25-17).

"The girls played

great volleyball on Saturday. The GNC is a strong conference this year, and Lake land is solidly in the mix," coach Manson Morris said. "The tournament matches gave us some good opportunities to adapt our game to opponents with varied offensive and defensive styles."

### Mosinee

Lakeland played some of their best vollevball all season. going up by as many as 11 points late in the first set.

With Greta Johnson (four aces) on the serve, Lakeland got out to a 6-2 start. Kieran Petrie had the pass to Meela Khan who then assisted Petrie for the kill. Meg Pfannerstill powered down a free ball before Stina Peterson had a block. Mosinee

The Thunderbird offense was in a groove early against Mosinee, currently leading the GNC standings. Pfannerstill had three more kills, all assisted by Khan. Khan had 12 assists to lead the Thunderbirds.

It looked like Mosinee was going to get back in it. Petrie had a service error, followed by an ace by Mosinee's Tristan Wicklund.

Lakeland still led 13-10.

Then, a long rally went Lakeland's way. That gave them the momentum they needed to go on a defining 10-3 run.

"You get better with every single touch

and no matter what, we're always working really hard and putting in the effort and our communication improved drastically throughout the day so we were really able to improve on that," Grace Redenbaugh said.

In that run, Cale Quade got the ball to Khan who assisted Pfannerstill for another kill. Khan had an ace, forcing Mosinee into their next timeout.

Coming out of the timeout, Lakeland displayed their defense. Sloane Timmerman and Stina Peterson combined for a block. Evenhouse was also part of a block.

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**BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES** 

Grace Redenbaugh attacks the ball for a kill in the third set against Northland Pines during the first GNC Meet Saturday, Sept. 16 at Sheldon Fieldhouse in Antigo.

# UHS girls' tennis redeems themselves, beats Medford

**Brett LaBore** OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The last time Lakeland girls' tennis played Medford, they fell in a close match. They responded in a big way on Thursday, keeping their undefeated conference record alive.

The Thunderbirds beat the Raiders 6-1 on Thursday. Then, playing in a tournament at Wisconsin Rapids, the Thunderbirds won two out of three on Saturday. They beat Assumption and River Falls, with a loss to Wisconsin Rapids in the middle.

#### Medford

After losing four of the seven matches in their last meeting in Wausau on Sept. 8, the Thunderbirds won six of the seven to take the dual victory.

"The girls did a great job against Medford. We're super proud of them to go 6-1 to get those conference points. The big thing was they saw (Medford) down in the Wausau West tournament," coach Tom Oestreich said. "They may have been not mentally ready. They were ready to play when we went to Medford, and they knew what they were up against. They were more mentally prepared in that match."

Savannah Barton/Kristina Ouimette at No. 1 doubles fell in their first matchup to Masaeda Krug/Audrey Ruesch 26, 6-7 (5). On Thursday, they had to win a third set to take the match.

Savannah Barton/Ouimette won set one 6-2 before losing set two 1-6. They came back in set three to win 7-5 in another closely contested match.

Another Thunderbird that went from a loss to a win was Elise Lamers at No. 3 singles. Morgan Strebig beat Lamers 6-4, 6-3 on Sept. 8. Lamers redeemed herself.

Lamers won 6-2 in the first set. Like Savannah Barton/Ouimette, Lamers found herself in a tightly contested set. Lamers came out on top 7-5 to win the set and match.

The third Lakeland team that turned a Sept. 8 loss into a Sept. 14 win was No. 3 doubles Alyssa Erickson/Lila Biller. Madison Clarkson/Makenna Tlusty won 6-3, 6-3 in the prior matchup. Erickson/Biller made sure that wasn't the case on Thursday.

Erickson/Biller won 6-1, 6-3 over a different pair of Clarkson/Hannah Dahl.

Sarah Barton (No. 1 singles) and Norah Strasburg (No. 2 singles) took care of business. Sarah Barton won 6-1, 6-0 over Marcy Razink. Strasburg beat Jaylin Machon 6-2, 6-2.

The last time that No. 2 doubles duo Charley Cleveland/Ali Timmerman played Medford, they needed to win in a third set tiebreaker. The



MATT FREY/STAR NEWS

Sarah Barton keeps focused on the tennis ball in her No. 1 singles match against Medford Thursday, Sept. 14 at Medford Area Senior High School. Barton won 6-

Lakeland duo won again, this time in two sets at 6-3, 7-5 over Grace Holmes/Indya Mann.

There were four sets where the final score finished at 7-5. Lakeland went 3-1 in those sets.

"Something we've been preaching all season is that mental toughness. (They had) a little chip on their shoulder," Oestreich said. "They were ready to play and our mental toughness came out."

Ellie Baker fell 5-7, 0-6 at No. 4 singles to Natalie Preuss, Medford's only win of the meet.

Assumption

Playing three matches in one day, the Wisconsin Rapids Invite helped the Thunderbirds prepare for the GNC Tournament later this week.

'This is our last tuneup before the conference tournament because the girls could potentially play three matches that day,' Oestreich said. "Their bodies get used to it, their minds get used to it, and hopefully it helps them going into the conference tournament."

Lakeland's first match came against Assumption. The Thunderbirds won 5-2.

No. 1 singles Sarah Barton, No. 2 doubles Cleveland/Timmerman and No. 3 doubles Biller/Erickson all won 6-0, 6-0 against their opponents.

Strasburg picked up a win at No. 2 singles over Kara Drewiske by a 6-0, 6-3 score. Ellie Baker won 6-3, 7-5 at No. 4 singles over Haley Hintz.

At No. 1 doubles, Savannah Barton/Ouimette ran into a little trouble when they played Sarah Shaw/Addi Vollert. Assumption was good at the net, leading them to a 4-6, 7-5, 10-7 comeback

"For most of the girls, a decent little tune-up. (No.) 1 doubles ran into a good team," Oestreich said. "(No.) 1 doubles (made) too many mental errors hitting the ball to the girl at the net every time. I think the girls learned form that the first match of the day. Hopefully that helps them going forward."

### **Wisconsin Rapids**

Wisconsin Rapids won a close match 4-3.

"Rapids was a very solid team, kind of equal to us. I think sometimes we struggle when we don't know a team well. They definitely had some good players," Oestreich said.

Cleveland/Timmerman faced adversity and played with mental toughness in a win vs. Jenna Wentland/Julia Krueger. Losing 4-6 in set one, Cleveland/Timmerman bounced back with a 6-4, 10-7 win.

Baker moved up from

No. 4 singles to play at No. 3 singles. Baker had no problem with the transition, beating Chloe Trzebiatowski 6-3, 6-2. Lamers got a forfeit win at No. 4 singles.

"(We put) Ellie in there because she's been doing an awesome job this year," Oestreich

No. 1 singles Sarah Barton played a high quality opponent in Hayley Jensen. Both players got swings in, with Jensen winning 6-0,

"Sarah played very solid, a good match for Sarah — a lot of good hitting," Oestreich said.

Strasburg fell 5-7, 1-6 to Sydney Holberg at No. 2 singles.

Cleveland/Timmerman were the only doubles team to win for Lakeland, Savannah Barton/Ouimette lost their second match of the day by a 4-6, 3-6 score at No. 1 doubles. No. 3 doubles Biller/Erickson won the first set 6-3 before falling 2-6, 10-12 in a close tiebreaker.

"Nice job by Ali/Charley pulling out a tiebreaker, showing their mental toughness," Oestreich said.

### **River Falls**

Lakeland ended the day on a positive note with a 6-0 win over River Falls.

"Nice way to end their day on a positive note for the girls. Everybody

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# Lakeland boys' soccer shuts out Antigo

**Brett LaBore** 

OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

It's been mostly home games for the Lakeland boys' soccer team. They've taken care of business with an undefeated home record. They won their first true road game on Thursday in convincing fashion.

The Thunderbirds shut out Antigo 7-0 for their third straight win. Lakeland has played every team in the GNC at least once, beating every team but Rhinelander.

"It was a good game. I know that Antigo (is) not the strongest opponent and have not been for years, but we were trying to think when was the last time we went to Antigo and beat them that high of a score, and I don't think it's happened since (assistant coach) John (Tharman) and I have been catching," coach Ihor Myshchyshyn said. "It was a very good score for us ... especially if the field has been chewed up, wet field, it impacts us quite a bit and this one was nice to see boys overcoming that and being able to score quite a few goals in the game."

Thursday's game was the first time Lakeland played on grass this season. Once they adjusted to it, they soared to victory.

