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Hartman asserts authority to enforce county code Sheriff won't issue citation for parliamentary violation

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Pushing back against some county officials, Oneida County sheriff Grady Hartman says he has full authority to enforce the county code — authority in fact given to him by the county code — but has decided against issuing a citation to zoning committee and county board chairman Scott Holewinski, who has acknowledged violating the code by breaking parliamentary procedure.



Hartman

Holewinski was acting on the advice of corporation counsel Mike Fugle when he improperly adjourned a public hearing during the middle of a vote on a conditional use permit (CUP) application.

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Plan commission approves second phase of Settlers Village project

New multi-family development planned near Walmart

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

It took an extra two weeks but the City of Rhinelander plan commission has approved the second phase of the Settlers Village development on Timber Drive near Central

School. The commissioners unanimously approved a conditional use permit (CUP) for the second phase on Nov. 7, two weeks after tabling the matter following a public hearing where adjacent property owners expressed concerns about the first phase of the project.

The second phase of the project involves the addition of five two-bedroom duplexes.

The first phase, which was to consist of a multi-family building with at least six separate duplex units, was approved in November 2020 despite opposition from

some of the neighbors. Specifically, some expressed concerns what they described as a lack of transparency as the developers purchased land from the City of Rhinelander and initial discussions took place in closed session.

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WINNING IN WAUKESHA

Rhinelander High School girls' swim coach Jenny Heck hoists the trophy after the Hodags won the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10. Rhinelander won six events in the meet and swam to an 87-point victory over Whitefish Bay. It was Rhinelander's second state title in girls' swimming. See today's sports section (**Pages 9-13**) for additionally coverage and photos from the meet.



Honor Flight opens eyes back home

By Renee Draskiewicz
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

A whirlwind one-day trip to Washington D.C. was a life-changing experience for Air Force veteran Richard Draskiewicz. It also happened to be one of the most eye-opening experiences I've ever had when it comes to getting to know my 81-year-old father.

The experiences my father would share about Vietnam in the stories I heard growing up were like a slideshow of random images that were hand chosen. The gregarious nature of my father was present in many of these tales involving his time riding rickshaws, getting to know the female bar and club owners he called "mama sans," and a few stories about gathering intelligence information using various technology and maps.



RENEE DRASKIEWICZ/LAKELAND TIMES

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Air Force veteran Richard Draskiewicz honors those who died at the Vietnam Memorial.

Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council celebrates upgrades to Hanson Lake trail

The Hanson Lake Walking/Snowshoeing Trail is better than ever after receiving enhancements over the summer

The City of Rhinelander, through a resolution passed in 2022, gave the go ahead to Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council (OCBWTC) to work on the trail.

The enhancements included picnic tables, benches, signage, trail brushing and selective grubbing of roots and rocks to retain the character of the trail, according to an OCBWTC press release.

The Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council project was also supported by a grant from the Rhinelander Community Foundation, the release states.

“The park improvements are welcome and can result in greater satisfaction by trail users year-round,” stated Mayor Kris Hanus. Hanson Lake ranks among the top five city parks by residents answering the Rhinelander Outdoor Recreation Plan survey.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Hanson Lake Walking/Snowshoeing Trail received needed enhancements over the summer of 2023.

“This Park improvement is part of addressing the needs identified in the Outdoor Recreation Plan. We are moving forward on making changes,” he added.

“The park experience is more user-friendly

with the addition of benches and picnic tables, all of which makes Rhinelander a better place to work and recreate,” noted Jackie Cody, president of the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails

Council. “Activities enjoyed at the park in addition to walking and snowshoeing, are canoe/kayaking, fishing, dog walking, bird watching, geocaching, picnicking, and swimming.”

Rhineland District Library announces November events

The Rhinelander District Library has announced its slate of November events starting with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors drive. The library will be collecting food and household items during regular library hours during the month of November.

All items will be donated directly to the Nicolet Food Pantry to help those in need. For a full list of accepted donations, visit www.rhinelandlibrary.org or call the library at 715-365-1070.

Also, just in time for the holiday season, the public is invited to learn how to make handcrafted Christmas cards with Sherill Willis on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the library meeting room. Willis will be teaching three card designs and one envelope design, the release states. All supplies are provided. Space is limited — all participants must pre-register on the library website or at the library front desk.

Later in the month, k in the holiday family fun with the library’s third annual Gingerbread House Contest. Use your own materials or pick up a kit at the library starting Monday, Nov. 20. and build a marvelous gingerbread creation (A house? A barn? A spaceship? Whatever you want!).

Entries are due at the library front desk by 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 in one of three categories: Pre-K-6th grade, 7th-12th grade, or Adult/Family. The winner for each category will be announced on Monday, Dec. 18

Workshop Wednesday announcement: Please note that the start of Workshop Wednesdays has been postponed; the Workshop programs will begin in 2024.

These, and all Rhinelander District Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Rhinelander District Library, 715-365-1070 or visit www.rhinelandlibrary.org.

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SOLEMN REFLECTION

Robert Smith, center, U.S. Army veteran and commander of American Legion Post 7, provided the invocation at a Veterans Day ceremony Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 inside the Oneida County Courthouse. Pictured, from left to right, are Oneida County CVS0 and U.S. Navy veteran Tammy Javenkoski, assistant Oneida County CVS0 and Wisconsin Army National Guard veteran Jason Dailey, and State Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland). Behind them are the members of the Nativity Catholic Junior High Choir who sang "America the Beautiful" during the ceremony. Additional information local Veterans Day commemorations will be published in a future edition of the River News.

Stay protected: Get your flu and COVID vaccines in November

As the weather turns colder and we transition into the holiday season, the Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) wants to remind the public it is not too late to get the flu and/or COVID vaccine. November is a great time to make sure your loved ones and your community are safeguarded against these illnesses, county health officials said in a press release.

The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) is dedicated to ensuring that everyone in our community has access to flu and COVID-19 vaccines and offers:

• **Bridge Access Program:** Provides COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs.

• **Vaccines for Adults (VFA):** Helps with flu vaccines for uninsured or underinsured adults 19 and older.

• **Transportation Assistance:** Provides rides to and from community clinics for people who do not have their own transportation or have trouble getting there.

• **Drive-up Vaccines:** For those individuals who may have limited mobility and would prefer a vaccine from their vehicle.

• **Home Visits:** For those individuals that have an acute or chronic illness, limited mobility, injury, developmental disability, or mental health condition that makes it difficult to leave the home.

For more information visit oneidacountypublichealth.org, follow the department on Facebook, or call Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111.

GOP bill would prohibit race-based UW grants and loans

Republicans shift admissions from race to need, protect free speech

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

On votes taken largely along party lines, the state Assembly last week passed several measures related to the UW System, including a bill to prohibit race-based higher education grants and loans, redirecting such programs as the minority teacher loan program and Lawton grants to favor disadvantaged students rather than minority students.

Other bills seek to enshrine student free speech protections into law and

to ensure that high-performing in-state high school students have access to the UW System after graduation.

State Rep. Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk), who voted for the bills, said that, among other things, they would ensure that higher education grant programs are based on need and not race, and would guarantee admissions for top-performing students at UW-Madison and the rest of the UW-System.

Republicans crafted the bill on race-based programs after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that colleges cannot use affirmative action in admissions.

"The United States Supreme Court ruled on the issue of affirmative action earlier this year," Callahan said.

"To ensure our state's grant programs are in line with the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, this bill revises the program to remove race as a factor and requires the criteria to be based on a student's need. I am proud to have co-authored this legislation."

Specifically, the bill would require Wisconsin to change race-based admissions programs to admission based on need, the latter of which would include students who face unfavorable economic, familial, geographical, physical, or other personal hardship.

But Rep. Shelia Stubbs (D-Milwaukee) said she was heartbroken over the vote.

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Richard Kenneth Krohn

Richard Kenneth Krohn, age 92, of Shorewood, formerly of Rhinelander, died on November 6, 2023. He was born on December 28, 1930, in Rhinelander, the only child of Christian and Anna Elizabeth "Elsie" (Holquist) Krohn. Most people knew him as "Dick."

He attended Rhinelander public schools graduating from Rhinelander High School in 1948. During those years he was an industrious youth, delivering newspapers and working on a farm.

After high school Dick moved to Milwaukee, where he started work in a foundry. During this time, he attended a dance in Polar, where he met Betty Jane Hopkins, who became his wife in June of 1951. They were blessed with 62 years together and three children Steven, Debra and Dale.

Four months after getting married, Dick was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Korean war, was wounded, and honorably discharged as a sergeant. Because of his service he received both the Korean service medal and a Purple Heart. After his honorable discharge, Dick returned to Milwaukee and was employed for many years as a service representative for Milwaukee Faucets solving customer needs. He was loved by his friends and co-workers who saw him as honest, loyal and dependable.

Dick was very involved in his church, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. He was an avid gardener. He had a reputation as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and his extended family was his greatest treasure.

He is survived by his children Steven (Susan) Krohn, Debra (Mark) Hagert, and Dale Ann (Lary) Miller, 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty on December 19, 2012, his granddaughter Stephanie and his parents.

Visitation for Dick will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, from 9 to 11 a.m., with funeral services following at 11 a.m., all at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Reverend Nate Plocher will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Northland Memorial Park Cemetery. You may leave your private condolences for the Krohn family at www.carlsonfh.com.

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



Krohn



Myrtle Belle Cline

Myrtle Belle Cline, age 91, of Rhinelander, died on November 6, 2023 at Rennes Health and Rehab. She was born on September 23, 1932, in Rhinelander, the daughter of Chester and Olive (Luce) Johnson. Myrtle was raised in Rhinelander and attended schools here. She married Garold Cline and he preceded her in death on April 8, 2005.



Cline

Throughout the years Myrtle was employed by the Pied Piper, Leuthold Bahr Clothing, the White Stag and the Monico Club. In her spare time she enjoyed sewing, especially wedding dresses, of which she made many. She also enjoyed doing embroidery and camping.

She is survived by her daughters Deborah Schiltz and Sheila French, her sons Thomas Cline and Allan (Kelly) Cline, her nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Garold Cline and her two brothers, Robert and Melvin.

Private family services will be held at a later date. You may leave your private condolences for the Cline family at www.carlsonfh.com.

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

Maxine A. Gleesing

Maxine A. Gleesing, 84, of Rhinelander passed away on November 1, 2023 surrounded by loved ones and prayer. Maxine was born on February 22, 1939, in Rhinelander, the daughter of Samuel and Clara (Kitzke) Cloutier.

She was united in marriage on June 8, 1968 to Harold G. Gleesing and he preceded her in death on August 30, 1976.

She is survived by her children, sons, Grant (Sabrina) Gleesing, Ward Gleesing (Lisa), daughter Terese (Craig) White; 11 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a brother Mark Cloutier (Mary), Milwaukee.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11 a.m. at St. Kunegunda Catholic Church in Sugar Camp.

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HEEREN HONORED

Lake Tomahawk Lion Jan Heeren is the recipient of the 2023 Melvin Jones Award, the highest honor given to a club member. It's named after Lions Club founder Melvin Jones. Lion Heeren is a past Lion of the Year and has served many hours doing children's vision screening at area schools and preschools. She also works every year during eye glass recycling at which 12,000 or more pairs of glasses are washed, the prescription measured and packaged for use wherever needed. Lion Heeren serves as co-secretary and co-chair of member recruitment. In the community she has worked with each service organization at the Snowshoe Baseball concession stand every Monday night during the season. She exemplifies the Lions Club motto, "We Serve," and truly has earned this award. Pictured above, from left to right, are District Governor Don Meeder, Club Treasurer Dan Dosemagen and award winner Lion Jan Heeren.

Buck from Oneida County deer farm tests positive for CWD

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has confirmed that a deer from an Oneida County deer farm has tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). The result was confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa, according to a DATCP press release. The positive result came from a 4-year-old white-tailed buck, the release states.

"The farm has been placed under quarantine, where it will remain while DATCP and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarians and staff conduct the epidemiological investigation," the release states.

CWD is a fatal, neurological disease of deer, elk, and moose caused by an infectious protein called a prion that affects the animal's brain.

DATCP regulates deer

farms for registration, record-keeping, disease testing, movement, and permit requirements.

More information about CWD, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ChronicWastingDisease.aspx. For information on DATCP's farm-raised deer program, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FarmRaised-Deer.aspx.

POLITICAL DIGEST

WHAIC: Wisconsin hospitals facing significant financial challenge

The Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) has released its annual Guide to Wisconsin Hospitals for FY2022, which shows Wisconsin hospitals and health systems facing their most significant financial challenges in more than a decade.

These financial strains are in large part due to patients slowly returning to pre-pandemic routine care and the rising costs for medical supplies and services due to record inflation.

"With inflation driving up the costs of goods—not only for individual consumers, but for businesses and organizations as well—hospitals have been challenged with increased costs of medical supplies and overhead costs incurred while providing care," said Jennifer Mueller, WHAIC vice president and chief privacy officer. "With operating costs running at such a

high, a number of Wisconsin hospitals operated at a net loss in the last year — one of the toughest years financially for Wisconsin hospitals in the last decade."

