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Oneida zoning orders Bangstad to cease outdoor activities

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Oneida County zoning department on Monday ordered Kirk Bangstad to cease all business activities associated with a conditional use permit that the county revoked earlier this year, a directive that effectively shuts down all outdoor activities at Bangstad's Minocqua Brewing Company.

The September 23 letter came in the wake of a short court order issued September 17 by the Wisconsin district III court of appeals, in which judges denied Bangstad's and the Minocqua Brewing Company's (MBC) petition to appeal an Oneida County circuit judge's decision to deny Bangstad's bid for an injunction prohibiting the county from shutting down his business by revoking his conditional use permit (CUP).

The appeals court did issue a temporary injunction on July 15 prohibiting the county from enforcing any CUP revocation until the litigation was settled.

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Council expected to decide on Messer project Oct. 14

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

The Rhinelander Common Council has given itself a deadline to make a

decision on the proposed \$10 million road and utility improvement project in the Hodag Park/Boom Lake neighborhood.

After hearing proposals

from an organized group of concerned property owners, as well as the engineering firm that oversees road projects for the city, the council voted unani-

mously Monday to table a decision until the group's next regular meeting on Oct. 14.

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The Chamber Office/Visitor Center is undergoing renovations this fall "to enhance their workspace and improve functionality. The updated office layout will provide a more efficient and collaborative environment for their growing staff. In addition, they are replacing the building's windows and doors to improve energy efficiency and create a more welcoming experience for visitors." The Hodag statue is also scheduled to undergo repairs.

Chamber announces renovation project, Hodag statue repair

BY RIVER NEWS STAFF

The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC) has announced a building renovation project timed to coincide with the organization's 100th anniversary.

"During RACC's 100th anniversary year, the Chamber Office/Visitor Center is undergoing renovations to enhance their workspace and improve functionality," the organization explained in a press release. "The updated office layout will provide a more efficient and collaborative environment for their growing staff. In addition, they are replacing the building's windows and doors to improve energy efficiency and create a more welcoming experience for visitors."

"During this time, the Chamber/Visitor Center will remain open and continue to serve guests," stated Lauren

Sackett, Chamber CEO. "There may be some minor disruptions and may be limited access to certain areas, but the Chamber staff will be onsite as much as possible to assist our visitors and members."

The iconic Hodag statue is also slated to undergo some repairs.

"The projects are slated to take place this fall and reflect the Chamber's commitment to honoring its past while preparing for the future," the release states.

The Hodag statue, prominently displayed at the RACC office, was first designed in the 1990s by local artist Tracy Goberville. It now serves as a favorite photo op spot and a beacon for visitors and locals alike.

"The Hodag statue will have cleaning and repair work done by Chuck Williams, a skilled local sculpture artist who has experience working

for Disney.," the release states. "Mr. Williams repaired the Hodag statue in 2016 after claws had been damaged. With a deep respect for the statue's history and significance, Mr. Williams is carefully cleaning and repairing the statue, ensuring its vibrancy and durability for the future. The building and statue projects have been funded by the generous contributions of the community through the RACC Anniversary Investor Campaign with support from the Rhinelander Tourism & Marketing Committee. RACC is grateful to all who contributed to these efforts and look forward to unveiling the results later this year. If you would like to support these efforts, you can donate to the RACC Anniversary Investor Campaign by visiting www.RhinelanderChamber.com/anniversary-investor/."



Rhineland community unites to fight Alzheimer's

The greater Rhineland community came together Saturday, Sept. 21 in a powerful show of support at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's at the Hodag Dome.

"Thanks to the dedication and generosity of more than 300 participants from across Oneida and Langlade counties, the event is expected to raise more than \$140,000," organizers announced in a press release. "These vital funds will directly support local services including support groups, educational resources, information and referral services, care and support, advocacy efforts, and the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900.

Dave Grams, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter, expressed deep gratitude to the Rhineland area community.

"The incredible spirit and generosity shown at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's is truly inspiring," he said "Every step taken, every dollar raised, brings us closer to a world without Alzheimer's. Your support not only funds critical research and services but also provides hope to those affected by this devastating disease. Together, we are making a difference, and I am thankful to each and every participant, volunteer, and donor who made this day a success."