"It's hard to even explain (to those) that aren't playing how hard it is to settle the ball and settle it quickly when it just goes all over the place,' coach Myshchyshyn said. "We kind of had to settle somewhere in the middle, and I think boys were able to figure out that happy medium between still learning to do some ... possession and get rid of it or send it over the backline quick enough to create lanes, and we capitalized on it."

Yaroslav Myshchyshyn had the hat trick in the first half with three goals. His first came at 13:26 with a penalty

Just 1:19 later, Yaroslav Myshchyshyn scored again on a pass from Dominic Gironella. Yaroslav Myshchyshyn chipped it in for his second goal.

Brett Peterson crossed the ball in the box at the 20th minute. Yaroslav Myshchyshyn was there to tap it in for his third goal in a span of less than six minutes.

Lakeland led 3-0 at halftime. It was the second straight game they led 3-0 at halftime against a conference foe.

'The team's been growing quite well. They're finding the ways to score and at the half yesterday we were three up and at that point we missed

some chances, but we knew for our comfort we needed a few more goals and at the same time due to the field, boys were tired," coach Myshchyshyn said. "They're not used to playing on grass. We're trying to figure out how to play the second half without overstraining ourselves on a rough field like that."

The Thunderbirds had a season-high 10 offsides called against them in Antigo. The Red Robin defense played up, causing the Thunderbirds to be offsides a few times. At other points of the game, the Thunderbirds capitalized on the Antigo defense with goals. Coach Myshchyshyn considered it a worthy trade-

"I have to give it to Antigo. They probably played that backline the best line we've played anybody trying to catch us offsides. The times that they didn't, quite often paid (for it with a) good chance or a goal in their net. A lot of coaches will get on their players — a couple yards and you're not focused, and that's one thing," coach Myshchyshyn said. "You might get caught two times and third time did not ... you made your run just right and capitalized in the net. All the other ones (that were) off-

sides to me, I could say paid off. Cam (Bernard) wasn't there, our starting forward, so we played new forwards so that could have contributed to the other offsides."

The goals kept coming in the second half. Peterson scored at 41:58 with a left shot from the top of the box.

At the 61st minute, Yaroslav Myshchyshyn scored his fourth goal of the contest, tying a season-high he had Aug. 22 vs. Three Lakes. He went one-on-one with the Antigo keeper, scoring low left.

Leo Rotar punched in his first goal of his senior season. With the Thunderbirds up 5-0 in the second half, Rotar and Yaroslav Myshchyshyn switched places. Lakeland had a chance at their second penalty kick goal of the game. Rotar, playing offense, stepped up to take the kick, scoring at 62:55.

"At some point the score got comfortable enough for us where we switched the lines. I did a lot of rotations with JV players. We were getting tired. I moved Yaroslav to Leo's position on defense to cement that and pushed Leo in Yaroslav's position so when (there was an) opportunity to score a PK, Leo was there, and he did a great job putting one in the

The final goal came a couple of minutes later courtesy of Ethan Seeliger. He scored off a pass from the top of the box, going top right. Jack Stepec was awarded the assist.

Coach Myshchyshyn was happy to get many players playing time, including several members of the JV team. Players gained valuable experience playing a healthy number of minutes on the field in

"Quite often (you) put them in in a short time, especially when they jump a level up,' coach Myshchyshyn said. "(JV players) got (a lot of) time. They were tired by the time the JV game came along, settling and get comfortable out there."

Defensively, the Thunderbirds allowed just four shots, two on goal, in their second shutout of the season.

Lakeland played another home game vs. a non-conference opponent on Monday vs. Washburn. Coverage of this game will be in the Friday, Sept. 22 edition of the *Times*.

Up next, the Thunderbirds (8-1, 4-1) play Friday, Sept. 22 at Northland Pines starting at 7 p.m.

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# 'Biggest win' of the season

### Mercer volleyball takes down Washburn

Brett LaBore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Fans came together at the Tiger Cage for what turned out to be a four-set volleyball match between rivals Mercer and Washburn on Thursday.

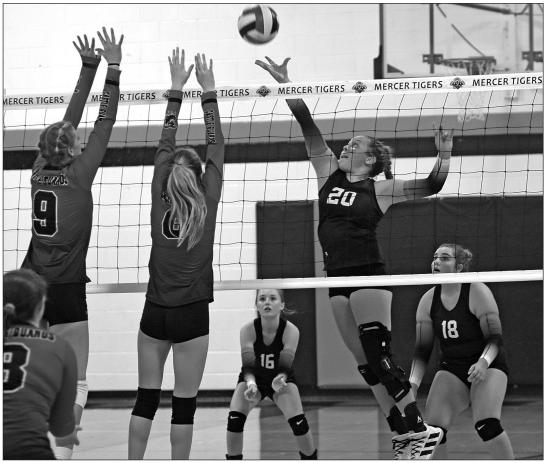
The Tigers came back to beat Washburn 3-1 (23-25, 25-15, 25-20, 27-25) in a Northern Lights Conference match in Mercer.

"Wow. What a game. This win was a huge confidence builder for the girls. I finally saw them applying the things we have been working on in practice. It was a week of working through some tough stuff," coach Robyn Schoeneman said. "I told them they just needed to play to win instead of playing to not lose. They are starting to develop that competitive instinct which will be instrumental as we grow as a team."

"This was big. The biggest win probably this year that we had," Eiley Schoeneman said. "Definitely being the underdog here it was really huge for us."

Washburn came fired up, stealing the first set in Mercer. Their lead got as high as 11 points in the first set, up 18-7. Washburn's Annie Hawbaker and Anna Ledin had aces. Allison Wright and Ede Krueger had kills in that span as well.

"Washburn came into our gym and was loud from the beginning of warm-ups. Our girls looked like deer in head-



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Jenny Klopatek tips the ball over the net for a point against the blocks of Washburn's Ede Krueger (9) and Hermosa Gauthier (6) during the fourth set of a 3-1 Mercer win Thursday, Sept. 14 at John "JP" Pierpont Court in Mercer.

lights," coach Schoeneman said. "I knew that it would be a rough start. We let them get a big lead on us."

Mercer climbed back into the first set with a 6-0 run. Ryley Saarnio was on the serve during that run. Jenny Klopatek had a kill. The Castle Guards called their first timeout.

Even after the timeout, the Tigers crept closer. Klopatek set up Eiley Schoeneman for a kill. Then, Eiley Schoeneman took advantage of a free ball for a kill.

The Tigers trimmed the deficit to one point in the first set. Klopatek picked up backto-back points to make it 24-23, Washburn's lead. The Castle Guards called a timeout. The Tigers were in the midst of another 6-0 run.

"Washburn came out inspired and with a lot of competitive passion from the first serve," coach Schoeneman said. "We need to learn to do that. We started to get into a flow late in that game, and the momentum carried over into the second set."

After a long rally, Washburn went over on two to get the final point they needed. They led 1-0.

Mercer owned the second set. Down 3-5 after another Hawbaker ace, the Tigers went on an 11-0 run with Rylinn Rossi on the serve. Everything was working for the Tigers. Klopatek came up with a defensive gem that led to a point. Eiley Schoeneman had a kill, followed by two straight aces by Rossi. Klopatek found an open spot on Washburn's court for a point. Eiley Schoeneman tipped it over the net for a score.

"People didn't think very highly of us this season, and I feel like we're starting to prove them wrong," Ava Milashus said.

The Castle Guards called a timeout down 5-11.

The Tigers never let Washburn get back in the game. Anya Brandenburg had an ace later in the set before another Eiley Schoeneman kill. The Tigers won 25-15 to tie the match at 1-1.

In the third set, the Castle Guards forced the Tigers into mistakes early. Washburn had a quick 6-1 lead. Washburn maintained a 9-6 lead when Ledin assisted Amelia Croteau for a kill.

Like they had all game, Klopatek and Eiley Schoeneman came through for the Tigers. Klopatek found an angle for a point. Eiley Schoeneman had back-toback aces. Mercer led 13-11. Washburn called a timeout.

"I believe keeping the ball in Jenny and Eiley's hands was instrumental in those two sets," coach Schoeneman said. "The passes were there and the girls were all flowing. Rylinn Rossi came up with some big blocks."

The Tiger defense came up big when they needed to the most. Milashus dived on the

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# All smiles at Smiley

LUHS boys finish top five as a team, Owen Clark fourth overall at Smiley Invitational

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One cross country tradition is the Smiley Invitational. The Thunderbirds put their talent to the test in a large meet featuring a field of many runners. Lakeland saw positive results.

The Lakeland boys finished fifth out of 21 teams with score of 162 on Saturday at Wausau East High School. Stevens Point won with a score of 35. Owen Clark had a top five finish. The Lakeland girls placed 12th out of 16 teams with a score of 324. Madison West had a score of 52 to take first place.