Each year, WHAIC releases the results of the state-mandated Hospital Annual and Fiscal Survey. Per Wisconsin state law, WHAIC is responsible for collecting and disseminating Wisconsin hospital and freestanding ambulatory surgery center data.

State law requires hospitals and health systems to report this data to WHAIC and make the results publicly available. The annual Guide to Wisconsin Hospitals is published on the WHAIC website.

According to the report, the largest expenses facing hospitals remain supplies and services. These input costs are mostly out of hospitals' control, and have increased 26.73 percent since 2019.

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ONEIDA COUNTY COURT

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

Gina Marie Calhoun, 52, Rhinelander, charged with OWI (2nd), had a warrant issued for her arrest.

Jesse Harmon Mahner, 21, Tomahawk, cited for operating an ATV/UTV without valid registration, operating an ATV in unreasonable/improper man-

ner, and failure to report an accident (ATV/UTV related), had intake on Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Wendy Dawn Owens, 43, Rhinelander, charged with operating without a valid license (2nd within 3 years) and bail jumping (felony), has an initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Kanequa Shonta Gibson, 26, Newton, Miss, charged with

taking and driving a vehicle without consent, had a warrant issued for their arrest.

Sarah M. Martinson, 32, Hayward, charged with resisting/obstructing an officer (repeater) and disorderly conduct (repeater), has an adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wisconsin's woodlands need smart stewardship to withstand a changing climate

To the Editor:

As a proud Wisconsin woodland owner and prior board member of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA), I understand firsthand the importance of managing forests to ensure a strong and sustainable timber harvest, to provide high-quality habitat for wildlife, and to help moderate climate change through thoughtful stewardship of the carbon stored in trees.

Wisconsin is experiencing more extreme weather events — from longer droughts to heavier rainfalls — so how we manage our forests in light of these changes matters. Every aspect of our lives, from fire danger to water quality to our economy, is dependent in part upon having healthy forests. How we manage private forests impacts public forests and vice versa.

In Wisconsin, how the U.S. Forest Service manages the publicly-owned 1.5 million-acre Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest creates a critical baseline. Factors such as pests, fire danger, and long-term forest health and resilience, are all either improved or hindered by the actions of our federal government. Nationally, the federal government manages one-third of the roughly 800 million acres of forest in the US.

Thankfully, there are actions we can take to protect our national forests. The U.S. Forest Service has indicated they want to modernize their approach, with things like incorporating the best available science, using adaptive planning, and addressing the key stressors forests are facing. Doing so will ensure the vitality and sustainability of public forests, both in Wisconsin and across the country, and support the health of privately owned forests as well.

Kirk Dahl
Eau Claire

In support of the Cassian ARWC

Editor's note:

This letter is addressed to the members of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors and is reprinted here.

To the Editor:

Dear Board Members,

My name is Angie Koch, I am a resident of the Town of Cassian. I am writing to you regarding the proposal which will be coming to the committee for approval for the Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center (ARWC). My home is directly across the road from the proposed facility site. I am for this project.

I do not support the Resolution the Town of Cassian passed to stop it. I did the research, went directly to the first hand source.

I have a master's degree with 25+ years of professional work in long term care, healthcare management, parent advocate for youth with special needs and trained as a mental health crisis screener. I have had to reference and continuously research sources and identify credible information. I would never provide treatment or offer resources to a client or parent that was not credible. This is why my decision to support the ARWC is based on concrete information. Not fear or assumptions.

Initially I was against the project. I did-

n't know the details and had a lot of questions. In fact, I had created a flier and provided them to as many individuals in my neighborhood. My initial concern was the lack of transparency, the safety of the residents, safety of my family and home.

Around July 20, 2023, Bryan Bainbridge was at the property location. I went over and asked and shared all my concerns with him. These included but not limited to: my home being broken into, trespassing, to youth wandering out in the woods becoming lost, and traffic patterns. Mr. Bainbridge gave me all the time I needed to ask and have questions answered. Additionally, he provided me with his contact information for any future questions or concerns I may have. And, since that time on July 20, 2023, my husband and I have both had questions in which we contacted Mr. Bainbridge. We have always received timely responses.

A voluntary, youth facility will be subject to many licensing regulations which makes it easier for me to realize there is no increase of danger to my family or property than there would be if 10 homes were built on said property. Actually, I feel there will be less of a safety concern with the ARWC being built, due to the stringent regulation and licensing that will be required. Governmental policies and licensing are very complicated, this would be why Mr. Bainbridge did not have all the answers to questions that were asked at the initial meeting.

Another misconception I would like to address in this letter is related to the following statement: "There would be violent offenders in there," Tom Tiffany said at the July 24 meeting. This statement has created unnecessary fear in the community. Individuals who have substance abuse and mental health needs should not be equated to being "violent offenders." I am ashamed to live in the district of a representative that would publically make that statement.

These are children who have families that want recovery. They are people who need help because of a medical condition. I am grateful for a facility such as this. If my family member needed the type of care that is being planned, I would want this as an option. Currently the closest option for an adolescent inpatient mental health facility is Green Bay. This does not account for an inpatient program that will help youth with substance abuse disorder.

Yes, our family routine will have to change a little. By that I mean we will have to share and be aware of more traffic, people, and potentially a black topped road (which I did ask Mr. Bainbridge to not do if at all possible). A positive experience would be my children will be able to be kind and understanding of those who are working at becoming better versions of themselves. The potential of reliable high speed internet and stable power systems is also something that would be beneficial to our family.

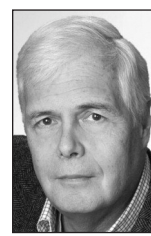
Change is hard for everyone, especially when you have owned a home without a main reason for people to travel down the road in the 15 years of living here, but it all is in basing your ideas on facts and not fear.

Please vote yes to allow the conditional use permit application to be granted to Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council for the Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center.

Respectfully,

Angela Koch
Cassian

The view from here



Gene Lyons
COLUMNIST

Here's my story: I'm a year younger than President Biden, two years and change older than Donald Trump. Health-wise, I've always been lucky. Having turned 80 in September, I'm still all systems go.

My most annoying physical impairment is called plantar fasciitis — in vernacular terms, a sore heel that comes and goes. There are basically two treatments: no more walking in Crocs and stretching. Given the rate at which my contemporaries are vanishing over the event horizon, it's practically a blessing.

But I do keep forgetting the term "plantar fasciitis" and have to consult my wife or Google from time to time to recall it.

A couple of weeks ago, I drove the whole gang down to the dog park for their daily outing. It's mandatory. They all four know exactly what time it is and when we're supposed to go.

No dog park, no peace. The excitement grows as we get closer, ending in a crescendo of canine vocalization. The big dog, Aspen, allegedly a collie/Great Pyrenees mix that I'm beginning to think is more husky than collie, points his nose at the sky and howls like a wolf. The two basset hounds mimic him. Marley, the cowboy corgi and the brains of the operation, yaps maniacally.

Getting them safely through the gate without breaking your own leg can be a challenge.

So the reader will perhaps understand how I came to leave the key in the ignition and the motor running for the duration of our two-hour visit the other day. Given the rate of auto break-ins and pilferage, it's a wonder the vehicle was still there — although it does have rather a pungent odor.

Even so, the blunder left me shaken. I felt like an idiot.

I also no longer drive on the freeway. I simply don't see well enough to go 70 mph. I've lost confidence.

So no, somebody like me does not need to be president.

And neither, I'm afraid, does Joe Biden. Yes, he has aides to define plantar fasciitis as necessary, and he doesn't do a lot of his own driving anymore. The contrived videos they show constantly on Fox News very much exaggerate his verbal and physical slips. Anybody can trip. Saying "Iraq" when you mean "Ukraine" is also understandable, so long as you correct yourself.

That said, although he appears to be in excellent health, the odds of Biden's remaining hale and hearty for five more years are worsening by the day.

Nobody wants to see the

25th Amendment invoked — least of all, I should think, the president himself.

Then there's Trump. Chances are, as former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, a one-time U.S. attorney, tried to inform jeering Republican loyalists recently, the former president will be a convicted felon, and possibly an inmate in a federal penitentiary, by Election Day 2024.

But even if he escapes conviction, Trump's own age-related infirmities have become ever more visible of late, to the point where even some Republicans have begun to notice. In speeches, he babbles, confusing names and places and stumbling over words on the teleprompter. During recent court testimony, Trump alibied that he'd been too busy managing foreign affairs crises to pay serious attention to a 2021 financial statement.

Nice try, but in 2021, of course, Trump was no longer president.

ABC News' Jonathan Karl has pointed out that until quite recently, the former president had gotten a free ride, as our esteemed national media can only imagine one gaffe-prone politician at a time. The former president, he noted, "confuses basic facts, says some rather strange things, but there isn't much attention paid."

But leave it to that great humanitarian Gov. Ron DeSantis to step in. Professing to be sad to see the great man stumble, his campaign posted an online compilation of "fumbles, accidents and confused moments" by Trump so far this year. Taken together, it's almost shocking even to a connoisseur of the former president's manifest incompetence like myself.

It's one thing, for example, for Trump to confuse the Catholic strongman of Hungary (Viktor Orbán) with the Muslim dictator of Turkey (Recep Tayyip Erdoğan). His subsequent remarks, moreover, made it clear that he has no idea where each country is located on a world map — claiming they both border upon Russia. Neither does.

Trump confused the Bush brothers, blaming Florida Gov. Jeb Bush for invading Iraq. Um, that would be former President George W. Bush.

He boasted of having defeated President Barack Obama in 2016 and claimed that only he could prevent World War II, which even most Trump supporters know ended in 1945, a year before he was born.

Trump gave an effusive greeting to GOP voters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, while actually speaking in Sioux City, Iowa. Understandable, perhaps.

But if Biden had done it?

No wonder, DeSantis says, Trump's handlers won't let him debate.

But then why would he?

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Project

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The transaction took place during the administration of former mayor Chris Frederickson and was approved by the council members who were in place in 2020.

The public hearing on the CUP for Phase 2, held on Oct. 24, included comments from adjacent property owners who alleged that garbage and recycling bins were out in the open and items strewn about the property (some of which they said blew into their yards) during the first phase of construction.

Concerns were also raised about the population density in the area, the close proximity to a school, decreased visibility for traffic and pedestrians, and the integrity of adjacent wetlands.

When the discussion shifted to city administration and the commission, it was stressed that a second phase of this project was planned and expected.

Mayor Kris Hanus made a motion to approve the CUP, with a set of conditions he later said were intended to alleviate the neighbors' concerns, but no one seconded the motion and it died.

Hanus then asked a pointed question of his colleagues as to whether they wanted to improve the housing options in the city.

Two of the commissioners, Laurie Lenten and alderperson Carrie Mikalauski, responded by stressing they are absolutely interested in improving housing in the city but were concerned about the questions raised by the adjacent property owners. With Phase 1 having this many concerns, Mikalauski stated she was having a hard time with the

prospect of approving the second phase without hearing from the developers.

The city needs housing, however any housing must be built "responsibly and carefully," Lenten noted.

The developer should show up and answer questions if they want their development built, she added.

A representative of the developer was present on Oct. 24 but that individual is responsible for property management and thus was unable to respond to all of the concerns raised. She stated that the developer, Bob Ohde, was out of state due to an emergency. Ultimately, the panel chose to table the matter for two weeks "to get a better understanding of the issues and come up with a plan for what conditions would be best suited for this property."

When the panel convened again on Nov. 7, Ohde was present in person.

"Basically we're looking at building a similar product right next to (Phase 1), they're actually townhouses, they're duplexes, two bedrooms. There are 10 units total which is five duplexes ... very similar to the project next door to it, designed to help again with the housing need in the local community for two-bedrooms which seems to be the biggest demand we have," he explained. "We're trying to keep the cost, price down as much as we can."

The only other speaker during the Nov. 7 hearing was an adjacent property owner who appeared resigned to the inevitability of the second phase.

"The previous administration I don't think did due diligence. Some things happened but that's under the bridge," she said. "I do have concerns about 10 units

being built so close to a school zone. Traffic on Timber when I try to cross is, I'm put at risk, so I have concerns about safety. I have concerns about the trash, the construction trash that I would pick up along Timber and the school zone, the school playground area...."

"I'm not happy," she continued. "I know we need affordable housing in Rhinelander. I know that's an issue. I know the city can sell anything that they want whenever they want without public input and that's what happened here, I think. I hope the mistakes that were made with this current first phase will not continue with Phase 2 and the workers are keeping the area cleaner and they think about the neighbors and how the lighting is put up...."

After the public hearing was closed, city zoning director Veronica Tonnancour answered additional questions posed by the commissioners. She also offered a recommendation for approval of the permit for Phase 2. Other city officials, including administrator Patrick Reagan and Fire Chief Brian Tonnancour, also indicated that steps will be taken to address the neighbors' concerns.