Alzheimer's disease remains a leading



BOB MAINHARDT FOR THE RIVER NEWS

More than 300 people participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at the Hodag Dome in Rhineland Sept.21.

cause of death in the United States, affecting over 7 million Americans. In Wisconsin alone, more than 110,000 individuals are living with the disease, with over 11 million family members and friends providing care. In Oneida County alone, more than 1,315 individuals age 65 and older are living with dementia, the release states,

The Alzheimer's Association encourages continued support, as donations can still be made to the Walk to End Alzheimer's through Dec. 31 at act.alz.org/rhineland. Mail-in donations

should be directed to our regional mail-processing hub at:

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The Alzheimer's As-

sociation Wisconsin Chapter also thanked the numerous volunteers and sponsors of the Walk to End Alzheimer's, including National Presenting Sponsor Edward Jones, local sponsor MPSystems, local media partner NRG, and statewide media part-

ner LocalIQ.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association has mobilized mil-

lions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900 for more information on Alzheimer's disease.

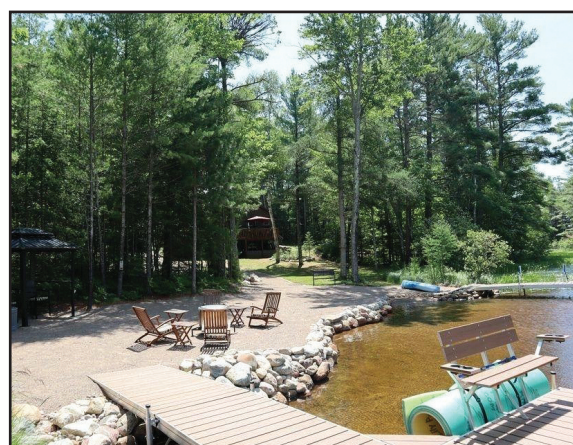
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Nicolet College to host community summit Oct. 12

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods and the Northwoods Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Council will host the “Northwoods Community Issues and Responses: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Action” conference Oct. 12 on the Nicolet Campus in room 207 of the Northwoods Center.

The event is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

“The conference will focus on key areas of concern to this region, including housing, substance use, child care and mental health,” organizers said in a press release. “A panel of local experts will address these issues and take questions from attendees. Just, equitable, diverse and inclusive policies and programs benefit all who live in this region, whether these policies and programs relate to racial, economic, health, family or other areas. The conference goals are to develop a shared understanding about how individuals and families in our communities are affected by inequities and disparities and how conference attendees can effectively respond in order to enhance the quality of life for all Northwoods residents.”

A resource table of area organizations and agencies will also be available.

Food will be provided and attendance is free.

Registration is required by visiting

www.lwvnow.org.



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HAALAND CAMPAIGNS IN RHINELANDER

The Honorable Deb Haaland, secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, campaigned in Rhinelander Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 on behalf of Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota. Haaland participated in this event in her personal capacity and did not speak on any issues related to her official title.

National constitutional carry legislation introduced

Tiffany is original co-sponsor of bill to protect Second Amendment rights

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Saying that multiple states and local governments have enacted gun control laws that are inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment, U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Kentucky) recently introduced a national constitutional carry bill to protect the right of citizens to carry firearms publicly throughout the country.

U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-Wisconsin-07) is one of 20 original co-sponsors in the House.

“I’m fortunate to live in a state where people are free to exercise their right to keep and

bear arms without begging the government or paying a fee,” Massie said in introducing the legislation. “Unfortunately, not every American enjoys the same right to carry firearms in public because some states and localities infringe upon this right through a variety of criminal, civil, and regulatory penalties.”

The criminalization of peaceable, public firearms carry is repugnant to the original meaning of the Second Amendment, Massie’s bill states.

By prohibiting state or local restrictions on the right to bear arms, Massie says his bill would uphold the original purpose of the Sec-

ond Amendment — to ensure the security of a free state, while safeguarding individual liberties against government infringement.

The bill embodies two major provisions. The first would prohibit any state or political subdivision from imposing criminal or civil penalties on eligible individuals carrying firearms in public. The second would invalidate any existing state or local laws, statutes, regulations, or local restrictions that criminalize, penalize, or otherwise dissuade the carrying of firearms in public.

In addition to covering all 50 states, the bill would apply to the District of Columbia, the

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and other territories of the United States to ensure that residents of all U.S. jurisdictions enjoy consistent protection of their Second Amendment rights, Massie said.

The text of the legislation cited multiple court cases that Massie says confirms the constitution’s guarantee of a pre-existing right to self-defense as well as the right of individual American citizens to “keep and bear arms,” and that those rights shall not be infringed upon.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, for instance, the Supreme Court confirmed that “[t]here seems to us no doubt, on the basis of

both text and history, that the Second Amendment conferred an individual right to keep and bear arms,” according to the legislation.