"The Smiley Invite has been around a very long time. It's a large meet with multiple divisions and will get some of the top athletes in the state," coach Gordy Hartzheim said. "This was a good test for the boys to see where we stand among the rest of the Division 2 teams. The goals were more individual performance improvements that would lead to a higher team finish."

Boys

"Our top five boys all PR'd. I am very happy with their fifth place overall in the Division 1 field," Hartzheim said. "We finished second in the Division 1 small division behind Shorewood, who is a perennially strong school."

Clark had the fastest time for Lakeland at 16:09.9. That put him fourth overall in a field that included 161 Division 1 runners.

Clark beat fifth place by nearly eight seconds and trailed third place by a little over five seconds. He also had a new PR of three seconds. Grady Lenn of De Pere won with a time of 15:25.7.

"The goal is for



PHOTOS BY **JEREMY MAYO**/RIVER NEWS

Sherri Handeland, middle, runs in-between two competitors during the Smiley Invitational Saturday, Sept. 16 at Wausau East High School. Handeland had a 20-second PR and time of 22:16.5.

Owen to win Division 1 small division and top 10 in the overall Division 1," Hartzheim said.

Ashton Bremer finished in the top 20. He placed 17th overall with a time of 17:00.3. He had a PR of 13 seconds.

"Ashton — we were hoping he would break 17 minutes today so he was 0.4 seconds off," Hartzheim said. Levi Reimer continued to be Lakeland's No. 3 runner, improving on his PR time. He finished 37th with a time of 17:40.5. He bested his PR by 17 seconds.

Zach Kline returned to competition with a 50th place finish, a time of 18:00.5. He capitalized with a 30-second PR.



Charlie Ernst runs his way to a new PR time during the Smiley Invitational Saturday, Sept. 16 at Wausau East High School. Ernst had a 26-second PR, finishing as Lakeland's No. 5 runner.

Charlie Ernst improved to Lakeland's No. 5 runner. The freshman showed his speed with a 26-second PR and time of 18:22, good for 62nd place.

"Charlie — 26-second PR and moved up another place on the team," Hartzheim said. "He is doing phenomenal." Parker McKinney

ran a time of 18:39.7 for

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# Lady Thunderbirds improve times in meet at Rhinelander

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Going up against one of the strongest teams in the state, the Lakeland girls' swim team focused on trying new swims and improving times.

Rhinelander beat the Thunderbirds 136-29 on Thursday in Rhinelander.

'This meet, I wanted to get times for some events the girls don't typically get to swim and try a couple different relay combinations. We were also without Saylor (Timmerman) at this meet so I really pushed the girls to do their best and strive for personal bests," coach Tiernev Edwards said. "I knew Rhinelander would be hard competition. They have some great swimmers which I think allowed our girls to push a little more during their events."

The Hodags took first in all 11 events. However, the Thunderbirds were able to get a couple of individual runner-up finishes courtesy of Olivia Mickle.

Mickle placed second in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke

In the 200 freestyle, Mickle swam a time of 2:03.13. She had splits of 27.97, 31.17, 32.20 and 31.79. She beat third place by over six seconds. Rhinelander's Karis Francis won the swim with a time of 1:57.75.

"Olivia is a competitive swimmer, knowing Karis was in front of her absolutely pushed her for a better time," Edwards said. "When you have someone to chase, it's easier to push harder. It was a great swim for Olivia."

The 100 backstroke was a close race. Mickle swam the event in 1:02.64, beating her seed time by over two seconds. Celia Francis won the event for Rhinelander with a time of 58.75.

Mickle is closing in on the 100 backstroke high school record.

"Olivia has great underwaters in her 100 backstroke and she was able to turn over her stroke. Having Celia ahead of her was also great motivation for Olivia," Edwards said.
"Her backstroke time was a
1:02.64, our high school team
record is a 1:02.15. I am very
excited to see what Olivia can
do in our next couple meets
with her backstroke."

The Thunderbirds improved on their seed times in a couple of other swims.

Avalon Collins swam the 200 freestyle in 2:37.02. She beat her seed time by three-plus seconds. Collins also swam the 100 freestyle in 1:12.38

Greta Pritchard beat two seed times in her two individual events. She swam the 100 backstroke in 1:54.00, over 11 seconds better than her seed time. Earlier in the meet, she had a time of 46.48 in the 50 freestyle, beating her seed time by 0.48 seconds.

"Greta has been in the pool and really working hard. She's getting more comfortable in the pool and with our workouts, she has been focusing on her technique, and we are continually making adjustments," Edwards said. "Greta is also really self-motivated. She knows her personal best times and works hard to beat them even at practice."

Molly Jorgensen improved her time in the 50 freestyle as well. She dropped almost two seconds, swimming a time of 30.99 for fourth place. She later swam in the 500 freestyle, finishing with a time of 6:52.35.

Jadyn Wentland swam in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly. She had a time of 2:51.21 in the IM and 1:24.55 in the butterfly.

Sophia Gyuro improved her seed time in the 100 breast-stroke. She swam a time of 1:34.57, beating her seed time by over a second.

Collins, Gyuro, Wentland and Pritchard swam the 200 medley relay to a time of 2:43.40. In the 200 freestyle relay, Collins, Gyuro, Jorgensen and Mickle swam a time of 2:06.32. Mickle, Jorgensen, Wentland and Gyuro had a time of 4:38.59 in the 400 freestyle relay.

"The goal of our relays this meet was to see what the girls could do swimming some-



Greta Pritchard dropped time in both the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke while also swimming in the 200 medley relay Thursday, Sept. 14 at Heck Family Community Pool in Rhinelander.



Jadyn Wentland takes a breath in her swim against Rhinelander Thursday, Sept. 14 at Heck Family Community Pool in Rhinelander.

thing a little different, and get some splits for them that I don't have yet," Edwards said. "It will help with determining relays in our next few meets."

Up next, the Thunderbirds (0-3 GNC) look for their first conference victory with a home meet against Mosinee (0-3 GNC) on Thursday, Sept.

21. The meet starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeland Union High School pool in Minocoula

"I am pretty excited to swim Mosinee next week. They have a bigger team than us and are able to have an A and a B relay, as well as multiple girls in each event, which is hard to compete with score-wise," Edwards said. "That being said, I am hoping to put together a lineup to see some great swims."

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got a win there. They took what they learned during the day and applied it," Oestreich said. "These matches on a tournament day — it comes down to taking care of your body, men-

tal toughness and our girls showed they really had that."

This time, Lamers moved up a spot to No. 2 singles. She picked up a win over Anya Caliva 6-3, 6-3. Baker played her second straight match at No. 3 singles, winning 7-5, 6-4. Baker ended up going 3-0 on the day. Sarah Barton won 6-1, 6-

0 over Maya Peterson at No. 1 singles.

The other Lakeland team to go 3-0 in their three matches was No. 2 doubles Cleveland/Timmerman. It didn't come easy, as they won 6-7 (4), 6-2, 11-9 in a tight tiebreaker.

No. 1 doubles Savannah Barton/Ouimette beat Avery Tokheim/Addison Reisdorfer for their first win of the day. Lakeland won 6-2, 6-1.

Biller/Erickson won their second match of the day at No. 3 doubles, beating Adisyn Brown/Alyssa Moelter 6-0, 6-1.

Up next, the Thunderbirds (12-4, 6-0) look to go undefeated in conference dual play with a meet against Rhinelander today at the LUHS tennis courts in Minocqua. The meet starts at 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, the Thunderbirds travel to Rhinelander for the GNC Tournament.

"This week we'll work on cleaning up little things, some little swing mechanics to work on," Oestreich said. "We'll focus on that Rhinelander match and when that's over, we'll start focusing on the conference tournament."

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## **Smiley**

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77th place.

Even though Justin Funmaker ran as a JV runner, he had the seventh fastest time for the Thunderbirds at 19:05.1. That time gave him a huge PR of 43 seconds in his first year running.

Jerome LaBarge also ran for JV. However, like Funmaker, he beat out a Lakeland varsity runner with a time of 20:10, a PR of 20 seconds. Rounding out the Lakeland varsity was Barrett Eggen (19:25.8) taking 106th and Ati Gyuro (20:26.8) placing 137th.

Other JV runners of note included Braelen Hesch with a time of 20:55 (50-second PR), Osawa Durant with a time of 21:21.3 (50-second PR), Michael Herrmann with a time of 22:18.7 (40-second PR) and Hunter Massignan with a time of 23:15.9 (55-second PR).