In a Nov. 2 memo to the panel, Reagan suggested the following conditions:

- All standards as set in the Developer's Agreement during phase one of this project shall be followed.
- All exterior lighting shall be cast downward and special care shall be taken to make certain that the lighting from this development causes no additional hardships for neighboring properties.
- A stormwater management plan is developed and

implemented to insure that neighboring properties do not suffer undo hardships from water runoff.

- Centralized dumpsters are included for use by residents of this property.
- A landscaping plan is developed and followed.

"It is critically important that the developer proactively works with neighboring property owners during the course of this project," Reagan wrote in the memo.

This time a motion by Hanus, and seconded by Terry Williams, to approve the permit was approved unanimously.

The second phase of Settlers Village was not the only housing project on the commission's Nov. 7 agenda.

The panel also approved the site plan for a project to consist of six 12-unit multi-family buildings to be located near the Nativity Catholic Cemetery and Walmart. In addition to the six buildings, the proposed project is to include "associated parking areas, drives, stormwater BMP (best management practice), underground storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water, as well as a new proposed public road which will connect the development to Driscoll Road," according to a memo submitted to the commission by the engineering firm Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. on behalf of PRE/3, a property management company based in Brookfield.

In other business, the commission also approved the installation of a 50kW diesel generator to serve as a backup generator for the existing telecommunication facility at 143 S. Courtney "to ensure uninterrupted telecommunication service in times of emergency."

Finally, the panel also ap-

proved a CUP for the operation of a short-term rental on Wisconsin Avenue.

Prior to the vote, a neighboring property owner expressed concerns about potential negative changes to the character of the neighborhood, where she has resided for many decades.

Appearing via Zoom, the property owner stressed that his intent is not to have a "party house". He noted that he proactively reached out to neighbors to advise them of his plans and received support. He explained that he was required to move to southern Wisconsin earlier this year for employment reasons but does not want his Rhinelander residence to sit empty as he hopes to use it as a vacation home and potentially return to this area at some point in the future.

"Rather than the Rhinelander house sitting vacant when we aren't up here, we would like to rent it as a short-term vacation rental through Airbnb and similar sites, or as a longer-term month-to-month lease for traveling nurses, federal employees and other professionals temporarily relocating to the area," the owner wrote in a written submission to the commission. "This would provide us with a much-needed subsidy on our mortgage and utilities bills, while also providing the community with valuable short-term housing and tourism dollars."

While the commission has approved relatively few short-term rental CUPs over the last year, Hanus opined that, thus far, the rentals have resulted in improvements to properties that might otherwise languish.

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Court

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William Joseph Shober Jr., 47, Rhinelander, charged with OWI (2nd), had initial appearance on Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Christine M. Chiodo, 44, Minocqua, charged with OWI (2nd), had an initial appearance on Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Hans Luke Zinsmeister, 36, Rhinelander, cited for disorderly conduct (county/municipality), had intake on Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Joshua Robert Bertch, 23, Rhinelander, cited for operating a motor vehicle without insurance, has intake on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Rachel Lynn Nance, 18, Woodruff, cited for underage drinking (possession, 17-20 years of age, 1st), has intake on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Nathan Jon Albrecht, 47, Minocqua, charged with disorderly conduct, has intake on Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Thomas V. Sanders, 42, Rhinelander, charged with OWI (4th), has an adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$5,000.

Brianna Renee Loher, 21, Tomahawk, charged with disorderly conduct (domestic abuse), has an adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$150.

Tyree Neshawn Alexander, 22, Waupun, charged with resisting/obstructing an officer (repeater), has an adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Jacqueline Ann Schuman, 60, Lac du Flambeau, charged with bail jumping

(felony, repeater) and operating without a valid license (2nd within 3 years), has an adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

Daniel M. Denton, 48, Rhinelander, charged with battery (domestic abuse) and disorderly conduct, has an adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,000.

Adryanna James Armstrong, 22, Lac du Flambeau, charged with ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, had an initial appearance on Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Rose Feger-Ritchie, 56, Rhinelander, charged with disorderly conduct (causing a disturbance), had intake on Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Devin Ann Litza, 48, Hatley, cited for depositing garbage on streets/alleys, had intake on Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Nicholas Anthony Walters, 30, Rhinelander, charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, had intake on Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Andrew Carl Walter, 29, Woodruff, cited for having dogs running at large, had intake on Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Shaye Leigh Burnett, 17, Rhinelander, cited for underage drinking (possession, 17-20 years of age, 2nd), has intake on Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Jeffery James Distad, 28, Three Lakes, cited for county retail theft (intentionally taking), has intake on Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Aaron M. Hultquist, 47, Hazelhurst, cited for disorderly conduct (county/municipality), has intake on Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

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Digest

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The second-largest expense facing hospitals and health systems is salary and fringe costs, driven in large part by the workforce shortage as detailed in the Wisconsin Hospital Association's 2023 Workforce Report. These expenses have increased 13.51 percent since 2019. Capital costs have also increased, rising 6 percent since 2019.

Lawmaker says Vos continues to protect WEC's Wolfe

State Rep. Janel Brandtjen (R-Menomonee Falls) says Assembly speaker Robin Vos is making a concerted but misguided effort to protect the job of Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) administrator Meagan Wolfe.

"Last week, speaker Vos continued his support for WEC administrator Meagan Wolfe by asserting the need to adhere to the constitution and await a court ruling," she said, referring to calls for the legislature to impeach Wolfe and to a court case over her status. "It is worth noting that impeachment powers were exclusively granted to the legislature and operate within a system of checks and balances."

Brandtjen said it is crucial to recognize that impeachment is not a subject of discussion in the lawsuit; instead, the constraints address appointment powers.

"Impeachment is not a judicial proceeding, and therefore, the Madison court cannot make references to a process over which it holds no authority," she said.

Brandtjen said it was the second instance in which Vos has seemingly misconstrued the impeachment process.

"The first occurred when he led members to believe that a two-thirds

majority was required to impeach Wolfe after Sen. Kapenga had requested Vos to initiate Wolfe's impeachment," she said.

The pressing question is, Brandtjen asked, why is Vos so committed to safeguarding Wolfe that he is willing to misrepresent the legislature's authority and the constitution to retain her in her position?

"Wolfe has violated the law, not just in the Teigen case ruled upon by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, but also in her mismanagement of elections, which could constitute legitimate grounds for her removal under the constitution," she said.

Universities of Wisconsin unveil \$32 million workforce proposal

The Universities of Wisconsin have unveiled a \$32 million proposal to develop more engineers, nurses, data scientists, and business and finance leaders, in an effort the universities say would continue their ongoing emphasis on meeting workforce needs.

The proposal comes in response to the 2023-25 state budget, which assigns \$32 million to the UW pending a plan to use it to address workforce issues.

"This plan is exactly what the legislature is looking for—a concentrated emphasis on adding more graduates to the workforce in key areas," said Universities of Wisconsin president Jay Rothman. "We are Wisconsin's greatest talent magnet and talent generator, and this funding will add to our existing role in helping Wisconsin win the War for Talent."

UW planned to present the plan to the Board of Regents for approval. After that, Rothman will deliver the proposal to the Joint Committee on Finance, which according to the budget must approve the plan for the funding to be delivered to UW.

The plan calls for UW-Madison

and UW-Milwaukee to receive approximately \$2.5 million each and the remaining 11 universities to receive approximately \$1 million each annually for the biennium. Each university would tailor the funding to educate more students in some or all of the four key areas: engineering, nursing/health care, business/finance, and computer/data science.

Once fully phased in, funding, if approved and continued, is expected to add more than 9,300 graduates in the four areas in a five-year period, including more than 2,100 in each of the four key areas.

Rothman said UW universities already deliver nearly 15,000 graduates into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and health careers each year. That is close to 40 percent of all degrees awarded by the Universities of Wisconsin overall and reflects a 30 percent increase over the past 10 years.

"I'm proud of the critical role our universities play in shaping Wisconsin's workforce of the future," he said. "The Universities of Wisconsin have the capacity to add thousands of graduates to the workforce in critical areas, and I know we'll be responsible stewards of this funding when it is released by the legislature."

Evers launches new \$50M non-state grant program

Gov. Tony Evers has launched a new non-state grant program to support local infrastructure improvement and community development projects in communities across the state.

The program was established as part of the 2023-25 biennial budget, with a \$50 million allocation of state funding to support economic and community development, bolster Wisconsin's infrastructure, and improve the overall quality of life in the state.

Evers says the program will serve as a catalyst for community develop-

ment, empowering local organizations to undertake construction projects that have a profound public purpose.

The program launch came as Evers announced he's investing \$36.6 million available through the American Rescue Plan Act into building projects across the state in Janesville, Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Door County. Republican members of the Wisconsin legislature previously rejected the five projects through the 2023-25 capital budget process.

"Investments through the Non-State Grant Program will help support local jobs and workers, bolster local tourism and economies, and improve the quality of life for folks in every corner of Wisconsin," Evers said. "A critical part of our administration's work has been ensuring our infrastructure, workforce, and economy are prepared to meet the needs of the 21st century, and that includes investing in critical improvements and development at the local level that we know will have a long-term impact on our communities and our state."

Along with the five new building projects, Evers said the initiative marks a significant stride in his efforts to build strong, resilient communities.

The application period for the program is now open and will close on Jan. 31, 2024. During this window, non-state organizations are encouraged to submit proposals that not only align with the program's mission but also demonstrate innovative solutions to pressing community challenges.

To be eligible for a grant, non-state organizations must secure funding from non-state revenue sources covering at least half of the total project cost and be ready for construction. The period represents a unique opportunity for organizations to contribute to the state's progress by proposing projects that stand to make a lasting impact on Wisconsin's social and economic landscape.

Grants

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"As a state we have made progress in addressing the systemic racism that has plagued our state for decades," Stubbs said. "However, by passing this bill we are turning back pages of the history books and closing the gates to higher education for many minority students, in addition to pitting minority groups against each other."

Stubbs cited several issues she had with the bill.

"Technically, this bill is not necessary because we are not in violation of the U.S. Supreme Court decision on affirmative action," she said. "According to the Wisconsin Legislative Council, the admissions case decision only applies to race-conscious admissions decisions. Race-conscious grants and loans are still legally permissible with the Supreme Court decision."

In addition, Stubbs said, there is no definition for what would be considered disadvantaged.

"This bill did not have a definition for disadvantaged in committee and even on the floor still does not have one," she said. "This bill is incomplete. How are we even considering voting to pass an incomplete bill?"

Stubbs said diversity is a strength, and as a legislative body lawmakers have a responsibility to ensure that the workforce reflects the communities they serve.

"Children of color deserve

to see themselves reflected in the teachers, doctors, and dentists they encounter on a daily basis," she said. "We also have a responsibility to support our students of color as they complete their studies and enter the working world. We must not pass legislation that will erode that support. It is therefore my obligation to oppose [this bill] and all other measures that will take away opportunities from our minority students and professionals."

Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) said the bill was an out-and-out attack on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs.

"We all know how important our universities are to our state," Neubauer said. "But the GOP-led legislature is failing them. The majority party is ignoring the pressing issues our universities face while attacking diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and micromanaging our schools."

Instead of building schools and a state where everyone, no matter their background, has great opportunities and a sense of belonging, the legislature is sending a message that Wisconsin doesn't welcome everyone, Neubauer said.

"Because of the actions of the majority party, hundreds of people across the university system are furloughed and losing their jobs," she said, "We can't keep our heads in the sand. It's time to act and properly invest in campuses in every corner of the state."

Free speech

Another bill passed last week on a party-line vote of 62-36 would establish a right to free speech on UW campuses.

Specifically, the bill would not only prohibit UW schools and technical colleges from restricting a speaker's First Amendment right to free speech but also require the UW System to conduct a biennial survey of students on their First Amendment rights and to submit the results to the Legislature.

Under the bill, a UW institution or technical college may not restrict speech protected under the First Amendment, if the speaker's conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the UW institution or technical college.

According to an analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB), the institution also cannot restrict expressive activities on publicly accessible, open outdoor areas of its campus and indoor areas that have been designated as public forums, except classrooms while they are in use for instructional purposes, nor may it designate any area of a campus a "free speech zone" or otherwise create policies restricting noncommercial expressive activities to a particular area of a campus.

The institutions likewise cannot require a permit as a condition of being allowed to engage in expressive activities protected under the bill, or charge security fees as

part of a permit application, based on the content of expression or anticipated reaction.

Finally, the LRB analysis states, institutions could not sanction individuals or groups for discriminatory harassment unless the speech targets its victim on the basis of a protected class under law, and is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively bars a student from receiving equal access to educational opportunities or benefits.

If the institutions are found to have violated the free speech guarantees, they could be fined up to \$100,000.

According to the Wisconsin Legislative Council, the bill also establishes due process guarantees for any student, employee, or organization involved in a disciplinary hearing at a UW or technical college institution. Under the amended bill, the analysis states, if such as institution is found to have violated the due process guarantees established by the bill more than once in a five-year period, that institution's tuition must be frozen for a period of two academic years.