Then, too, the bill text continues, in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, the Supreme Court ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment makes the Second Amendment fully applicable to the states.

“Four justices concluded that the rights protected by the Second Amendment are fundamental to the nation’s scheme of ordered liberty and deeply rooted in this nation’s ‘history and tradition,’ and therefore incorporated to the states through the Due

Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment,” the bill states. “Justice [Clarence] Thomas agreed that the rights protected by the Second Amendment are both ‘fundamental’ and ‘deeply rooted’ and, as such, are enforceable against the states under the Fourteenth Amendment’s Privileges and Immunities Clause.”

Finally, the bill pointed to the Supreme Court’s recent acknowledgment in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen* that the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect the individual right to carry arms outside the home for self-defense.

“Further, the court reiterated that the Second Amendment’s otherwise ‘unqualified command’ only accommodates laws that are ‘consistent with this nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation,’” the bill states.

Support

A number of gun rights organizations immediately endorsed the legislation, including the National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) and the American Firearms Association (AFA).

Leaders of those groups pointed out that most states, covering nearly half the U.S. population, already have constitutional carry in place.

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ONEIDA COUNTY COURT

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

Brandon John Adkinson, 46, Waukesha, charged with OWI (3rd), has an adjourned initial appearance on Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$2,000.

Crystal Star Shaver, 36, Rhinelander, cited for possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, has intake on Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

Brandon Joseph Chagnon, 24, Rhinelander, cited for operating an ATV/UTV in a careless way and operate ATV without valid safety certificate, has intake on Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Samual Peter Cirilli, 33, Minocqua, cited for possession of paraphernalia, has intake on Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Jacob Virgil Countryman, 52, Merrill, cited for possession of marijuana, has intake on Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Noah Gene Bretz, 26, Rhinelander, cited for failure to exhibit valid proof of ATV/UTV registration to a law enforcement officer, had intake on Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m.

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A watershed moment in Oneida County

First in a 4-part series on water quality

The Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department (OCLW) reminds the public that land health and water health are deeply connected. Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes within 49 watersheds, defined as an area of land that drains or “sheds” water into a specific waterbody.

Every body of water has a watershed. Watersheds drain rainfall and snowmelt into streams and rivers. These smaller bodies of water flow into larger ones, including lakes, bays and oceans. Gravity and the path of least resistance determines the water flow across the landscape. On its journey, water picks up sediments and pollutants from the land’s surface such as pesticides, PFAS (forever chemicals), fertilizers, road salt, and heavy metals from mining sites, and carries them into our waterways and groundwater. In other words, what happens on the land doesn’t stay on the land.

The Department of Natural Resource’s (DNR) Healthy Watersheds, High Quality

Waters Action Plan (HWHQW) identified that of the 49 watersheds in Oneida County, 42 (86 percent) are in the top 30 percent and 19 (39 percent) are within the top 10 percent healthiest watersheds in the state. On top of that, our county hosts the number one (Little Rice River Watershed) and number three (Headwaters-Willow River Watershed) healthiest watersheds in Wisconsin. (Figure 1). However, many of our top ranked watersheds are highly vulnerable. High quality water is a valuable resource and merits efforts to protect it. In 2023, OCLW was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin DNR for a “High Quality Waters Protection Project” in support of the DNR’s HWHQW action plan. Both the plan and the project direct efforts to protecting our healthiest watersheds.

On a statewide scale, Oneida County is located within the upper basin of the Wisconsin River Watershed. Our predominantly forested watersheds are critical to protecting water quality not only within the county, but also for our downstream neigh-

bors to the south. What happens in northern Wisconsin doesn’t necessarily stay in northern Wisconsin. How can each of us continue to keep our county watersheds “High Quality?”

- Avoid or minimize use of pesticides and fertilizers.
 - Be mindful of storm water runoff and where it drains.
 - Support natural shorelines with a native planting buffer zone.
 - Remove railroad ties or other retaining wall type foreign objects from shorelines.
 - Plant trees and preserve forested land.
 - Join a local conservation group.
 - Contact your local lawmakers about water flowing from highways directly into a water body.
 - Take steps to address erosion.
 - Be aware: it is far easier, and more cost effective, to keep our waterways healthy than to restore impaired waters.
- Watch for the next installment in our 4-part series on water quality. Together we can keep our “high quality waters” healthy into the future.