### Girls

Stella Meza paced the Thunderbirds as their fastest runner. She finished in the top 40, placing 35th with a time of 21:01.5. The GNC's own Meredith Richter, of Medford, had the top time for Division 1 at 18:59.5.

Meza crossed the finish line roughly 13 seconds before Ada Ernst. Ada Ernst placed 41st with a time of 21:14.2.

"I wanted Stella to go out with the top 30 to 40 girls," Hartzheim said. "If Ada was able to stick with her that was great but not a specific plan. Stella and Ada ran a very competitive race."

Sherri Handeland had the

biggest PR for the varsity girls. She placed 68th with a time of 22:16.5, a 20-second PR

"Sherri had a really good race," Hartzheim said.

Kristiana Clay finished 100th with a time of 24:04.8. Emma Smith placed 107th with a time of 24:42.3.

Miranda Schneider ran a 25:13 for 113th.

"Kristiana, Emma and Miranda all had strong races even though they didn't get a PR," Hartzheim said.

Tessa Fonger, running in the JV race, set her new PR by 1:30. She ran a 26:39.8. "Tessa had a really good race," Hartzheim said.

Up next, the Thunderbird cross country teams will run at Three Lakes and Minnesota. A select number of runners will run in the Roy Griak Invite in Minneapolis on Friday, Sept. 22 starting at 4:30 p.m. For those not running in that race, they'll run at Big Stone Golf Club in Three Lakes on Thursday, Sept. 21. That race starts at 4:45 p.m.

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### **Statement**

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plays that we made tonight. The offensive line, tight ends did a great job, really shared the workload. A lot of guys touched the ball tonight."

Lakeland's defense forced a three-and-out and a punt by the Bluejays. Carmelo Roche-Vetterneck had a sack to force a long fourth down.

"All three phases of our football team did their job," Chosa said. "We played great complementary football, and we bring the hammer."

On the first play of Lakeland's next drive, Bruckner ran the ball 52 yards for a touchdown. It was Bruckner's first touchdown of the season. Maccoy Holmquist made the extra point. Lakeland had their largest lead of the season at 15-0.

"One of the things that we saw tonight from Noah, and I told him this on the sideline and really it started yesterday in practice. There was a renewed sense of aggressiveness," Barutha said. "He was laying stiff arms and he had just had a nasty mentality about him when he carried the football. He was aggressive, and he was nasty, and he broke tackles, and he ran with a downhill purpose, and you saw the same thing from Kort."

Kaiden Henrich picked up Merrill's second first down of the game in the second quarter. They had punted the ball four times to that point.

The drive ended up in an interception by Michael Schettino, the first of the season for him.

"The defense was good tonight because we had more consistency at practice with the guys who were available and guys who were able to be there," Barutha said. "Being able to have our full complement of guys really helped us. Less distractions that we had to worry about this week compared to last week."

Defense led to offense once again. Bruckner carried the ball three times with the third carry going in the end zone. He ran it six yards for his second touchdown of the game.

"Watching film, we knew kind of what we were going to see of their defensive front, and we were just talking, we got some new guys in the mix. We were just making a point to talk and making sure guys knew (what) we're doing with calls at the end," Amerhsek said. "We had calls from tackle to tackle, everybody knew what they were doing. We never had a play where guys were lost. That's what made it.'

Another defensive gem by Lakeland kept Merrill off the scoreboard. With the Bluejays driving inside Lakeland territory, Talon Haling came up with an interception.

Lakeland led 21-0 at halftime.

The Bluejays had good field position early in the second half with a

blocked punt by Carson Brooks. The Thunderbird defense came up clutch again.

Tyrone Moore had a tackle for a loss. The next play, Chosa had his first career interception.

"Before the game, me, the linebackers and the d-line, we made a point that we have to hit people," Chosa said. "I feel like we hit them very well tonight. We played very mean and aggressive."

The interception led to the most explosive play of the game. On Lakeland's second play of their next drive, Meyer ran down the sidelines, taking it all the way for a 71-yard touchdown run.

"I saw the pocket collapse, and I wanted to buy some time and roll out. I wasn't expecting to get that many yards. I was expecting to kind of run out of bounds," Meyer said. "My receivers set some good stock bocks downfield. And credit to them. I wouldn't have gotten into the end zone if it wasn't for them block-

ing downfield. A heads up play for everyone on the field."

In the fourth quarter, the Thunderbirds forced Merrill into a turnover on downs. Lakeland, in good field position, put the exclamation point on the game with a Bruckner 12-yard touchdown run. Holmquist made the extra point, his third of the game.

'The rushing attack starts with the offensive line and by extension of that our tight end. When you talk about the rushing attack and the offensive line and our tight end, without those guys busting their butt and trying to have proper head placement, sticking their feet in the ground and being able to play with low leverage," Barutha said. "And if you have guys being able to attack through the line and run four, five, six yards without being touched, that shows how good our blocking is up front in terms of individual technique, in terms of our aggressiveness and in terms of our knowledge

of what our scheme is to be able to apply it."

The shutout win was the first for Lakeland since they beat Antigo 20-0 on Sept. 23, 2022.

Up next, the Thunderbirds (1-4, 1-2) take on Antigo in their second road game of the season on Friday, Sept. 22. The game starts at 7 p.m. The Thunderbirds still have all their goals in front of them.

"The situation is the same, but the response and how you handle adversity are very different. One of the comments that I made to the guys tonight was all of our goals are still in front of us. Every year we want to be a playoff team. Every year our goal is to be a playoff team," Barutha said. "While the first four games really brought forth things that we need to work on, tonight we played well and our goals are still in front of

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### Win

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court to save a ball, leading to the Tigers getting the point. The Tiger Cage was fired up at Mercer.

"Ava Milashus and Tyla
Tourtillott were remarkable
on defense, and they never
gave up," coach Schoeneman
said. "Anya Brandenburg got
on a serving run with some
big points. Ryley Saarnio and
Amber Eith settled in and
started playing steady."

Up just 16-14, Eiley Schoeneman passed it to Saarnio who set up Klopatek for a kill. Rossi had a solo block that put the Tigers up 21-16. Washburn used their second timeout.

"It went good. We (had) a good flow — good movement, communicating," Milashus said about the defense.

The set wasn't over yet. The Castle Guards used a little 3-0 run to scare the Tigers. Down 17-24, Washburn cut it to 20-24 with a kill by Wright, assisted by Ledin.

Again, the set came down

to a long rally. Klopatek got the point Mercer needed with a bump over the net that found Washburn's court. Mercer won back-to-back sets, leading 2-1 in the match.

"Jenny is the definition of a catalyst. She can get the team going with her play and her competitive fire. She raises the level of play of her team," coach Schoeneman said. "She came up with some huge plays tonight. She sees the court so well. She played inspired last night, and it fueled us."

The fourth set was the most intense set of the night with both fan bases getting into it. Washburn wasn't ready to go home quite yet. Meanwhile, the Tigers were looking to close the match out.

A Wright-Ledin-Krueger connection got Washburn the first point of the game. Down 1-3, the Castle Guards went on a run with Hawbaker serving. Washburn's Nevaeh Gordon had a kill to put them up 7-4.

Amber Eith and Klopatek had aces as the Tigers kept it close. However, the Castle

Guards did get the lead as high as 17-13, forcing the Tigers to use their first timeout since the first set.

Down 15-18, Eiley Schoeneman had an ace before a Klopatek kill. Another Eiley Schoeneman ace tied the game at 18-18.

"We have two girls (Schoeneman and Klopatek) who have been in high pressure situations. The girls are learning to compete. I have been waiting to see that fire get sparked in them and it finally happened," coach Schoeneman said. "We make a lot of mistakes. A lot of young player mistakes. If we want to keep growing as a team, we have to continue to play with that same fire in every situation."

The response by Washburn came courtesy of Gordon. She had two kills, one of them a free ball, to give Washburn a 21-18 lead. Mercer called another timeout.

Service errors hurt the Castle Guards down the stretch.
They had three service errors near the end of the fourth set.
Eiley Schoeneman assisted
Klopatek for a kill. Hermosa

Gauthier of Washburn hit the ball out of bounds. The set was tied at 22 apiece.

"To never give up. With that high of a score, you just can't give up in that game," Eiley Schoeneman said.

Then, Saarnio had an ace. Washburn called their second timeout. Next, Croteau hit the ball out of bounds. Mercer needed one more point.

"Every match is going to be a battle," coach Schoeneman said. "They need to have the character they had in that fourth set in order to raise our game to the next level."

It didn't come easy for the Tigers. Ledin assisted Krueger for a point, followed by another Washburn kill. One of those three service errors came into play when Makayla Kannegiesser committed one for the Castle Guards.