Rep. Amanda Nedweski (R-Pleasant Prairie) said the bill was necessary because of the censorious conduct being allowed on college campuses around the country.

"Increased campus trends of using tactics such as the heckler's veto to shout speakers down, disinviting a speaker by way of acquiescence to mob rule, and dis-

proportionate security fees for some groups versus others threaten our commitment to The Wisconsin Idea" Nedweski said. "... "We must be committed to educating students on the nuances of free speech, to providing support for opposing views, and to creating environments that are conducive to a respectful, productive, and meaningful exchange of ideas."

Republicans say another bill they passed would ensure that the best and brightest students from Wisconsin attend UW campuses by requiring those with a class ranking in the top 5 percent be guaranteed admission to UW-Madison and those with a class ranking in the top 10 percent be guaranteed admission to all other UW schools.

Callahan said he was glad to support the proposals because they benefit not only students but the state as a whole.

"The UW System states that nearly 90 percent of in-state UW graduates stay here after graduation, and I know that there are many UW alumni working throughout the 35th Assembly District," he said. "By improving the UW System, we can ensure that the next generation of workers in Wisconsin is prepared to lead us forward."

The bills now head to the state Senate for their consideration.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)

Case No. 23PR88

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HELEN L. STOKES
DOD: February 24, 2022
A petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth March 31, 1926 and date of death Feb. 24, 2022, was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 900 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander, WI 54501.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Petition be heard at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room Branch II, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Michael H. Bloom, on December 27, 2023 at 9:15 a.m..

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

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 29, 2024.

3. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, 54501, Wisconsin, Room A-318, Probate Office.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.

5. Publication of this notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

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

/s/ Hon. Michael H. Bloom
Circuit Court Judge
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ORDINANCE NO #2-2023 PROHIBITION AGAINST THE DEPOSIT OF SNOW ONTO TOWN ROADS Per Wisconsin State Statutes *86.01, 346.94

The Town Board of the Town of Pelican, Oneida County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

(1). No person shall throw, plow, deposit or discharge or throw, plow, deposit, or cause or to allow or permit any person to throw, plow, deposit or discharge any snow or other materials onto portion of any public highways, roads, streets, or alleys in the Town of Pelican that are improper, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

(2). This ordinance shall not apply to any roadway which is not normally maintained by the Town of Pelican for vehicular traffic by removal of snow.

(3). PENALTIES: Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), together with the costs of prosecution. Each separate act of depositing snow or other materials shall constitute a specific violation for the purposes of imposing penalties under this section.

(4). The ordinance shall be enforced by the Town Board who shall issue citations to violators upon receipt of any complaint from any resident in the Town of Pelican, or from any member of the Town crew.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Date the 6th day of November 2023
Offered in person by: Walter Dahlquist Jr
Second by: James Cates

Motion adopted by a vote of 3 "yes" and 0 "no", this 6th day of November 2023 at a regular meeting of the Pelican Town Board of Supervisors held at the Pelican Town Hall on the even date.

Chairman Dave Hollands
Supervisor Walter Dahlquist Jr.
Supervisor James Cates

ATTEST: Clerk Mike Ring
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11/14 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference B, 330 Court St. Eagle River, WI 54521 on November 16, 2023 at 10:15 am.

The public hearing will be held for the purpose of a temporary route in Rhinelander from January 27, 2024, to February 3, 2024.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to:

Transit Manager
Northwoods Transit Connections
PO Box 853
Rhinelander, WI 54501

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and wish to attend the hearing should contact Barb Newman at 715-420-0585. The Vilas County Courthouse is handicapped accessible.

If you need transportation to the hearing, please contact Northwoods Transit Connections at 715-420-0585 to arrange a ride.

The Oneida Vilas Transit Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any comment in the best interest of the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission.

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10/27 thru 11/14 Tu & Fr WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference B, 330 Court St. Eagle River, WI 54521 on November 16, 2023 at 10:00 am.

The public hearing will be held for the purpose of presentation and comment on the draft of the 2024 Oneida Vilas Transit Commission's WisDOT Grant Application.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to:

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10/27-11/14 Tu Fri WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

Case No. 23CV180

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Amber Rose Hoban-Nuszkiewicz
First Name Middle Name Last Name

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Amber Rose Hoban-Nuszkiewicz
First Name Middle Name Last Name
To: Amber Rose Nuszkiewicz
First Name Middle Name Last Name
Birth Certificate: Amber Rose Hoban
First Name Middle Name Last Name

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Oneida County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Honorable Michael H. Bloom
Place: Branch II, Oneida County Court House,
1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, WI 54501
Date: December 4, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-369-6120 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in The Northwoods River News, a newspaper published in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Michael H. Bloom
Circuit Court Judge
October 30, 2023
11/07,11/14,11/21 WNAXLP

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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. 23PR85

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TERENCE LYNN ENGSTROM
DOD: 09-25-2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-06-1955 and date of death 09-25-2023 was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3372 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander, WI 54501.

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 November 21, 2023 at 10 a.m. **You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.**

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 15, 2024.

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

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

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

/s/ Amy M. Franzen
Probate Registrar
10-25-2023

Nick G. Cirilli
116 E. Davenport St., Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-369-3443
Bar Number 1101541
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10/31,11/7,11/14 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN: CIRCUIT COURT: ONEIDA COUNTY NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Case Number: 2022CV000062

Bank of America, N.A,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Estate of Peter E. Frasco,
Defendant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 7, 2023, in the amount of \$113,516.12, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

ORIGINAL TIME: December 6, 2023 at 10:00AM

TERMS: 1. 10% of the successful bid is due at the time of sale. Payment must be in cash, certified check, or cashier's check, payable to the Oneida County Clerk of Courts. The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds not later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeiture of deposit to Plaintiff.

2. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.

3. Upon confirmation of the court, buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

PLACE: In the lobby of the Oneida County Courthouse, One Oneida Ave., Rhinelander WI 54501

Property description:

That part of the unplatted portion of Government Lot 2, Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 10 East, Town of Enterprise, Oneida County, Wisconsin, lying Easterly of County Trunk "G" and Southerly of the right-of-way of the (former) Chicago and North Western Railway Company.

And

A 20 foot strip of land located in Government Lot 2, Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 10 East, Town of Enterprise, Oneida County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 10 East; thence North 2 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 1011.6 feet to an iron pipe marking a point (this point is also known as the Southwest corner of Lot 1 of William Immich survey map for Jeff Dickison, Map #7611, dated June 5, 1985); thence South 85 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds West, a distance of 171.3 feet to the point of Beginning, (this point is located 100 feet from the center line of County Highway "G"); Thence continuing on South 85 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds West, a distance 20 feet to a point, (this point is located 80 feet from the center line of County Highway "G"); thence in a Northwesterly direction parallel to the center line of County Highway "G" a distance of 417.61 feet to a point (which is also located 80 feet from the center line of County Highway "G"); thence North 85 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds E, a distance of 20 feet to an iron pipe; thence in a Southeasterly direction parallel to the center line of County Highway "G" 417.61 feet to the point of Beginning.

The sole purpose of this transaction is to correct the trespass situation whereby the house shown on Lot 1 of William Immich survey map for Jeff Dickison, Map #7611, dated June 5, 1985, was built on highway right-of-way. The parcel created by this deed shall remain with said Lot 1 of William Immich Map #7611 and not be sold separately.

Excepting Therefrom:

A parcel of land located in Government Lot 2, Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 10 East, Oneida County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe marking the South 1/4 corner of said Section 25 and the point of Beginning. Thence North 2 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 538.22 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 85 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds West, a distance of 258.46 feet to the centerline of C.T.H."G"; thence along the centerline of C.T.H. "G", South 4 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds E, a distance of 501.59 feet to a point; thence South 85 degrees 38 minutes East, a distance of 246.72 feet to the point of Beginning.

Excepting therefrom the Westerly 100 feet of the above described parcel.

Tax Key No: EN-728-4

Property Address: 476 County Road G, Pelican Lake, WI 54463
Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
342 N. Water Street, Suite 613
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 937-5992

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), we are required to state that we may be attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information we obtain may be used for that purpose.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT ONEIDA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 23-CV-000089

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.

The Estate of Billy G. Kerney, Deceased
Defendant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on August 22, 2023 in the amount of \$338,103.27 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: December 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: On the courthouse steps in the City of Rhinelander, Oneida County

DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 4781, recorded in the Oneida County Register of Deeds office on October 18, 2018, in Volume 22 of Certified Survey Maps on page 4781, as Document No. 787483, being a part of Lot 14 of Frank & Theresa White's Subdivision, and part of the East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the North 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 26, Township 36 North, Range 6 East, Town of Nokomis, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2224 Lake Nokomis Rd Tomahawk, WI 54487-9306

DATED: September 28, 2023

Grady Hartman
Oneida County Sheriff

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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10/31,11/7,11/14 WNAXLP

NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)

Case No. 2023PR87

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Gregory M. Demith
Deceased
A petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth May 27,1990 and date of death October 15, 2023 was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 7266 Chicken in the Woods Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Petition be heard at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room Branch II Courtroom, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Michael H. Bloom, on December 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 22, 2024.

3. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, 54501, Wisconsin, Room A-318, Probate Office.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.

5. Publication of this notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-369-6120 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Please check with person named below for exact time and date.

/s/ Hon. Michael H. Bloom
Circuit Court Judge
11-02-2023

Richard W. Torhorst
PO Box 1300, Lake Geneva, WI 53147
262-215-2373
Bar Number: 1015127
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THE PERFECT ENDING

Rhinelanders take six events, win WIAA D2 girls' swim crown in dominating fashion

By Jeremy Mayo

RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

WAUKESHA — All season long the Rhinelanders High School girls' swim team believed it had an exceptionally strong hand — a team with enough depth and firepower to put an end to Edgewood's run of dominance in Division 2.

When it came time to lay the cards on the table Friday night, the Hodags went all-in and nobody could stop them.

As it turns out, it's hard to beat a hand that features six aces.

Rhinelanders won six of the 12 events Friday night, including all three relay races, as they ran away to a dominating victory in the WIAA Division 2 state meet in Waukesha. Mathematically, the Hodags had the title clinched with two events remaining and swam to an 87-point victory over Whitefish Bay.

Edgewood, the Madison-based private school that boasted eight

straight state-championship seasons, finished third.

"I feel on top of the world right now," said Hodag senior Karis Francis, who was part of four of Rhinelanders' wins on Friday. "It's like everything, it worked out how we expected it to and hoped that it would."

Karis Francis and fellow senior Abi Winnicki were on Rhinelanders' state championship team in 2020, when Edgewood opted out of the traditional fall season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Crusaders would go on to win the alternate season championship the following spring and then beat the Hodags for the state title in 2021.

Winnicki scored a pair of top-three finishes individually and anchored the Hodags' championship-winning 200-yard freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams.

"Getting to share that opportunity

and experience with a bunch of swimmers that are going to come back next year, it's really exciting," she said. "The fact that we sealed the deal was a great way to go out."

It was just one more star on a dazzling resume for the Hodag swim program over the past five years. The Hodag girls have not finished outside the top five at state since 2018 and the Hodag boys swam to the D2 state title back in February.

Rhinelanders became just the sixth school in WIAA history to hold the state title in both boys' and girls' swimming in the same calendar year. Jenny Heck became just the third coach to guide two different teams to a state title in the same year.

"These kids are the ones that deserve all the recognition," Heck said. "I surround myself with a lot of people who are very invested with these kids — coaches, parents. It takes a lot for it all to come to-

gether and I've been fortunate and blessed enough to surround myself with a lot of people who really care."

The Hodags entered the night as 87 1/2-point favorites to win the title, based on how they qualified into the meet via sectionals. Rhinelanders scored 308 points, actually beating its projected total by 11 1/2 points. Though Whitefish Bay also exceeded projections, the Hodags were comfortably out in front most of the way.

Rhinelanders took the lead after freshman Celia Francis won the fourth event of the night, the 200 individual medley, and the rest was history.

"It worked out. Everything just worked out. Everything wasn't perfect, but it was all really good — good enough to get the win and that's what we were looking for," Heck said.

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JEREMY MAYO/RIVER NEWS

The Rhinelanders High School girls' swim team celebrates after winning the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10. Rhinelanders won six events in the meet and swam to an 87-point victory over Whitefish Bay.

Hodags Winnicki, Francis announce D-I plans

By Jeremy Mayo

RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After capping off their decorated high school careers with a second state championship on Friday night, Rhinelanders' Abi Winnicki and Karis Francis are looking forward to the next chapter.

Both swimmers are moving on to swim collegiately at the NCAA Division-I level. Winnicki will be moving on to swim at UCLA while Francis will head to Liberty University in Virginia.

The two planned to formally announce their plans on Monday, after press time for today's edition.