Carry

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“Currently, 29 states have adopted constitutional carry laws, yet contrary to the warnings of gun control advocates, there’s no evidence of rampant violence or ‘wild west’ scenarios,” Hunter King, director of political affairs for NAGR, said. “Instead, crime rates either remain stable or show a decline. With numerous states affirming citizens’ rights to bear arms without excessive government regulation, it’s about time Congress follows suit.”

Constitutional carry is the simple concept that anyone who is a law-abiding gun owner can legally carry a firearm, open or concealed, without a government permit, said Dudley Brown, the NAGR president.

“This is the only bill that will ensure all law-abiding Americans can enjoy real constitutional carry without being subjected to outrageous New York-style permit regulations, expensive fees, or ATF intervention on the right to carry,” Brown said.

Brown said those already living in constitutional carry states can legally carry a firearm without having to pay fees, fill out forms, or wait for government permission to do so and Massie’s bill would simply extend those same rights to citizens living in other states.

“Thomas Massie is a gun rights champion, and we support the real Constitutional Carry bill 100 percent,” Brown said. “The right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm to protect themselves and their

families has been chipped away by gun control zealots for decades. But just in the last 10 years, grassroots efforts by NAGR members have gotten constitutional carry passed in over two dozen states, and it’s time all 50 states enjoy the same freedoms.”

The NAGR is collecting petitions to send to Congress in support of the legislation.

Patrick Parsons, the executive vice president of AFA, said gun control activists have preached doom-and-gloom about constitutional rights for a decade-and-a-half but have been proven wrong.

“For the past 15 years, anti-gun liberals have told everyone that states passing constitutional carry would experience violence like we haven’t seen since the ‘wild west’ days,” Parsons said. “Twenty-nine states have proven them wrong, all while gun-control strongholds like DC, Chicago, and California have descended into violence and deadly chaos. AFA is proud to support Congressman Massie’s efforts post-Bruen to help restore Second Amendment freedom to those across the country currently being deprived by their tyrannical governments.”

In addition to Tiffany, the original cosponsors of the National Constitutional Carry Act include Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND), Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO), Rep. Josh Brecheen (R-OK), Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN), Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX), Rep. Mike Collins (R-GA), Rep. Bob Good (R-VA), Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD), Rep. Clay Higgins

(R-LA), Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL), Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL), Rep. Nathan Moran (R-TX), Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN), Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX), Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN), and Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX).

Ohio study

At least one study has affirmed a positive outcome after enactment of constitutional carry legislation.

In a study released earlier this year, the Center for Justice Research, a partnership between the office of the Ohio attorney general and Bowling Green State University, examined pre- and post-outcomes after Ohio’s permitless carry law became effective in June 2022. The group was commissioned to explore the relationship between permitless carry and crime involving a firearm before and after the enactment of the law in the eight largest cities of the state.

The study, authored by Melissa Burek and Julia Bell, considered crime incidents involving a firearm, validated gunshot detection incidents, and the impact of the law on law enforcement from June 2021 to June 2023.

Among the study’s findings, results from a trend analysis indicated a significant decrease in crime incidents involving a firearm for Akron, Columbus, and Toledo, and across all eight cities combined from June 2021-June 2023.

Most cities’ crime rates decreased after the permitless carry law (PCL) was enacted, though rates in Dayton and Cincinnati increased slightly.

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obituaries

Raymond “Dusty” Harold Dust

Raymond “Dusty” Harold Dust, age 92 of Rhinelander, died on Aug. 7, 2024, at the Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. He was born on Oct. 28, 1931, the son of Raymond and Barbara (Fritz) Dust.

Raymond was born and raised in Chicago and attended schools there. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and was sent overseas to Korea at 18 years old. He was very appreciative and proud to participate in the Honor Flight on April 14, 2014.

He worked for Bell Telephone Company and after that as a real estate agent. In 1983, he moved to Rhinelander and bought the Fireside Supper Club. He ran Dusty’s Fireside until 1990, when he sold it and ran The Sportsman’s Cafe until he retired. In his retirement he enjoyed restoring cars, remodeling rental properties, building model trains and had a full train and track system in his living room, and also having breakfast or lunch with friends. Raymond was also a big Packers fan.