Still, Washburn rallied for a point when Krueger had a tip and a kill right on the line. It was 25-25.

The Tigers responded with one of their own. Klopatek had the pass, Brandenburg the assist and Eiley Schoeneman the kill. "Communicating. That was the big thing," Eiley Schoeneman said about the fourth set. "During practice that's really what we work on, and I think as we build on through the season and especially tonight, communicating was helping us."

Mercer had it at set point again. The Castle Guards couldn't find the line, giving the Tigers the win. Mercer won three straight sets for the victory.

"Each girl is learning their role and improving everyday. I told them at the beginning of the season that we have to all get comfortable in our roles and remember that their role is a part of the bigger picture," coach Schoeneman said. "I believe the biggest key to last night's win is they started having fun. No matter what the score was, they just kept playing."

Up next, the Tigers (8-4, 3-0) play at Butternut on Friday, Sept. 22 starting at 5:45 p.m.

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## Volleyball

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things interesting with a 7-0 run due to the serving of Lisa Maurer. Lakeland turned to their top attacker in Pfannerstill to close it out. Khan had the assist and Johnson the pass.

It was the first time since Sept. 21, 2019 that Lakeland took a set from Mosinee.

Maurer and Mosinee were off to the races in set two. She helped them to a 5-1 lead.

The second set was all Mosinee. Bella Kyhos, Maggie Woller and MaKayla Weisner all had kills in the set. Lakeland had a tough time putting anything together as Mosinee clicked offensively and defensively.

Six service errors by Mosinee stopped their momentum at times. They still went on to win 25-13 to tie the match at 1-1. Mosinee committed 14 service errors in the match compared to 13 aces.

The Thunderbirds showed their toughness with a response in set three. Down 5-10, Morris called his first timeout. Lakeland would then go on a 20-12 run to win the set.

"It was pretty fun," Tayiah Bauman said. "It gets pretty intense at times, but I feel like we play better when we're all having fun."

Evenhouse passed to Bauman who assisted Pfannerstill for a kill. Pfannerstill led the Thunderbirds with 14 kills and 20 digs in the contest.

Lakeland forced Mosinee into mistakes with Johnson on the serve. She helped the Thunderbirds to their first lead at 14-13.

Later on, Pfannerstill had an ace to put Lakeland up 20-19. Just like that, Mosinee had a one-point lead at 21-20.

Two straight service errors, one by each team, gave Mosinee a 22-21 advantage. Lakeland would go on to win the final four points.

Defense came up big again for the Thunderbirds. Peterson was part of a block to tie the set at 22-22. Mosinee then hit the ball out. Another block by Lakeland forced Mosinee into a timeout. Peterson had eight assisted blocks. Timmerman accounted for five.

The final Lakeland point came when Mosinee hit the ball into the net. The Thunderbirds led the match 2-1.

Taking the momentum they gained from their win, Lakeland raced out to a 10-5 lead in set four. Evenhouse-Bauman-Khan combined for a point. Timmerman was part of a block. Mosinee called timeout.

In set three, Lakeland came back from a 5-10 deficit. Mosinee did the same thing in the fourth set. Wicklund had a kill. Mosinee's defense then blocked a Khan attack. Mosinee led 20-15 and were on a 15-5 run

Amber Gonzalez got

two straight aces for Mosinee to put them up 24-18. Lakeland found a little energy late with a Pfannerstill-Bauman-Khan connection for a point. Timmerman then assisted Quade for a kill.

Weisner finished the set with a kill and a point. She led Mosinee with 14 kills.

The last time Lakeland participated in a fifth set, they got off to a slow start vs.
Tomahawk on Sept.
12. Once again, their opponent got off to a strong start and never looked back.

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### Volleyball

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"Five-set matches are always challenging to close. The final, 15-point rally set is very short," Morris said. "Volleyball scoring frequently comes in waves, and if the initial wave doesn't go our way, it can be a steep, uphill climb to change the momentum before a short set ends."

Weisner had two kills as the Mosinee defense flew around the court. Maurer had another ace early. She had five aces in the game compared to just one service error.

"I think we (showed we can play with them) because we took them to five (sets) and usually in the past we just get swept by them," Bauman said. "I thought we proved that we could hang with the team, we just kind of all gave up at the end and got down on ourselves. I think we can

beat them."

Another kill came courtesy of Mosinee's Bridget Frye. They had all the momentum and were up 6-1. In the end, Mosinee found a way to win the set and the match.

"Don't have them run on us right away and score so many points on us right away," Bauman said about what the Thunderbirds learned in the loss.

Counting last year, the Thunderbirds have lost three straight fifth sets.

"The agility we're working to enhance has the potential to pay big dividends in fifth sets," Morris said. "It will also increase our ability to finish matches before we have the need for a fifth set."

### **Northland Pines**

3-1-1-0

2-3-0-0

0-5-0-0

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**Thursday, Sept. 14**Rhinelander 1, Northland Pines 0
Lakeland 7, Antigo 0

Northland Pines 3, Barron 0 (NC)

Monday's Games Waupaca at Antigo (NC), late Washburn at Lakeland (NC), late

Mosinee at Antigo, 4:30 p.m. Rhinelander at Medford, 4:30 p.m.

Lakeland at Antiqo

Thursday, Sept. 14

Myshchyshyn (penalty kick), 13:26. 2, Lak, Myshchyshyn (Dominic Gironella), 14:45. 3, Myshchyshyn (unassisted),

Myshchyshyn (unassisted), 60:12. 6, Lak, Leo Rotar (penalty kick), 62:55. 7, Ethan Seeliger (Jack Stepec), 65:08.

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**GNC Standings** 

25 (15)

N/A 10

N/A N/A

Second Half: 4, Lak, Brett Peterson (unassisted), 41:58. 5, Lak,

Thursday's Games

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TEAM STATS

Shots (on goal)

Yellow Cards

Offsides

Team

Colby/Abbotsford

Thursday, Sept. 14 Medford 117, Tomahawk 44

Rhinelander 136, Lakeland 29 Ladysmith co-op 110, Mosinee 51

Colby/Abbotsford 108, Antigo 35

Saturday's Meet
Rhinelander 3rd/17 Waukesha South In-

Thursday's Meets Medford at Colby/Abbotsford, 5:30 p.m.

Tomahawk at Rhinelander, 5:30 p.m. Antigo at Ladysmith, 5:30 p.m. Mosinee at Lakeland, 5:30 p.m.

Lakeland at Rhinelander

Thursday, Sept. 14 Rhinelander 136, Lakeland 29 200 Medley Relay: 1, Rhinelander A, 1:48.14. 2, Rhinelander B, 1:58.32. 3,

200 Freestyle: 1, Karis Francis, Rhi, 1:57.75. 2, Olivia Mickle, Lak, 2:03.13. 3, June Chiamulera, Rhi, 2:09.66. 4, Rylee Mickevicius, Rhi,

2:14.73. 5, Avalon Collins, Lak,

200 Individual Medley: 1, Celia Fran-

cis, Rhi, 2:16.83. 2, Ellyse Younker, Rhi, 2:18.60. 3, Emma Houg, Rhi, 2:24.77. 4, Jadyn Wentland, Lak,

2:51.21.

50 Freestyle: 1, Abi Winnicki, Rhi, 24.43. 2, Vivian Lamers, Rhi, 25.46. 3, Lily Thorsen, Rhi, 26.23. 4, Molly Jorgensen, Lak, 30.99. 5, Greta Pritchard, Lak, 46.48.

100 Butterfly: 1, Younker, Rhi, 1:00.03. 2, Thorsen, Rhi, 1:02.08. 3, Chiamulera, Rhi, 1:08.66. 4, Wentland, Lak 1:24.55.

100 Freestyle: 1, Winnicki, Rhi, 53.03.

2, Lamers, Rhi, 57.06. 3, Millie Gruett

Lakeland, 2:43,40.

Rhinelander Tomahawk Ladysmith Co-op

Lakeland

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vite (NC)

Antigo

Antigo 0 0 — 0 First Half: 1, Lak, Yaroslav

Lakeland 7, Antigo 0 Mosinee 1, Medford 0 Saturday's Games Antigo at Antigo Quad (NC), N/A Mosinee 4, Rice Lake 2 (NC) Northland Pines 2, Wausau Newman 1

After a bye in round two, the Thunderbirds were looking to rebound against Northland Pines (0-5 GNC). They took care of business to get the sweep.

"We came back from the break, and we had a lot of energy, and we were ready to go, and we just want to make every touch count," Redenbaugh said.