"They're quite a dynamic duo," Hodag coach Jenny Heck said of two of the leaders that helped guide the Hodags this year. "To have them both be leaders on this

year, it's such an invaluable experience.

"I'm really happy for them. I've known them both since they've been little and to think that they're seniors and they're now going to go out and spread their wings, it's time for them but, at the same time, I feel that they're little girls looking up to their older sisters."

Winnicki and Francis spoke to the *River News* last week ahead of their formal announcement. They both said it was apparent pretty early on in the recruiting process where they wanted to land.

"It was my first official (visit) and it was literally perfect," Winnicki said. "I got on campus and everything was perfect. Hearing about everything they have for the athletes and the students was

really nice."

Francis was already quite familiar with the Lynchburg, Va. campus, given that her older sisters, Kiah and Malia, both went on to swim for the Flames after high school. Karis Francis said that familiarity helped in the process.

"That was definitely very helpful, knowing the ins and outs of the program and all the ups and downs, things like that," she said. "Knowing they had such success going there and all the things they've been able to tell me about the school, it just has everything that I need there."

Winnicki and Francis ended their high school careers as two of the most decorated swimmers in Hodag girls' history.

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JEREMY MAYO/RIVER NEWS

Rhinelanders' Karis Francis, left, and Abi Winnicki pose for a photograph in the Heck Family Community Pool wearing apparel of their future collegiate programs. Francis is going on to swim at Liberty University and Winnicki plans to swim at UCLA.

TEAM PREVIEW: RHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Hodags eager to reload in top-heavy GNC

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Rhinelander High School girls' basketball team was playing its best basketball at the end of the 2022-23 season. Despite losing a major piece off a squad that went 11-15 and finished tied for third in the Great Northern Conference, coach Ryan Clark is optimistic about the squad he will field this year.

"The expectations are really high," he said Saturday after the team scrimmaged in Wisconsin Dells. "The seniors, they want to win and they're working really hard, the two juniors are really nice players and then with (the incoming freshmen), I think we're going to be a pretty tough team."

The biggest question mark going into the season is how the Hodags will replace the production of unanimous first-team All-GNC selection and GNC scoring champion Ava Lamers. She averaged 23 points per game in the conference, 23.4 points per game overall and had a strong campaign for the Hodags.

Expect multiple players to shoulder the load in that department. The Hodags return senior Lily Treder, who was honorable mention in the GNC last year and was second on the team, averaging 12.2 points a contest. She leads a class of five seniors that includes fellow outside threat Leah Jamison (6.8 points per game), scrappy guard Morgan Van Zile (5.8 ppg), Tori Riopel and Eva Hetland. Riopel picked up considerable minutes in the rotation in the sec-



PHOTOS BY BOB MAINHARDT FOR THE RIVER NEWS

In this Feb. 14, 2022 file photo, Rhinelander's Lily Treder drives past Stevens Point's Lauren Strasman to the basket during the second half of a non-conference game at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium. Treder is the top returning scorer for the Lady Hodags this season, averaging 12.1 points per game in 2022-23.

ond half of last year after Kelsey Winter went down with a season-ending knee injury and Hetland will be seeing her first appreciable varsity minutes this winter.

To that end, Clark said this team reminds him of his 2021-22 squad that needed to replace a leading scorer in Rebecca Lawrence but had a deep senior class. "By the end of the year they were playing very confident," Clark said. "That has just carried over. Now those five seniors, senior urgency kicked in, they're taking a lot of ownership of this team. They're just really dialed in and playing well."

The Hodags have welcomed a big freshman class, and at least two of those ninth-graders are expected to make an immediate impact on the varsity lineup. That group is headlined by Clark's eldest daughter, Aubryn, who contributed right away on Saturday with 28 points in the team's three scrimmage sessions.

In addition to adding a scoring punch and the ability to get to the rim, Aubryn Clark was the team's primary ball handler against the press and in half-court offense and provided some rebounding presence, which had been a weakness for what has been an undersized team the last couple of seasons.

"Aubryn's just a really good player. When she steps in, she can control the whole game. She can get to the rim any time she wants. She finds the shooters," coach Clark said. "For her, she's blessed to have wonderful upperclassmen. They're the best, high-character kids. She's in a pretty good situation where she can go out there and be her and they're very inviting and accommodating."

The Hodags also expect freshman Vivian Lamers, Ava's younger sister, to be a solid presence in the rotation. She missed the first week of practice as she wrapped up her girls' swim season with four podium finishes as



In this Dec. 9, 2020 file photo, Aubryn Clark drives in from the top of the key during a middle school girls' basketball game between Rhinelander and Northland Pines at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium. Clark leads a strong incoming freshman class for the Hodags.

part of the Hodags' state championship run on Friday.

Winter and fellow junior Dawsyn Barkus round out the players who the Hodags had on varsity for Saturday's scrimmage. Winter is still making her way back from the knee injury she suffered last January at Wausau East and was limited in her role on Saturday. She figures to add a key rebounding presence when she returns to full strength, after averaging seven rebounds a contest last year prior to her injury. Barkus, who had a breakout game with 11 points off the bench in a playoff win against Medford last February, adds another shooting threat to a team that already has an ability to shoot the 3.

"Dawsyn, Leah, Lily, Aubryn, they all can really shoot the basketball," coach Clark said.

"We have multiple kids that can shoot the 3. I think we can score, I just don't know if we can consistently stop enough people yet, defensively. And rebounding is a concern until Kelsey is fully healed."

As the Hodags have in past years, they will also look to the transition game to spark the offense, either off steals or rushing back up the floor after a defensive stop.

"We're fast. We get a defensive rebound and we call it 'showtime.' We just fly. We're attacking downhill hard," coach Clark said. "I think we'll be a fun team to watch. It kinds of reminds me of the team (in 2019-20) when we had Kenedy (Van Zile) and Cynthia (Beavers). They wanted to put on a show."

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

PREP GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Great Northern Conference Standings as of Saturday, Nov. 11

| Team | GNC | Ovr |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Antigo | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Lakeland | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Medford | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Mosinee | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Northland Pines | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Rhineland | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Tomahawk | 0-0 | 0-0 |

Thursday's Games

Mosinee at New London (NC), 7 p.m.

Shawano at Medford (NC), 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Tomahawk at Butternut (NC), 7 p.m.

Antigo at Clintonville (NC), 7 p.m.

Medford at Hayward (NC), 7:15 p.m.

Crandon at Rhinelander (NC), 7:15 p.m.

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| Culver's | 31-18 |
| Worm | 24-24 |
| Simokon | 24-25 |
| Metro Screenprinting | 22-27 |
| 2 Fingers, 1 Thumb | 21-28 |
| Nick's Hodag Lanes | 21-28 |
| Hodag Honda | 17-32 |

Ladies Friendly League

Tuesday, Nov. 7

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------|-----|
| High Game | |
| Vicki Larson | 231 |
| Jan Wege | 222 |
| Amy Kinsch | 212 |
| Becky Hakala | 192 |
| Cory Hoffmann | 189 |
| Melissa Coleman | 189 |
| High Series | |
| Amy Kinsch | 561 |
| Vicki Larson | 542 |
| Cory Hoffmann | 531 |
| Connie Reinke | 518 |
| Becky Hakala | 510 |

Standings as of Nov. 7

| Team | W-L |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Avco Vacuum Cleaner Co. | 46-24 |
| KSW Construction Corp. | 46-24 |
| Country Bar | 43-27 |
| Hodag Country Fest | 37-33 |
| Rhineland Brewing Co. | 37-33 |
| Play By Play | 37-33 |
| Hodag Honda | 34-36 |
| Tom's Drawing Board | 32-38 |
| Rick's Pro Shop | 32-68 |
| Nick's Side Chicks | 29-41 |
| McNaughton Pub | 26-44 |
| Acre Chicks | 21-49 |

BILLIARDS

Rhineland Men's Pool League

Thursday, Nov. 9

| DIVISION A | W | L |
|--------------|----|----|
| Moonlighting | 44 | 10 |

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Town & Country 2 | 39 | 15 |
| Rocky's Roadhouse | 32 | 22 |
| River Street Tap 2 | 32 | 22 |
| Fisher's Resort | 30 | 24 |
| Jailhouse 1 | 25 | 29 |
| Sammy Jr's 1 | 24 | 30 |
| Cabaret Cove | 24 | 30 |
| Spencer's Den 1 | 21 | 33 |
| Pat's Tavern | 20 | 34 |
| H2H Public House 1 | 20 | 34 |
| Birchwood | 18 | 36 |
| Twin Pines 2 | 16 | 38 |
| River Street Tap 1 | 35 | 19 |
| H2H Public House 2 | 35 | 19 |
| Wayne's Place | 30 | 24 |
| Town & Country 1 | 28 | 26 |
| Spencer's Den 2 | 27 | 27 |
| Brokers 3 | 27 | 27 |
| Jailhouse 2 | 25 | 29 |
| Big Daddy's | 25 | 29 |
| Sammy Jr's 2 | 24 | 30 |
| Bucketheads | 24 | 30 |
| Three Sheets | 20 | 24 |
| Racks & Rods | 18 | 36 |

| Thursday's Results |
|---|
| Moonlighting 8, Fisher's Resort 1 |
| H2H Public House-2 5, Jailhouse-2 4 |
| Brokers-3 7, Bucketheads 2 |
| Rocky's 7, Twin Pines-2 2 |
| Town & Country-2 5, Birchwood 4 |
| River Street Tap-2 7, Cabaret Cove 2 |
| Spencer's Den-1 6, Sammy Jr's-1 3 |
| River Street Tap-1 6, Racks and Rods 3 |
| Town & Country-1 5, Big Daddy's 4 |
| Spencer's Den-2 6, Sammy Jr's-2 3 |
| Jailhouse-1 7, H2H Public House-1 2 |
| Wayne's Place 5, Pat's Tavern 4 |
| Twin Pines-1 6, Three Sheets 3 |
| Table Runs: Paul Anderson, Kurt Keso, Nic Treder, Scott Yonker. |
| 8 Ball Break: Mike Hagen. |

Rhineland Women's Pool League

Wednesday, Nov. 8

| DIVISION A | W | L |
|------------------|----|----|
| Bucketheads | 31 | 14 |
| Brokers 2 | 30 | 12 |
| Woodpecker | 26 | 19 |
| Rocky's | 24 | 21 |
| Moonlighting | 21 | 24 |
| Big Daddy's | 19 | 26 |
| Fisher's Resort | 10 | 35 |
| DIVISION B | W | L |
| Brokers 1 | 28 | 14 |
| River Street Tap | 27 | 15 |
| Town Pump | 25 | 17 |
| Wayne's Place | 20 | 25 |
| Town Pump | 19 | 23 |
| Pine Harbor | 17 | 25 |

Wednesday's Results

| |
|---------------------------------|
| Bucketheads 5, Brokers-2 4 |
| Rocky's 6, Woodpecker 3 |
| Moonlighting 7, Big Daddy's 2 |
| Wayne's Place 6, Town Pump 3 |
| Pine Harbor 5, Birchwood 4 |
| Brokers-1 5, River Street Tap 4 |
| Bye: Fisher's Resort. |

Ladies One on One Pool League

Tuesday, Nov. 7

| Team | W-L | Pts. |
|--|------|------|
| Maday's Fish Trap 1 | 14-1 | 641 |
| Cockatiels | 11-4 | 638 |
| Holly's | 4-11 | 506 |
| Maday's Fish Trap 2 | 1-14 | 465 |
| Tuesday's Results | | |
| Cockatiels 3, Fish Trap-2 0 | | |
| Fish Trap-1 3, Holly's 0 | | |
| Individual Standings: | | |
| 1, Marie Rell, Ckt, 150.2, Chris Foster, FT1, 140.3, Shawn Augustine, FT1, 138.4, Gladly Salo, FT1, 126.5, Misty Bergsrud, Ckt, 125. | | |

SWIMMING

PREP GIRLS' SWIMMING

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Nov. 11

| Team | GNC | Meet | Pts |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|
| x-Rhineland | 7-0 | 456 | 30 |
| Medford | 6-1 | 256 | 26 |
| Ladysmith Co-op | 5-2 | 149 | 22 |
| Colby/Abbotsford | 4-3 | 137 | 18 |
| Tomahawk | 3-4 | 86 | 12 |
| Lakeland | 1-6 | 101 | 10 |
| Mosinee | 2-4 | 53 | 8 |
| Antigo | 0-7 | 51 | 2 |

x-Clinched GNC title

Friday's Meet

WIAA Division 2 State Meet
Rhineland 1st, Tomahawk 21st, Lakeland T-22nd, Colby/Abbotsford 26th, Antigo T-30th, Medford 36th/36 at Waukesha

WIAA Division 2 State Championship

Waukesha South High School

Friday, Nov. 10

Team Scores: 1, Rhineland, 308 points. 2, Whitefish Bay, 221. 3, Edgewood, 208. 4, Ashwaubenon, 152. 5, Jefferson/Cambridge, 114. 6, Kohler, 112. 7, Baraboo, 109. 8, Sauk Prairie, 108. 9, Shorewood, 104. 10, Sturgeon Bay, 94. 11, Wittenberg-Birmamwood, 92. 12, Greendale, 90. 13, New Berlin Eisenhower, 83. 14, Whitnall, 79. 15, South Milwaukee, 73. 16, Stoughton, 52. 17, Mount Horeb, 43. 18, Rice Lake, 40. 19 (tie), Wauwatosa West, McFarland 29. 21, Tomahawk, 27. 22 (tie), Lakeland, Whitewater, 24. 24, Wausau East, 23. 17, Black River Falls, 17. 26, Colby/Abbotsford, 113. 27, Plymouth, 12. 28, Seymour, 10. 29, Portage, 7. 30 (tie), Antigo, Merrill, Clintonville, Port Washington, 5. 34 (tie), Grafton, Edgerton/Evansville, 3. 36, Medford, 2.