Raymond is survived by his wife Mary, his stepdaughter Annette (David) Zimmer, his stepgrandchildren Ryan and Samantha, close relatives The Fritz’s; Gladys Fritz, Terri and Tim Ripp, Jesse, Kristi, and Jason Steinmetz (our family will miss you at our family dinners!) Dan (Tina) Fritz, Toni Fritz, Billy Fritz, Stan (Sue) Fritz, Mike (Lori) Fritz, Cathy Fritz, Tom (Deb) Fritz, Susan (Rob) Jurries, Robert Fritz, Myrna Hansen (Miss USA 1953), Sandra (Fritz) Anderson, special friends Mark and Tom, and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his cousins whom he thought of as brothers: William Fritz, Robert and his wife Sandra, and Richard and his wife Fran, Shirley (Fritz) and her husband Harold (Pete) Peters, Jenny (Fritz) Moore, Steven Fritz, and his beloved dog, Frankie.

Ray will always be remembered for his easy smile, love of dancing (he taught ballroom dance and could also dance on roller skates!), and his singing (he loved Frank Sinatra and would serenade us with “I Did It My Way.”)

A graveside service will be held for Raymond at Northland Memorial Park Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 at 11 a.m. You may leave your private condolences for the Dust family at www.carlsonfh.com. The Carlson Funeral Home (715-369-1414) is serving the family.



Dust



Edward John “Johnny” Nixon

Edward John Nixon “Johnny”, age 85, of Rhinelander, died on Sept. 16, 2024, after a short illness at the Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. He was born in Rhinelander on Aug. 7, 1939 to William and Patricia (Dobosenski) Nixon.

Johnny grew up in Rhinelander and graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1957. Following high school, he started working at Rhinelander Paper Company where he was employed for over 40 years. He was a union representative at the paper mill and was given the nickname “The Commish” by his union team. On July 12, 1958, he married his middle and high school sweetheart the former Carol Cooper. Together they had two sons and enjoyed over 62 years of marriage, still very much in love at the time of her passing in October of 2020. In their later years they loved to take rides together in the country often stopping at a casino to try their luck or at a bar for lunch.

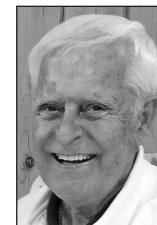
John was the biggest sports fan, he loved the Packers and held season tickets, he was even in the stands at the infamous Ice Bowl. As a younger man he enjoyed playing fastpitch softball in the municipal leagues at Pioneer Park. He played in high school and municipal basketball teams and talked about playing the Packers basketball team that included Ray Nitschke. John was an avid golfer and a member of Rhinelander and Northwood country clubs. He loved snowmobiling, and camping with friends and family and the sing-alongs around the campfire where he played his guitar. He was a member of the Nativity of Lord Catholic Church for his entire life.

John is survived by his sons Michael (Lois) Nixon of Blaine, Minn. and William (Jane) Nixon of Mount Horeb. He was preceded in death by his wife Carol, his parents William and Patricia Nixon, his infant granddaughter Lilly Ann Nixon, his infant brother Eugene, and brothers Thomas, Richard and David.

There will be a visitation for John held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m., with a Memorial Mass following at 11 a.m., all at the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church.

Father Chris Kemp will be officiating.

You may leave your private condolences for the Nixon family at www.carlsonfh.com. The Carlson Funeral Home (715-369-1414) is handling the arrangements for the family.



Nixon

Bangstad

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Last week, though, the court ruled that Bangstad's petition failed to satisfy the criteria for permissive appeal and so the petition for leave to appeal was denied and the temporary injunction lifted.

A permissive appeal is an appeal from a judgment or order issued by the circuit court before the case is finished, otherwise known as a "non-final judgment" or "nonfinal order." The procedure for filing a permissive appeal is different from a regular appeal because a person must ask the Court of Appeals for permission to appeal before the appeal can proceed, the Wisconsin state court system states.

In this case, then Oneida County circuit judge Michael Bloom refused to dismiss a major zoning complaint that alleged multiple permit violations by Bangstad, and he also declined to issue an injunction prohibiting the county from shutting down his outdoor business by revoking the CUP.

The very next day the county's zoning committee did just that — revoke the conditional use permit (CUP) — citing ongoing violations.

In the wake of those setbacks, Bangstad filed a motion for relief in the state's appeals court. The appeals court enjoined the county from enforcing the CUP revocation until further order by the court, which came September 17.

How it started

In April, the county filed a long-form complaint for forfeitures against the MBC and Bangstad, seeking fines for a long string of alleged zoning violations that by some estimates would top \$28,000.

The complaint had been in the works for months after the zoning committee voted unanimously to seek the fines in January. Zoning staff cited Bangstad on multiple occasions for violating permit conditions that did not allow for outside

seating and service. Ultimately, the committee revoked his administrative review permit (ARP), but Bangstad continued to operate.