Karlin Williams tied the first set at 3-3 with an ace. Khan assisted Pfannerstill with a couple of kills. Then, it was Williams-Pfannerstill-Khan for another point.

Lakeland started to separate themselves with Pfannerstill on the serve. Bauman assisted Evenhouse for a kill.

The Eagles kept the game close, even taking the lead a couple times in set one. They lead 16-15.

Pfannerstill showed her defense as well as her offense. She dived on the court that led to a point, forcing the Eagles into at timeout.

Up by just one point, Pfannerstill got Lakeland the final two points. They led 1-0 in the match.

"A focus for us in the coming week will be increasing the speed and precision of our adjustments," Morris said. "These are decisions that need to be made on the floor in real time, and our athletes are rapidly developing the skills they need to make the game more fluid."

Set two was a wire-towire win for Lakeland. They got out to a fast 7-1 lead with Williams serving. She had an ace. Khan assisted Quade and Pfannerstill for kills.

Northland Pines closed the gap to 12-16 with kills by Zoe Anderson and Kirkland Williams.

The Thunderbirds didn't let up. Pfannerstill passed it to Bauman who had the assist on a Pfannerstill kill. Pfannerstill backed that up with a couple of aces.

Peterson helped the Thunderbirds achieve a set two victory. She had a couple of kills as Lakeland led 2-0 in the match.

Northland Pines hung around for a bit in the third set. They had a 5-4 lead at one point and had the game tied at 7-7.

Lakeland didn't panic. Khan, Timmerman and Redenbaugh helped the Thunderbirds slowly grow their lead. Pfannerstill had a block and kill to put Lakeland up 19-13.

Redenbaugh talked about being a senior leader.

"I just want to set a positive example," she said. "That way we can leave a legacy for awhile to come."

The final points of the afternoon came courtesy of Peterson and Pfannerstill with kills. Khan assisted both of them.

Up next, the Thunderbirds (8-7, 3-2) travel right back to Sheldon Fieldhouse in Antigo for a conference matchup with the Red Robins. The match takes place at 7 p.m. today.

Brett LaBore may be reached at brett@lake landtimes.com or sports@lake landtimes.com.

### **LOCAL SCOREBOARD**

### **ATHLETICS**

Team

Rhinelander

N'land Pines Antigo

Lakeland

Mosinee

Medford

### PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Smiley Invitational Wausau East High School Saturday, Sept. 16 Division 1 Boys: 1, Stevens Point, 35. 2, De Pere, 99. 3, Eau Claire Memo-rial, 102. 4, Shorewood, 130. 5, Lake-

land, 162. 6, River Falls, 206. 7, Shawano, 207. 8, Pulaski, 265. 9, Madison Memorial, 274. 10, Wausau West, 284. 11, Kaukauna, 313. 12, Waunakee, 323. 13, Eau Claire North, 362, 14. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln. 362. 14, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, 402. 15, Medford, 410. 16, Seymour, 434. 17, Oregon, 437. 18, Rhinelander, 453. 19, Appleton East, 544. 20, Wausau East, 568. 21, Mer-

Individuals: 1, Grady Lenn, DP, 15:25.7. 2, Bode Erickson, SP, 15:58.0. 3, Cooper Erickson, SP, 16:04.8. 4, Owen Clark, Lak, 16:09.9. 5, Quinlan Andrews, RF, 16:17.8. **Lakeland:** 4, Clark, 16:09.9. 17, Ashton Bremer, 17:00.3. 37, Levi Reimer, 17:00.3. 37, Levi Reimer, 17:40.5. 50, Zach Kline, 18:00.5. 62, Charlie Ernst, 18:22. 77, Parker McK-inney, 18:39.7. 106, Barrett Eggen, 19:25.8. 137, Ati Gyruo, 20:26.8.

Girls' Team: 1, Madison West, 52. 2, Kaukauna, 79. 3, Stevens Point, 111. 4, Waunakee, 118. 5, Shawano, 157. 6, De Pere, 158. 7, Wausau West, 176. 8, Eau Claire Memorial, 188. 9, Medford, 219. 10, Wausau East, 316. 11, Pluer Felle, 232. 12, Lakeland. 11, River Falls, 322. 12, Lakeland, 324. 13, Eau Claire North, 357. 14 Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, 395, 15 Rhinelander, 399. 16, Appleton East,

Individuals: 1. Meredith Richter. Med 18:59.5. 2, Cianna Wipperfurth, Wnke 19:17.4. 3, Sydney Fauske, Kau, 19:17.8. 4. Tessa Bruckhart, SP 19:32.9. 5, Celia Wallace, MW,

Lakeland: 35, Stella Meza, 21:01.5. 41. land, 22:16.5. 100, Kristiana Clay, 24:04.8. 107. Emma Smith. 24:42.3. 113, Miranda Schneider, 25:13.

### as of Saturday, Sept. 16

## **FOOTBALL**

#### PREP FOOTBALL **GNC Standings**

as of Saturday, Sept. 16 0vr Medford 3-0 4-1 4-1 3-2 3-2 1-4 0-5 Mosinee 3-0 2-1 2-1 1-2 1-2 0-3 Rhinelander Antigo Hayward Lakeland Ashland Friday's Games Antigo 24, Rhinelander 0 Mosinee 44, Hayward 3 Lakeland 35, Merrill 0 Medford 59. Ashland 6

Lakeland at Antigo, 7 p.m. Hayward at Medford, 7 p.m. Ashland at Merrill, 7 p.m. Merrill at Lakeland

**Friday, Sept. 22**Rhinelander at Mosinee, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15 Merrill 0 0 0 0 — 0 Lakeland 8 13 7 7 — 35 First Quarter Lak — K.Meyer 1 run (Chosa run), 2:41 Second Quarter

Lak — Bruckner 52 run (Holmquist kick), 10:12
Lak — Bruckner 6 run (Holmquist kick failed), 4:45

Lak - K.Meyer 71 run (Holmquist

Fourth Quarter - Bruckner 12 run (Holmauist kick). 8:46

**SOCCER** 

**PREP BOYS' SOCCER** 

as of Saturday, Sept. 16 Great Northern Overall Pts. W-L-SW-SL W-L-T Rhi, 59.12. 4, Collins, Lak, 1:12.38. **500 Freestyle:** 1, Houg, Rhi, 5:49.27. 2, Mickevicius, Rhi, 6:03.09. 3, Abigail 4-0-0-1 4-1-0-0 5-1-3 8-1-0 5-4-1 3-4-0 Ames, Rhi, 6:50.90. 4, Jorgensen

200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Rhinelander A 1:40.10. 2, Rhinelander B, 1:53.57. 3, Lakeland, 2:06.32. **100 Backstroke:** 1, C.Francis, Rhi,

58.75. 2, Mickle, Lak, 1:02.64. 3, Kiley Pooch, Rhi, 1:07.62. 4, Gruett, Rhi, 1:08.38. 5, Pritchard, Lak,

100 Breaststroke: 1, K.Francis 1:06.54. 2, Ella Heck, 1:04.30. 3, Sam Sundby, Rhi, 1:18.62. 4, Sophia Gyuro, Lak, 1:34.57.

**400 Freestyle Relay:** 1, Rhinelander A, 3:50.23. 2, Rhinelander B, 4:04.20. 3, Lakeland, 4:38.59.

### **TENNIS**

### **PREP GIRLS' TENNIS GNC Standings**

as of Saturday, Sept. 16 W-L Dual Pts Team 66 56 56 52 50 Lakeland 33-9 5-1 28-14 4-3 28-21 3-4 26-23 Pacelli Medford 4-1 25-10 1-5 14-28 Marshfield Columbus 28 2-5 14-35 28 7-35 **Thursday, Sept. 14**Rhinelander 6, Antigo 1
Lakeland 6, Medford 1 Wausau Newman 5, Marshfield Columbus 2 Pacelli 6, Phillips 1

Saturday's Match Wisconsin Rapids Invite (NC) Lakeland 5, Assumption 2 Wisconsin Rapids 4, Lakeland 3 Lakeland 6, River Falls 0 Monday's Match

Rhinelander at Marshfield Columbus 4:30 p.m. Tuesday's Matches

Medford at Medford Triangular (NC), Rhinelander at Lakeland, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday's Match GNC Tournament, at Rhinelander, 9

**Lakeland at Medford** Thursday, Sept. 14 Lakeland 6, Medford 1

Singles: 1, Sarah Barton, Lak, def. Marcy Razink 6-1, 6-0. 2, Norah Strasburg, Lak, def. Jaylin Machon 6-2, 6-2. 3, Elise Lamers, Lak, def. Morgan Strebig 6-2, 7-5. 4, Natalie Preuss, Med, def. Ellie Baker 7-5, 6-0. **Doubles:** 1. Savannah Barton/Kristina Ouimette, Lak, def. Masaeda Krug/Audrey Ruesch 6-2, 1-6, 7-5. 2, Charley