Diving: 1, Rianna Dobbie, Whit, 476.40.

2, Chelsea McDowell, Whit, 4111.4. 3, Maya Forcier, Edge, 400.20.

200 Medley Relay:

1, Rhineland, 1:45.63. 2, Whitefish Bay, 1:49.04. 3, Edgewood, 1:49.17.

200 Freestyle:

1, Sienna Nitke, Ashw, 1:48.98. 2, Anne Dickinson, WFB, 1:49.50. 3, Abi Winnicki, Rhi, 1:52.17.

200 Individual Medley:

1, Celia Francis, Rhi, 2:09.14. 2, Zoey Rank, J/C, 2:09.17. 3, Grace Charles, Edge, 2:10.27. ... 8, Lily Thorsen, Rhi, 2:14.72. 9, Ellyse Younker, Rhi, 2:14.86.

50 Freestyle:

1, A. Dickinson, WFB, 23.82. 2, Cheyenne Borroughs, Sto, 23.87. 3, Vivian Lamers, Rhi, 24.53.

100 Butterfly:

1, Karis Francis, Rhi, 56.05. 2, Savanna Acker, SkP, 56.45. 3, Jordyn Davis, J/C, 57.12. ... 7, Younker, Rhi, 58.14. 10, Millie Gruett, Rhi, 1:00.18.

100 Freestyle:

1, Nitke, Ashw, 50.68. 2, Winnicki, Rhi, 51.56. 3, Kaylee Olson, SkP, 53.74. ... 5, Lamers, Rhi, 54.19.

500 Freestyle:

1, Erin Schuch, Ashw, 5:03.04. 2, Hannah Mellock, Grndl, 5:14.01. 3, Lauren Simon, Shore, 5:17.23. ... 15, Emma Houg, Rhi, 5:35.54.

200 Freestyle Relay:

1, Rhineland, 1:38.18. 2, Ashwaubenon, 1:38.36. 3, Edgewood, 1:39.44.

100 Backstroke:

1, Acker, SkP, 55.80. 2, C. Francis, Rhi, 55.87. 3, Davis, J/C, 56.79.

100 Breaststroke:

1, K. Francis, Rhi, 1:03.99. 2, Borroughs, Sto, 1:04.00. 3, Rank, J/C, 1:05.05. ... 14, Thorsen, Rhi, 1:08.97. 16, Ella Heck, Rhi, 1:10.93.

400 Freestyle Relay:

1, Rhineland, 3:30.61. 2, Whitefish Bay, 3:37.39. 3, Ashwaubenon, 3:38.08.

WISCONSIN SPORTS GLANCE



SCHEDULE

Nov. 5: Packers 20, L.A. Rams 3
Sunday: at Pittsburgh, late
Nov. 19: vs. L.A. Chargers, Noon (FOX)

NFL STANDINGS AS OF NOV. 11

| AMERICAN CONFERENCE | | | | NATIONAL CONFERENCE | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|------|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| North | W | L | Pct | North | W | L | Pct |
| Baltimore | 7 | 2 | .778 | Detroit | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 3 | .625 | Minnesota | 5 | 4 | .556 |
| Cleveland | 5 | 3 | .625 | Green Bay | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 3 | .625 | Chicago | 3 | 7 | .300 |
| East | W | L | Pct | East | W | L | Pct |
| Miami | 6 | 3 | .667 | Philadelphia | 8 | 1 | .889 |
| Buffalo | 5 | 4 | .556 | Dallas | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| N.Y. Jets | 4 | 4 | .500 | Washington | 4 | 5 | .444 |
| New England | 2 | 7 | .222 | N.Y. Giants | 2 | 7 | .222 |
| South | W | L | Pct | South | W | L | Pct |
| Jacksonville | 6 | 2 | .750 | New Orleans | 5 | 4 | .556 |
| Houston | 4 | 4 | .500 | Atlanta | 4 | 5 | .444 |
| Indianapolis | 4 | 5 | .444 | Tampa Bay | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| Tennessee | 3 | 5 | .375 | Carolina | 1 | 8 | .111 |
| West | W | L | Pct | West | W | L | Pct |
| Kansas City | 7 | 2 | .778 | San Francisco | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| L.A. Chargers | 4 | 4 | .500 | Seattle | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| Las Vegas | 4 | 5 | .444 | L.A. Rams | 3 | 6 | .333 |
| Denver | 3 | 5 | .375 | Arizona | 1 | 8 | .111 |



SCHEDULE

Nov. 8: Bucks 120, Detroit 118
Nov. 9: Indiana 126, Bucks 124
Saturday: Orlando 112, Bucks 97
Monday: vs. Chicago, late
Wednesday: at Toronto, 6:30 p.m. (BSWI)

NBA STANDINGS AS OF NOV. 11

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------------|---|---|------|----|
| Atlantic Division | W | L | Pct | GB | Northwest Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 1 | .875 | — | Denver | 8 | 1 | .889 | — |
| Boston | 7 | 2 | .778 | ½ | Minnesota | 6 | 2 | .750 | 1½ |
| New York | 4 | 4 | .500 | 3 | Oklahoma City | 5 | 4 | .556 | 3 |
| Toronto | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3½ | Portland | 3 | 5 | .375 | 4½ |
| Brooklyn | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3½ | Utah | 3 | 7 | .300 | 5½ |
| Central Division | W | L | Pct | GB | Pacific Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Indiana | 6 | 3 | .667 | — | Golden State | 6 | 4 | .600 | — |
| Milwaukee | 5 | 4 | .566 | 1 | Sacramento | 4 | 4 | .500 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 5 | .444 | 2 | L.A. Lakers | 4 | 5 | .444 | 1½ |
| Chicago | 3 | 6 | .333 | 3 | Phoenix | 4 | 5 | .444 | 1½ |
| Detroit | 2 | 8 | .200 | 4½ | L.A. Clippers | 3 | 5 | .375 | 2 |
| Southeast Division | W | L | Pct | GB | Southwest Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Atlanta | 5 | 4 | .556 | — | Dallas | 7 | 2 | .778 | — |
| Miami | 5 | 4 | .556 | — | Houston | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1½ |
| Orlando | 5 | 4 | .556 | — | New Orleans | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| Charlotte | 3 | 5 | .375 | 1½ | San Antonio | 3 | 6 | .333 | 4 |
| Washington | 2 | 6 | .250 | 2½ | Memphis | 1 | 8 | .111 | 6 |



SCHEDULE

Saturday: Northwestern 24, Badgers 10
Nov. 18: vs. Nebraska, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

BIG TEN STANDINGS AS OF NOV. 11

| West Division | Conf. | Ovr. | East Division | Conf. | Ovr. |
|------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------|------|
| Iowa | 5-2 | 8-2 | 2 Michigan | 7-0 | 10-0 |
| Illinois | 3-4 | 5-5 | 3 Ohio State | 7-0 | 10-0 |
| Minnesota | 3-4 | 5-5 | 9 Penn State | 5-2 | 802 |
| Nebraska | 3-4 | 5-5 | Maryland | 3-4 | 6-4 |
| Northwestern | 3-4 | 5-5 | Rutgers | 3-4 | 6-4 |
| Wisconsin | 3-4 | 5-5 | Indiana | 1-6 | 3-7 |
| Purdue | 2-5 | 3-7 | Michigan State | 1-6 | 3-7 |



SCHEDULE

Friday: No. 9 Tennessee 80, Badgers 70
Tuesday: at Providence, 5 p.m. (FS1)
Nov. 17: vs. Robert Morris, 6 p.m. (BTN+)

BIG TEN STANDINGS AS OF NOV. 11

| Team | Conf. | Ovr. | Penn State | Ovr. |
|--------------|-------|------|------------------|------|
| 3 Purdue | 0-0 | 2-0 | Indiana | 0-0 |
| 25 Illinois | 0-0 | 2-0 | 4 Michigan State | 0-0 |
| Iowa | 0-0 | 2-0 | Maryland | 0-0 |
| Michigan | 0-0 | 2-0 | Ohio State | 0-0 |
| Minnesota | 0-0 | 2-0 | Rutgers | 0-0 |
| Nebraska | 0-0 | 2-0 | Wisconsin | 0-0 |
| Northwestern | 0-0 | 2-0 | | |



SCHEDULE

Friday: Marquette 95, Rider 65
Tuesday: at No. 25 Illinois, 7 p.m. (FS1)
Nov. 20: vs. UCLA, at Honolulu, 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF NOV. 11

| Team | Conf. | Ovr. | Providence | Ovr. |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| 5 Marquette | 0-0 | 2-0 | Seton Hall | 0-0 |
| 6 Connecticut | 0-0 | 2-0 | Xavier | 0-0 |
| 8 Creighton | 0-0 | 2-0 | St. John's | 0-0 |
| 22 Villanova | 0-0 | 2-0 | Georgetown | 0-0 |
| Butler | 0-0 | 2-0 | DePaul | 0-0 |

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Hoops

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The Hodags open the regular season at home Thursday night at home against Cranston and had their lone dress rehearsal on Saturday as they faced Neillsville, Wisconsin Rapids and Madison La Follette in the Dells.

According to unofficial numbers kept by the *River News* after reviewing the scrimmage footage, the Hodags fell to Neillsville 35-31 in the opener, beat Wisconsin Rapids 55-35 in the second session and lost to La Follette 46-45 on a 3-pointer with roughly 17 seconds remaining in the session.

Treder scored in double digits in all three sessions, including 19 against La Follette as she had a team-high 42 points. Aubryn Clark had 20 of her 28 points against Wisconsin Rapids and added 12 rebounds. Barkus finished with 18 points on 6 of 13 shooting from distance, Jamiison had 11 points, Ripopel had 10 and Winter had six points and 11 rebounds in limited minutes.

Coach Clark said he was pleased with what he saw out of the scrimmages, especially on the defensive end of the floor.

“They were just feisty and fought hard and they played three nice teams,” he said. “I was pleasantly surprised. We don’t have a whole lot of size, our margin of error is small on the defensive end, and I think the girls have really bought into executing, early help, rotations, ball pressure. They did a nice job of that today.”

Despite the optimism, the Hodags will face a tough top half of the GNC this year, led by Lakeland following its run to the WIAA Division 2 state tournament. Though the T-Birds graduated conference player of the year Julianna Ouimette, they return her younger



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In this Feb. 21, 2023 file photo, Rhinelander’s Dawsyn Barkus attempts a shot during the second half of a WIAA D2 regional quarterfinal girls’ basketball playoff game against Medford at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium. Barkus scored a career-high 11 points off the bench in that game and figured to have an expanded role in the Hodags’ rotation this season.

RHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|-------|--------------------------|------------|
| 11/16 | CRANDON | 7:15 p.m. |
| 11/20 | RICE LAKE | 6:15 p.m. |
| 11/24 | Athens (at D.C. Everest) | 10:45 a.m. |
| 11/25 | at D.C. Everest | 6 p.m. |
| 11/28 | at Medford* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12/1 | ANTIGO* | 6 p.m. |
| 12/8 | at Northland Pines* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12/12 | WAUSAU EAST | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12/15 | TOMAHAWK* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12/18 | WIS. RAPIDS ASSUMPTION | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12/21 | MERRILL | 7:15 p.m. |
| 12/28 | at Ashland | 5:30 p.m. |
| 1/2 | at Wis. Rapids | 7:15 p.m. |
| 1/5 | at Lakeland* | 6 p.m. |
| 1/9 | at Mosinee* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 1/12 | MEDFORD* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 1/19 | at Antigo* | 6 p.m. |
| 1/23 | at Stevens Point | 7:15 p.m. |
| 1/26 | NORTHLAND PINES* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 1/30 | THREE LAKES | 6 p.m. |
| 2/2 | at Tomahawk* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 2/9 | LAKELAND* | 6 p.m. |
| 2/13 | at Shawano | 5:45 p.m. |
| 2/16 | MOSINEE* | 7:15 p.m. |
| 2/20 | WIAA Regionals | TBD |

* Conference games | HOME GAMES IN CAPS

sister, Kristina, and two other six-footers from last year’s team. Mosinee, meanwhile returns three all-conference players from last year, including unanimous first-teamer Taelyn Jirschele.

“I think Lakeland is definitely still the class of the conference, then Mosinee is

going to be very tough,” Clark said. “They’re athletic and aggressive kids. Then we’re kind of in that mix, and you never count out Medford either.”

“I think we can run off quite a bit of wins, I think we can be pretty good team as long as we stay healthy.”

Thursday’s opener kicks off a busy early stretch for the Hodags, who will be home to face Rice Lake this coming Monday in a rematch of last year’s 82-73 overtime thriller that saw Ava Lamers score a single-game school-record 42 points in defeat. The Hodags will face Athens and D.C. Everest in the Tom Kilsow Memorial Tournament at D.C. Everest over Thanksgiving weekend before kicking off conference play at Medford Nov. 28.

Fans will get to see the Lady Hodags and the Hodag boys’ basketball team together on the same night seven times during the regular season. In addition to home-and-home conference doubleheaders against Lakeland and Antigo, the teams will have twin-bills at Ashland (Dec. 28), at home against Three Lakes (Jan. 30) and at Shawano (Feb. 13).
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Perfect

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The Hodags had to win some nail-biters along the way, none closer than 100 breaststroke where Karis Francis edged Stoughton’s Cheyenne Borroughs to the wall by 0.01 seconds. Francis led most of the way in the event, and still seemed comfortably ahead with five yards remaining, but was caught between strokes going into the wall while Borroughs made a well-timed surge.

“I thought I was way out ahead and I didn’t realize how close she was,” Francis said. “I knew I was going to have a

wonky finish, so I just put my head down. When I looked up, it took me like 20 seconds to realize how close it was.”

Francis’s time of 1:03.99 broke the school record of 1:04.09 set by her older sister, Kiah, at the 2015 state meet. The finish was reminiscent as well, as the elder Francis finished in a dead heat for the state title that year.

Karis Francis took down another sibling’s school record in the 100 butterfly, usurping Malia Francis’s mark of 56.23 set in 2019. Karis Francis went 56.05 on Friday night, beating Sauk Prairie’s Savannah Acker for the title by 0.40 seconds.

“That was a fight. I knew I was out ahead on the first 50,

but the last 50 they were coming after me,” she said. “I definitely had to give it my all. I don’t think I’ve ever given it that hard in a race before.”

“She just finished up really strong too,” Heck said. “She’s been so invaluable on the team and a great leader to the girls and very inspiring for them as well, not just here but in her training and the way she goes after things.”

Not to be outdone in the close finish department, Celia Francis had tight races to the wall in both of her events, narrowly winning the touch in the IM while just getting edged in the 100 backstroke.

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Plans

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Francis won four events at the state meet on Friday, setting school records in all four events in the process. She was part of five state championship entries in her high school career. Winnicki holds the school record in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle events, along with two relays. She closed her career with state titles in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays on Friday, along with top three finishes in the 100 and 200 freestyle.

Even then, both said those lofty numbers didn't exactly have Division I schools beating down their doors, both had to take a very proactive role in their recruiting.

"I'm above average when it comes to swimming, but that kind of puts you in a dead spot for recruiting," Winnicki explained. "Nobody really reaches out to you, so you have to be the one to send out all the emails. I started pretty late. I sent out some emails before high school state last year, but that's when more colleges started showing interest, since I had big drops. I sent out a bunch more emails in the winter months. That's when I started talking to colleges."

"It wasn't easy," Francis added. "You had to reach out to the schools yourself and you had to make sure you were keeping the conversation going, but the thing about Liberty that was different was they kept the conversation going. They wanted me there and I also had known the coaches there for a while, so I felt a little more connected to the school."

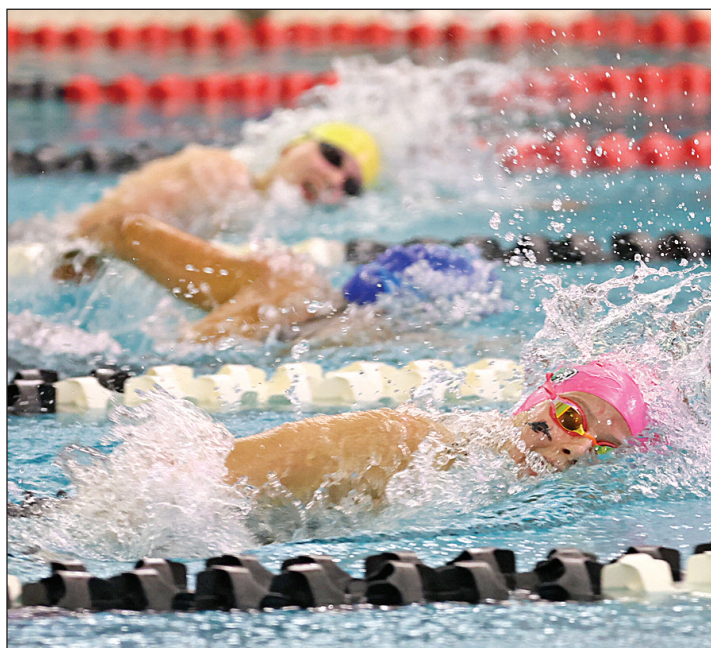
Heck said both Winnicki and Francis always had plenty of natural talent which blossomed into success once they reached the high school level.

"Abi always had natural talent and was always tall, so she always looked older than she was, but just really talented and you never knew how far it was going to take her," coach Heck said. "For a little while there in middle school I think she kind of



BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES

Rhinelanders' Karis Francis swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



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Rhinelanders' Abi Winnicki battles Ashwaubenon's Sienna Nitke, top, and Whitefish Bay's Anne Dickinson, middle, in the 200-yard freestyle during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.

backed off from swimming a little bit, but then she got into high school and she never turned back. She just became more dedicated and driven.

"Karis, I'll never forget freshman year, I know she has a family of swimming siblings but she had other interests at that time too. Swimming wasn't everything and she just took off freshman year and continuing on after high school (that year). She made huge gains."

While both Winnicki and Francis thanked their parents, siblings and coaches, both shared special gratitude

for club coach Melissa Wolf, who they said helped rekindle their love for the sport.

"She brought me back to where I needed to be for swimming and she's so down to earth and real that she made me feel wanted for the sport. She's really what started the next level for me," Winnicki said.

"She was the one who really got me into loving swim," Francis added. "Like Abi said, she's very down to earth. She made you feel special. She made you feel like you could do anything. All you had to do was put in the

work and she was going to provide it for you. She was so supportive."

UCLA posted a 6-3 record in 2022-23 and finished fourth in the Pac-12 under the direction of Jordan Wolfrum, who is in her fifth season as head coach of the Bruins.

While it didn't weigh heavily in her final decision, Winnicki said UCLA's impending move to the Big Ten was an added perk, with a number of meets taking place closer to home.

"That was definitely something too. I'll be far (away), but I'll be able to come back closer and hopefully have people watch me swim," she said.

Liberty won its fifth straight Coastal Collegiate Sports Association women's swim and dive title last winter before moving to the Atlantic Sun Conference for the 2023-24 season. The Flames are currently 1-1 in dual meets this season under the direction of coach Jake Sheltenberger, who has led the program since its inception in 2009.

"I know the team has a very unique way of training," Francis said. "They are very individualized with their swimmers. They make sure everyone gets the individual work that they need. They do check-ins on the swimmers, things like that. They're almost like a family."

If anyone is familiar with what the two have in store, it's Heck who swam colle-

giately at UW-Madison. She said time management will be key to managing a training-intensive sport while taking on a college course load. She added that both, coming from the smaller program, have the drive it takes to be successful at the next level.

"We come from a small town where we don't have all the other training and opportunities and the big pools and the multitude of coaches," she said. "They've had to have that dedication and internal drive to become so successful. They didn't always have someone hounding over them, as some programs do."

"You have to have that internal drive. If you don't have it in college, you're not going to improve. You have to want it because it's hard work to swim D-I. You're spending hours and hours not only trying to figure out what you're going to do with your life, but also training five hours a day. I think that drive and dedication will serve them well."

As they get ready for their next adventure, both Winnicki and Francis imparted some words of advice for those coming up within the program.

"There's a lot of hard work and community around swim," Winnicki said. "Just stick with it. Even when there are hard times, things will always get better."

Added Francis, "It takes a really strong person to stick with it and to continue doing and know they want to do that for college. It definitely helps knowing you have those goals in the future. That's a good thing to look at, but just leaning on your swim team, leaning on your teammates, all that and trusting your coach. You have to put in more work than you would ever think that you need to. It's hard and, to see results, you have to put in the extra work."

Winnicki said she plans to major in pre-medicine at UCLA. Francis said she is undecided on her major at Liberty, but currently plans to pursue a degree in the business field.

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Perfect

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Celia Francis closed with a 31.62-second split in the freestyle leg of the IM (2:09.14) and edged Jefferson/Cambridge's Zoey Rank to the wall by 0.03 seconds. Acker got the better reach in the 100 backstroke, beating Francis (55.87) by 0.07 seconds.

"I'm crazy excited about it. I thought I'd actually win the 100 back, but I'm so excited that I got this opportunity," she said. "I never expected to win the 2IM. I kind of expected to be top three, but I saw her in the breaststroke and, I don't know, I didn't realize how close we were until the last 25 of the freestyle. I just put my head down and tried to finish hard."

That was a finish that had her older sister in tears.

"When she finally finished and I looked and saw her crying, I just broke down," Karis Francis said. "I couldn't control myself. I was so happy for her. She's just amazing. She works so hard and I knew that she had it in her. I was so happy she finally did it."

Winnicki went in with hopes of

potential state titles in the 200 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, but came up short in both. She took third in the 200 (1:52.17) and second in the 100 (51.56). Ashwaubenon's Sienna Nitke won both of those races, but Winnicki was able to get some retribution, holding off Nitke in a tight finish in the 200-freestyle relay. The Hodags' time of 1:38.18 was good enough to win by 0.18 seconds and make champions out of freshman Vivian Lamers, sophomore Millie Gruett, junior Ellyse Younker and Winnicki.

"Personally, it was disappointing, but I knew my places wouldn't do anything to really affect us at the end of the day," Winnicki said. "Obviously, the gold trophy at the end was our main goal, so I just had to stay strong. Anchoring the relays was a big part. We had to seal the deal and win all the relays. I had to really stay in the game, I did and was able to finish off with wins."

"Sometimes things don't go perfectly, but she held it together and she's critical," Heck added. "Without her on those relays, we wouldn't have had those wins. We needed her. She's so valuable and has been since freshman year. When you have a swimmer like

that continually gives, gives, gives, that's what she does. I couldn't be more proud of Abi."

Rhinelanders dominated the other two relays, setting school records in the process. Celia Francis, Karis Francis, Younker and junior Lily Thorsen won the 200 medley relay (1:45.63) by 3.41 seconds over Whitefish Bay and broke the school record set back in 2021 by 0.09 seconds in the process.

The Hodags closed the meet in style as they romped to a 6.78-second win over Whitefish Bay in the 400 freestyle relay with the team of Celia Francis, Lamers, Karis Francis and Winnicki. Their time of 3:30.61 shattered the old school record by 3.76 seconds. Winnicki entered the water with a nearly five-second lead went 51.11 over the final 100 in what amounted to a victory lap for the Hodags.

"We've never been ahead like that," she said. "Normally, that's always Edgewood, so getting to finally be that person with their relay out in front by so much was amazing and the best way to end my season."

Lamers added individual two podium finishes in her state debut, taking third in the 50 freestyle

(24.53) and fifth in the 100 (54.19).

The Hodags had a meet-high 19 entries in the meet, the majority of them placing in the top 10. Younker was seventh in the 100 butterfly and ninth in the 200 individual medley, Thorsen took eighth in the IM and 14th in the 100 breaststroke, Gruett was 10th in the 100 butterfly, freshman June Chiamulera took 14th in the 100 freestyle, sophomore Emma Houg was 15th in the 500 freestyle and freshman Ella Heck took 16th in the 100 breaststroke.

"That's what you really need to have a successful night," coach Heck said. "I was just really thrilled with how they attacked what they did. They stuck with the plan and it showed."

It all added up to another state title and a full-circle ending for Karis Francis and Winnicki.

"I think it's so cool that me and Abi both get to come back this year and do the same thing," Francis said. "It was so special our freshman year, but it feels extra meaningful this year because it's the last one."

Added Winnicki, "It's just the perfect way to end our senior season."