Cleveland/Ali Timmerman, Lak, def. Grace Holmes/Indya Mann 6-3, 7-5. 3, Lila Biller/Alyssa Erickson, Lak, def. Madison Clarkson/Hannah Dahl 6-1

Lakeland vs. Assumption Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School

Saturday, Sept. 16 Lakeland 5, Assumption 2 Singles: 1, Sarah Barton, Lak, def. Ahnabelle Khang, 6-0, 6-0, 2, Norah Strasburg, Lak, def. Kara Drewiske 6-0, 6-3, 3, Macy Vollert, Assump, def. Elise Lamers 7-5, 6-1, 4, Ellie Baker, Lak, def. Haley Hintz 6-3, 7-5. Doubles: 1, Sarah Shaw/Addi Vollert,

Assump, def. Savannah Barton/Kristina Ouimette 4-6, 7-5, 10-7. 2, Charley Cleveland/Ali Timmer-man, Lak, def. Anna Elsen/Lydia Smits 6-0, 6-0. 3, Lila Biller/Alyssa Erickson, Lak, def. Mikki Bord/Kaydence McGregor 6-0, 6-0.

Lakeland at Wisconsin Rapids Saturday, Sept. 16 Wisconsin Rapids 4, Lakeland 3 Singles: 1, Hayley Jensen, WR, def. Sarah Barton 6-0, 6-4. 2, Sydney Holberg, WR, def. Norah Strasburg 7-5. 6-1. 3, Ellie Baker, Lak, def. Chloe Trzebiatowski 6-3, 6-2. 4, Elise

Lamers, Lak, won by forfeit 2-0, 2-0.

**Doubles:** 1, Abbey Gust/Teagann Bondioli, WR, def. Savannah Barton/Kristina Ouimette 6-4, 6-3. 2, Charley Cleveland/Ali Timmerman Lak, def. Jenna Wentland/Julia Krueger 4-6, 6-4, 10-7. 3, Sierra Dillingham/Annabelle Ross, WR, def. Alyssa Erickson/Lila Biller 3-6, 6-2, 12-10.

### Lakeland vs. River Falls Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School

Saturday, Sept. 16 Lakeland 6, River Falls 0 Singles: 1, Sarah Barton, Lak, def. Maya Peterson 6-1, 6-0. 2, Elise Lamers, Lak, def. Anya Caliva 6-3, 6-3, 3, Ellie Baker, Lak, def. Maria Moran 7-5, 6-4.

Doubles: 1, Savannah Barton/Kristina Ouimette, Lak, def. Avery Tokheim/Ad-dison Reisdorfer 6-2, 6-1. 2, Charley Cleveland/Ali Timmerman, Lak, def. Bell Skow/Macie Oian 6-7 (4), 6-2, 11-9. 3. Lila Biller/Alvssa Erickson. Lak, def. Adisyn Brown/Alyssa Moelter

### **VOLLEYBALL**

#### **PREP VOLLEYBALL GNC Standings**

as of Saturday, Sept. 16 Team 5-0 4-1 3-2 3-2 12-6 11-13 12-10 Mosinee Tomahawk Antigo Lakeland 8-7 3-3 0-5 6-15 8-11 Medford Rhinelander Northland Pines 0-5 Thursday, Sept. 14 Northland Pines at Pembine (NC), N/A

Saturday's Matches GNC Meet No. 1 at Antigo, 10 a.m. ROUND 1

Antigo 3, Northland Pines 0 Mosinee 3, Lakeland 2 Medford 3, Tomahawk 1 ROUND 2 Mosinee 3, Antigo 2 Medford 3. Rhinelander 0

Tomahawk 3, Northland Pines 0 ROUND 3
Antigo 3, Medford 1
Tomahawk 3, Rhinelander 0
Lakeland 3, Northland Pines 0

Monday's Match Menomonie at Medford (NC), late Tuesday's Matches Mosinee at Tomahawk, 7 p.m. Northland Pines at Rhi Lakeland at Antigo, 7 p.m. Wausau East at Medford (NC), 7 p.m.

Thursday's Matches Antigo at Tomahawk Quad (NC), 5 p.m. Northland Pines at Pembine (NC), 6

### Lakeland vs. Mosinee Sheldon Fieldhouse, Antigo Saturday, Sept. 16 Mosinee def. Lakeland 3-2 Set 1: Lakeland W 25-20

Mosinee W 25-13

Lakeland W 25-22

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Set 2:

Blocks

Set 4: Mosinee W 25-21 Set 5: Mosinee W 15-6 **TEAM STATS** Lak Kills Assists 30 26 9 9 58 47 13 14 70 Aces Service Errors

INDIVIDUAL STATS Mos Lak Pfannerstill (14) Weisner (14) Kills Khan (12) Wicklund (27) Aces Johnson (4) Maurer (5) Pfannerstill (20) Spink (20) Peterson (1) Weisner (1) Solo Blocks

Lakeland vs. Northland Pines Sheldon Fieldhouse, Antigo Saturday, Sept. 16 Lakeland def. Northland Pines 3-0

Lakeland W 25-22 Set 1: Lakeland W 25-17 Lakeland W 25-17 Set 2: Set 3:

# Want to see more photos?

To see photos from games, check out the Lakeland Times Smug Mug page at https://the-lakeland-times.smugmug.c

### LOCAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 19 Lakeland girls' tennis vs. Rhinelander - 4:30 p.m. Lakeland volleyball at Antigo - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

Thursday, September 21 Lakeland girls' tennis at Rhinelander (GNC Meet) - 9 a.m. Lakeland cross country at Three Lakes

Lakeland girls' swim vs. Mosinee -5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 22 Lakeland cross country at Minneapolis - 4:30 p.m. Mercer volleyball at Butternut - 5:45

Lakeland football at Antigo - 7 p.m.

Lakeland boys' soccer at Northland Pines - 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 23 Lakeland volleyball at Phillips - 9 a.m. Mercer volleyball at Northwestern - 9 Lakeland boys' soccer at Ashland - 11

Sunday, September 24

Monday, September 25

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### **BRANDY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT**

The Brandy Lake Association is sponsoring a public meeting to share information on surveys completed in 2023 and gather input to be included in the aquatic plant management plan. The meeting is Monday, September 25th 6:00-8:00pm at Arbor Vitae Town Hall, 10675 Big Arbor

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR71

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

THOMAS M. SHOULDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth May 21, 1946 and date of death April 13, 2020 was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6205 Sandy Beach Lane, Hazelhurst, WI 54531

3. An application will be heard at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A318-Probate Office before Amy Franzen, Probate Registrar on October 2, 2023, at 10:30

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

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is

December 28, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., PO Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A318-Probate Office

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D. Access road around perimeter of main building

West overflow parking lot

2. Plowing must be completed before 6:30 am.

3. One (1) or more inches of snow accumulation is the depth at which the snow needs to be plowed.

4. The successful bidder must remove & replace parking lot signage 5. The successful bidder shall provide liability insurance, including

workmen's compensation and the Minocqua J1 School District shall be held harmless for any accidents. 6. Submit bid for the 2023-2024 season, not by the individual plow.

7. Bidders should contact Brad Strasburg, Building and Grounds Supervisor, for any questions at 715-356-5206 extension 2162. 8. The Minocqua J1 School District reserves the right to accept or

reject any or all bids. 9. The Minocqua J1 School District reserves the right to accept the bid deemed most advantageous for the school district.

10. Payments to the successful bidder will be as follows: one-half bid amount will be paid in January 2024, and one-half bid amount will be paid in April 2024.

11. Sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, October 3, 2023 by 2:00 pm.

12. Send bids to: 'Snowplow Bid" C/O Brad Strasburg Minocqua J1 School District 7450 Titus Drive Minocqua, WI 54548

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### **NEA Crossword Puzzle**

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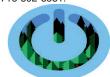
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# One man arrested after St. Germain school disturbance

School briefly on lockdown Friday

By Brian Jopek

OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

One man was arrested late Friday morning as the result of an incident at the St. Germain Elementary School.

According to a press release from the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, the dispatch center received a call from the school resource officer at Northland Pines High School reporting a disturbance caused by a child custodial interference incident in the main office of the Saint Germain Elementary School.

"Due to the nature of the distur-

bance, the school resource officer alerted Saint Germain Elementary school to go into lock down," the press release states. "Upon completion of the investigation, it was determined that there was no direct threat to the school, students or staff."