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN PHOTOS

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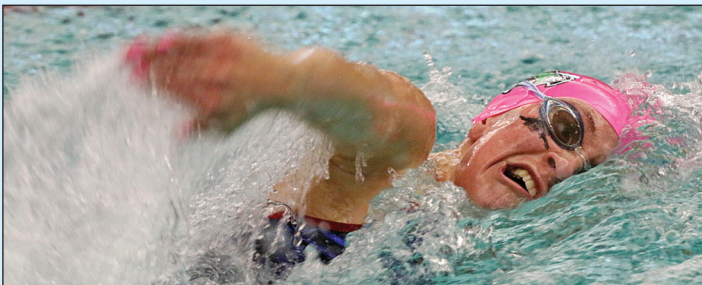
Rhinelanders' Vivian Lamers congratulates teammate Abi Winnicki after the Hodags won the 200-yard freestyle relay during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



The Rhinelanders' High School girls' swim team huddles prior to the start of the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



Rhinelanders' Celia Francis swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10. Francis won the race by 0.03 seconds over Zoey Rank of Jefferson/Cambridge.



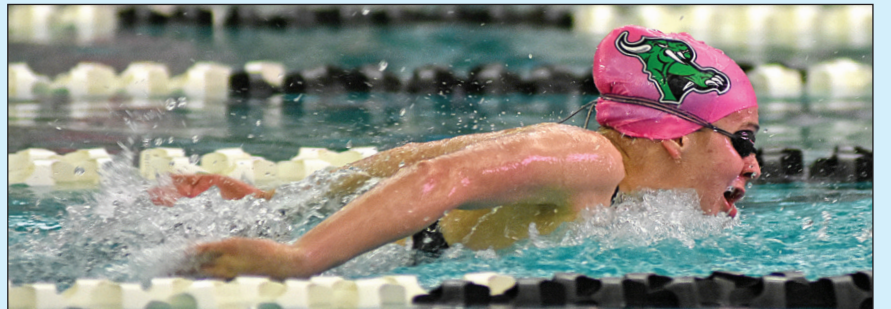
Rhinelanders' Vivian Lamers swims the 100-yard freestyle during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



The Rhinelanders' fan section celebrates as Karis Francis stands on the top step of the podium following the 100-yard butterfly during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



Rhinelanders' Lily Thorsen leaves the starting block during an exchange in the 200-yard freestyle relay during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



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Rhinelanders' Ella Heck competes in the 100-yard breaststroke during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



Rhinelanders' Emma Houg competes in the 500-yard freestyle during the WIAA Division 2 state championship in Waukesha Friday, Nov. 10.



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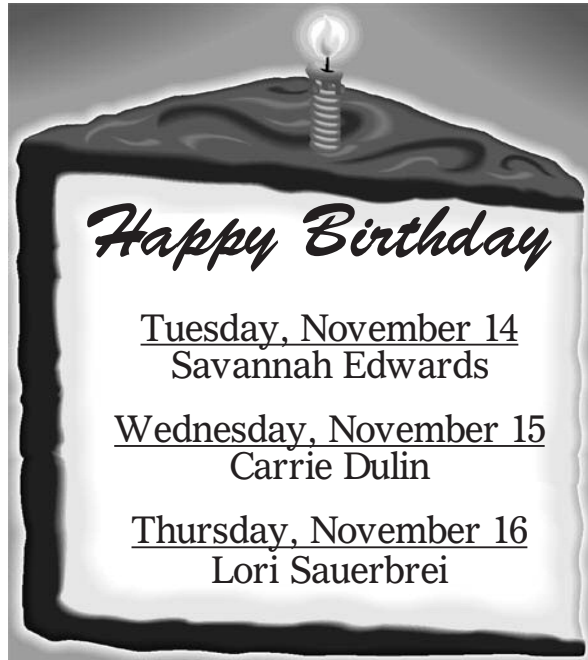
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Hartman

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Hartman relayed his decision in an October 30 memo to *Lakeland Times* publisher Gregg Walker, who had filed a complaint about the parliamentary infraction, as well as an open meetings complaint against Holewinski and fellow zoning committee members Mike Timmons and Bob Almekinder.

In his memo, Hartman asserted his right to issue a citation but said Holewinski had acknowledged his mistake and taken action to remedy the situation, namely, by taking up and holding the vote that was short-circuited.

The incident occurred at an August 2 public hearing for a conditional use permit application by Minocqua Brewing Company owner Kirk Bangstad.

With the committee seemingly poised to deny the permit and after a motion and second had been made to deny it, Holewinski took the advice of Fugle not to hold the vote

but to adjourn the session to the following August 9 meeting, ostensibly because it was 5 p.m. and another party had to use the room.

In the complaint, Walker alleged that a motion to adjourn a meeting to another date and time is out of order when a vote is being taken, according to "A Guide to Parliamentary Procedure" by Larry Larmer, which the county code requires committees to use. Thus, Walker argued, violating those parliamentary procedures became a code violation.

The *Times* also contended the incident constituted an open meetings violation because the public hearing was technically continued to the following week but was reconvened without a proper public hearing notice.

After a sheriff's department investigation, both the sheriff's office and the district attorney's office agreed on the procedural violation.

"After reviewing the complaint that was made by Walker and speaking with all those involved, it appears the rules of parliamentary procedure were not followed,"

Oneida County detective sergeant Robert Hebein wrote in his investigation for the sheriff's department. "This report will be forwarded to the Oneida County district attorney's office for review."

In her response to the complaint, district attorney Jillian Pfeifer said the open meetings law was not violated, though she said she agreed with Hebein's conclusion about parliamentary procedure.

"Accordingly, whether the rules of Parliamentary Rules of Procedure were followed during the August 2, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting is beyond the scope of Open Meetings Law," Pfeifer wrote in her response. "However, in analyzing whether a violation of Open Meetings Law occurred, I do believe the motion to adjourn the August 2, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting could have been, and should have been, more clear, but the committee's failure to make a clear record does not, in and of itself, change my analysis. Nor do I take issue with statement made in detective Hebein's report stating there was a violation of the rules of parliamentary procedure."

Later, Almekinder himself filed an objection to the August 2 meeting, citing a violation of parliamentary procedure, and Holewinski also acknowledged the violation at an October 4 zoning committee meeting.

"So I made a mistake by adjourning that meeting [August 2] without taking action on a motion," Holewinski said. "So my determination is that we will pick up from that motion on that floor that day."

Holewinski proceeded to recap the testimony and events of the public hearing up through the adjournment. That included an exchange with Bangstad, who at the time said he was not going to compromise with the county.

"He brought up that he may file a federal lawsuit against us," Holewinski said. "We asked him for a compromise and he didn't want to compromise. We made the motion to deny his CUP. It was a motion and a second and then we were advised by corporation counsel to adjourn the meeting because there were other people coming in and we wouldn't have had enough time to go through all the stuff and then we adjourned the meeting. That was my mistake for not going back and taking care of the motion at hand."

The motion to deny was then voted down, and the committee unanimously awarded Bangstad his permit.

In so doing, the committee attached a stringent set of conditions — some of which Bangstad had proposed, some of which he has objected to — one of which is that all the conditions must be met before he can serve outdoors anywhere on the property.

The reasoning

In the October 30 memo, Hartman recounted his department's actions, the determination of his authority, and his reasoning for not citing Holewinski.

"On August 17, 2023, I assigned detective sergeant Robert Hebein to investigate your alleged open meetings violation complaint that pertained to a meeting that occurred on August 2, 2023," Hartman wrote to Walker. "Detective sergeant Hebein sent a report to district attorney Jillian Pfeifer, who determined that it was not a violation of the open meeting statute."

But, Hartman continued, there were discussions about the violation of parliamentary procedure, and he wrote that he had reached several conclusions.

The first is that he has authority under the code to issue citations. In fact, chapter 25.04(4)(a)(4) of the county code explicitly gives the sheriff such authority: "The Oneida

County Sheriff and personnel deputized by the Oneida County Sheriff may issue citations for all violations of the General Code."

Another provision subjects anyone violating the code to a forfeiture of not less than \$5 nor more than \$500, together with the costs of prosecution.

That would include Holewinski's infraction. As Holewinski himself acknowledged, Hartman wrote that the zoning committee chairman violated parliamentary procedure, and ultimately the county code, when he adjourned the public meeting while there was a motion and a second on the floor, as Hebein concluded in his August 21 report.

"The point of contention was not that the meeting was adjourned but that the meeting was adjourned when a vote was being taken," Hebein wrote in that report. "In researching a Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, author Larry E. Larmer, it cites on page 72 that a motion to adjourn may not be made while a vote is being taken. If this meeting was adjourned contrary to proper parliamentary procedure, then the meeting on August 9, 2023, would have been considered an illegal meeting."

In his report, Hebein also reported that he discussed with Fugle that the complaint really only centered around if the meeting was adjourned after the motion was made. "[A]nd that was not disputed," he wrote.

As such, in his October 30 memo, Hartman contended that he has the authority by the county code to issue a citation not only for general violations but to Holewinski under the specific circumstances at hand.

That had been contested. Some claimed that, even though Hartman can issue citations for code violations, he could not in this specific instance because, as an officer of the executive branch, he would be intervening in a legislative body's "rules of procedure" — that is, its own policies for conducting meetings — which would be a constitutional violation of separation of powers.

To use an analogous situation, the attorney general, acting as the state's top cop, or a court — another branch of government — cannot interfere with the rules the legislature sets for itself in conducting its own meetings.

By contrast, however, the legislature has never codified its rules of procedure in state statutes, but the county did so by putting Larmer's rules into the county code. By doing so, the county not only established its rules of procedure through policy but determined that to violate them would be a code infraction. As such, so the reasoning goes, any citations issued by the sheriff would not be for violating that body's rules of procedures per se but for violating the county code, which the sheriff has the authority to enforce.

Even so, Hartman called the question moot, at least in this instance because, he wrote to Walker, he had decided against issuing a citation in any event.

"After careful consideration, I have decided against issuing a citation to chairman Holewinski," he wrote. "Chairman Holewinski accepted responsibility for violating the parliamentary procedure. Chairman Holewinski placed the item on a subsequent agenda in an attempt to rectify the issue after the fact."

Indeed, after such remediation, issuing a citation would be an inappropriate use of his law enforcement powers, Hartman wrote.

"I feel that it would be heavy-handed law enforcement to issue a citation to chairman Holewinski in this instance," he wrote.

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Honor

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Draszkiewicz mentioned in some stories that returning home from Vietnam was not an experience that he enjoyed sharing because the cause for the war was not supported by the American community at the time. The time spent serving in Vietnam remained part of his past that was shared only in carefully selected stories.

Upon return, like many veterans, Draszkiewicz went about a normal life and did not pursue a military career or continue to remain connected to Veteran Affairs or services offered to veterans. His time in the Air Force overseas caused hearing damage, which he tried to have looked at, but nothing came of solving the problem. The hearing loss limited his options for work within airlines as he wanted to do. "The Veterans Administration told me to get a different job when I tried working for airlines and was rejected," he said.

Draszkiewicz chose to find his own career path and settled into a satisfying life settling into a marriage, had two children, and eventually retired



RENEE DRASZKIEWICZ/LAKELAND TIMES

Air Force veteran Richard Draszkiewicz opens a packet of mail from family and friends thanking him for his service during his return flight from Washington D.C.

after the age of 70.

It wasn't until retiring to the Northwoods when Draszkiewicz began getting questions from local veterans and community members as to why he had not gotten benefits or went on an Honor Flight. A simple man, he simply felt he didn't need to go out of his way to get

anything extra from his service. He felt that he was no more deserving. "We all served together and were brothers in what we were doing for our country," said Draszkiewicz.

Originally, he felt the experience would be nice because "[he] had never been to D.C. and wanted to

see all the monuments, especially the Vietnam Memorial."

After being encouraged to file the paperwork and wait on the list during COVID, he finally got a call back to attend the flight on Sept. 25, 2023.

"I felt it was my duty because so many people worked hard to get me on the

flight," said Draszkiewicz. The Northwoods community is dedicated to helping the many veterans that have come north to retire. It wasn't long before his friends at his regular Sunday hangout started encouraging him to apply for assistance and also see about going on the Honor Flight. Sue Draszkiewicz, his wife of 49 years, explained "the community has been so helpful and he finally succeeded at applying for veterans benefits after a few community members gave him contacts and walked him through the process."

"The trip made me appreciate my service experience in Vietnam. I was overwhelmed by the amount of people there to greet us. It gave me a sense of pride, whereas my original homecoming felt that my service in the Air Force was not appreciated."

Draszkiewicz said. A life experience that was clouded over with generic stories of stereotypical time overseas became much more significant for Draszkiewicz with a different type of return home.

"I received a packet of mail from family and friends all thank-

ing me for my service; I never knew these people looked at me like that. It was overwhelming to receive so much recognition," said Draszkiewicz.

"I did not know my spouse during his service years, but I am glad he was honored all these years later. The experience was one of bonding, healing and camaraderie," said Sue Draszkiewicz.

Sharing the experience with others that have an understanding of your experience is powerful. The trip allowed many to honor those veterans who still have experiences to process and those that are not among us and have served with valor for the country. While I say that I got to know my father in an eye-opening way, it was because he was able to have a genuine, authentic experience. The trip brought him some healing and peace, which I can see brings a sense of lightness about him that never was there before. The Northwoods looks after its community.

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