Ronald D. Olson, 63, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Vilas County Sheriff's deputies and a warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources responded to the incident.

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

## YMCA of Northwoods hosts 'Not So Scary' Trick-or-Treat trail

Trick-or-Treat takes to the forest, as the YMCA of the North-woods once again hosts the "Not So Scary" Halloween Trail on the Stoney Pines Trail behind the Y on Saturday, Oct. 21, from noon to 3 p.m.

The 0.75-mile crushed granite trail winds through the woods, and community groups, businesses and volunteers

decorate sites along the trail and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters.

o trick-or- treaters. This outdoor event is

free to the community.

Primary parking for
the event will be at the
Rhinelander Ice Arena
and a path from the
arena leads to the entrance of the trail.
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who require an even
surface should use the
sidewalk along High-

way 17

A donation of a nonperishable food item for the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry is encouraged. All participants are also asked to bring a Halloween treat bag.

For those interested in sponsoring a site, volunteering or for more information, please contact Laurie Bielen, event coordinator, at 715-362-9622, ext. 114.

### **LdF Sues**

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there's been no response by the tribal council to requests from the town board to meet again to continue negotiations.

Following the \$20,000 payment the town paid to the tribe in May, the escalating \$2,000 a month was added; for the period between Sept. 12 and Oct. 12, that amount was \$28,000, paid by the town during the first week in September.

Despite the money the town is paying the tribe on a monthly basis, there's no guarantee by the tribal council the barricades won't be reestablished at any time.

It's against that backdrop the legal action related to the entire matter has been taking place, one of the most recent pieces of litigation from

the town of Lac du Flambeau itself, a lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin on Aug. 28 against the United States Department of the Interior and the department's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

### 'Not cooperating'

In the 12-page complaint, prepared by Green Bay attorney Frank Kowalkowski, the outside counsel hired by the town board early in the road easement issue, 26 different Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests were submitted to the BIA on February 23, 2023, as they relate to the four roads and, according to Kowalkowski, the BIA provided verification the FOIA requests were received.

According to the United States Department of Justice website, under federal law, "all federal agencies are required to respond to a FOIA re-

quest within 20 business days, unless there are 'unusual circumstances.'"

"This time period generally begins when the request is received by the FOIA office of the Department of Justice component that maintains the records sought," the USDOJ website reads.

Long story short, the FOIA requests he submitted on behalf of the town have never been,

Kowalkowski contends in the complaint, complied with by the BIA.

"Upon information and belief, the Defendants' failure to produce the requested documents, which seek information relative to the four town roads barricaded by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians ... was done to gain a strategic advantage in related litigation regarding the Band's closure of the roads and the United States' claim against the Town for trespass damages and ejectment

from the roads," Kowalkowski wrote in the complaint he filed.

"They're not cooperating," Lac du Flambeau town chairman Matt Gaulke told the *The Lakeland Times* last week, referencing the BIA. "It's a federal agency and it's not following federal law. You have to respond in a certain manner and within a certain time frame and they haven't."

Gaulke acknowledged — and Kowalkowski has it documented in his filing — there have been responses from BIA staff but not the responses the town is seeking.

"Yeah, we have it but we have to double check it," Gaulke said. "Or 'We gotta get somebody to sign off on it.' So, they're not honoring a FOIA request and the only way we can get information out of 'em is to file a lawsuit against 'em."

Brian Jopek may be reached via email at

bjopek@lakel and times.com.

### Wolf

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tem around tribal lands would impinge on private property.

"The zoning system, which uses circular areas around tribal lands rather than aligning with their actual borders, inadvertently extends its influence into the surrounding private properties," they wrote.

That approach, the lawmakers assert, would create ambiguities for landowners and increase the likelihood of various disputes and tensions.

"Private landowners might find it challenging to ascertain which regulations apply to their properties due to the circular zoning system," they wrote. "This could lead to inadvertent violations or misunderstandings... The potential for overlapping zones could lead to disputes between private landowners and tribal authorities. Such an arrangement could strain relationships and result in un-

necessary conflicts."
What's more, the lawmakers
wrote, the introduction of the concept of "reservation wolf" would indirectly impact private landowners, creating mismanagement risks and regulatory confusion.

"The arbitrary division based on territorial habits could lead to imbalances in wolf populations, leading to increased wolf presence on private lands, further affecting livestock or local fauna," they wrote. "The distinction between wolves based on their territorial habits might create confusion for private landowners about how to handle these animals, leading to potential legal and management challenges."

Felzkowski and Swearingen said it was crucial to ensure that private landowners are adequately consulted and informed about any regulatory changes.

"Their firsthand experience and feedback can provide invaluable insights and help in refining regulations that are pragmatic and well-informed," they wrote. "In conclusion, while the aim might be to establish a balance between wildlife conservation and tribal rights, it's crucial not to overlook the legitimate concerns of private landowners. They, too, play a significant role in our state's ecology and have rights that deserve equal consideration."

The lawmakers urged the NRB to revisit the regulations in close consultation with private landowners, ensuring what they called "an all-inclusive and well-rounded approach to wolf management."

Others have also opposed the buffer zone concept, saying it effectively cedes wildlife management authority over non-tribal lands to the tribes and takes away private property rights. Hunter Nation has opposed the concept on those grounds, saying it would negatively impact stakeholders' property and due process rights.

### Population goal

In their letter, Felzkowski and Swearingen also encouraged the DNR to reevaluate its stance on a noncommittal statewide population goal.

"This is a concern that affects property owners throughout the state, as expressed through the resolutions passed in 36 of the 72 counties in Wisconsin," they wrote.

Rather than aiming for a statewide population goal, under the revised adaptive plan the DNR would monitor local populations within six wolf hunting zones and make decisions for those zones about the need to reduce the population.

"The plan recommends engaging the department's Wolf Advisory Committee in the process to annually assist the department in reviewing data, metrics and trends related to existing conditions on the ground in each wolf management zone," the plan states. "It is recommended to evaluate conditions in each zone against plan objectives based upon the information contained in the plan.

The department's Wolf Advisory Committee can serve to help evaluate progress toward plan objectives, provide valuable input from a variety of perspectives and deliver preliminary recommendations to department decision-makers when requested."

The state's wolf management plan hasn't been updated since 2007. The DNR says its intention is to create a plan and policy framework in anticipation of a federal block on wolf harvests being lifted.

The DNR says this plan differs from the past because, rather than being largely focused on wolf recovery, the new plan recognizes the biologically recovered status of gray wolves in Wisconsin.

"Accordingly, this plan turns attention from wolf recovery to long-term stewardship and sustainable management of the state's wolf population," the plan states. "The goal of the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan is to ensure a healthy and sustainable wolf population that fulfills the numerous ecological, cultural and recreational benefits of wolves, while being responsive in addressing and preventing wolf-related conflicts; and recognizing the diverse values and perspectives of all citizens in Wisconsin."

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### **Trails**

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land ATV Club, said the trail has been in public comment phase by the DNR "four times now."

"Each time they change a little piece of it, Joe (Fieweger) sends the whole thing out again. We're to the end."

Fieweger is the DNR's superintendent of the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest.

"They still have 123 miles in the Northern Highland that they could build on," Timmons said. "I think this is a total of eight or nine miles." Sheppard, who alluded to a little of the history behind efforts to make the trail a reality, was asked what the point of the trail was for ATVs and UTVs.

"To get us off blacktop," he said.
"That's all it is."

When Timmons called for a vote on a motion from town supervisor Ray Christenson to send a letter of support, Sheppard abstained.

The next evening, on Sept. 13, the Lake Tomahawk town board also approved a motion to send a letter of support to the DNR for ATV/UTV trails in portions of the NHAL in Lake Tomahawk.

"I don't know if you recall a couple years ago when we had the discussion about opening County Hwy. D and certain roads and I presented to the ATV club some alternative routes through the forest," town chairman George DeMet said. "Well, lo and behold, the DNR has decided those seem like good routes."

Referring to the Hasbrook Road portion mentioned the night before at the Woodruff town board meeting, DeMet said County Hwy. D would still be open "but most people would take the alternative route."

"Then there's this one on snowmobile trail connecting from River Road across (State Highway) 47 to South Bluebird Road and the other one is off West Bluebird Road straight through the forest," he said, adding the DNR wanted the town board's input.

"I think it's fine, I think it's great," DeMet said, town supervisors Stephanie Sowatzka and Lenore Lopez agreeing, and he made the motion to send a letter to Fieweger to let him know the town board supports the ATV/UTV trails as proposed.

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