Bangstad later received a conditional use permit (CUP) but allegedly failed to meet those conditions before operating outdoors, yet another permit violation that led to the county's revocation of the permit.

In July, presiding judge Bloom riled through the reasons he was not dismissing zoning citation related to the violations.

For one, Bangstad and his attorney, Frederick Melms, argued that the county had failed to state a claim for which any relief could be granted, but Bloom said that was obviously not the case, as the complaint itself set forth a factual basis for a claim — the existence of a permit, alleged violations of the permit, and a request for forfeitures.

Bloom pointed out that Bangstad had not really submitted a response or pleading to the county's complaint, only motions that amounted to affirmative defenses to the allegations, all of which Bloom said could be potentially successful at trial.

However, Bloom stated, that did not negate the fact that claims were alleged for which relief could be granted.

The defendants also challenged the complaint on grounds of timeliness, but Bloom dismissed that as well.

"The language of the [code] itself requires expeditious review by the corporation counsel," Bloom said. "... The ordinance itself does not set any time limit or necessarily even indicate that citations or complaints or other enforcement actions in court or otherwise be commenced at any particular time, merely that the matter is to be reviewed expeditiously by the corporation counsel."

Bloom said state statutes establish a two-year statute of limitations for such enforcement actions, but the complaint was well within that framework.

Bangstad also asserted that the zoning requirements were arbitrary and unreasonable and had no substantial relation to the public health,

safety, morals, or general welfare, but Bloom determined that municipalities have a legitimate interest that implicates the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the public when it comes to regulating the time, manner, and location in which alcoholic beverages are sold, served, and consumed in the community.

"The respondents operate a business in the downtown area of the town of Minocqua, directly on the northbound component of US Highway 51, which is not only the main thoroughfare through the town of Minocqua, but also the primary arterial highway for all north central Wisconsin," Bloom said. "There is simply no basis in the record upon which the court could find that the terms and conditions of the respondent's conditional use permit have no substantial relation to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare, and certainly not that the entire Oneida County zoning scheme does not."

Bangstad raised a First Amendment issue, namely, that the zoning ordinances constituted a prior restraint on speech, that is, a content-based restriction prior to its occurrence. Among other things, Bangstad asserted that the court could view a conditional use permit as a license granting a business the right to engage in First Amendment-protected activity through such activity as outdoor displays or rallies, but that the approval process is too discretionary.

But, Bloom said, the applicant agreed to the terms of the CUP—that all conditions be met before serving in the outdoors beer garden—and that no condition of the conditional use permit granted regulated the content of any expressive activity.

"The respondents have not made the requisite showing to meet the high standard required for the court to find that the county's zoning scheme is unconstitutional or constitutes a prior restraint on speech," Bloom ruled in denying the motion to dismiss.

As for the preliminary injunction, Bloom ruled that Bangstad's motion failed to establish a necessary criterion, specifically, that he would suffer irreparable harm if the county shut him down.

Bloom disagreed. Bangstad testified that could potentially suffer \$400,000 worth of damages because he would not be able to operate his tap room, but Bloom said Bangstad's alleged harms were things that could be compensated by damages if Bangstad prevailed against the county.

"One of the potential results of this proceeding is that if the respondents prevail, that a damage judgment could be awarded to compensate the respondents for their lost revenue, whether it be along with potentially other damages for things such as goodwill, along with an injunction prohibiting the county from not allowing Mr. Bangstad to operate under the terms of his conditional use permit without being unreasonably nickel-and-dimed with enforcement actions," the judge said. "That's all potentially available at the end of the day in these proceedings."

Bloom also determined that Bangstad's failure to be able to operate under the terms of the CUP, if established by the court, blew apart the irreparable harm argument.

"If someone is not able to do it [operate] under the terms of the permit, how can someone suffer irreparable harm for not being able to engage in something that they're not legally allowed to engage with under the permit?" Bloom asked.

As for First Amendment issues, on the stand Bangstad described himself as more of a political activist than a businessman, and that his business provided a "safe place" for people to drink beer and talk about politics, but Bloom found that requiring Bangstad to meet the conditions of the CUP did not restrain that speech.

There is really nothing in the record to indicate that Bangstad would not continue speaking his mind about various issues and progressive causes, Bloom observed.

"There's nothing in the record from which I can find, nor do I believe, based on everything that's happened in this case, that Mr. Bangstad is going to stop speaking his mind, whether that be through social media or when he is gathered with individuals in whatever location, or through political advocacy, billboards, podcasts, or you name it," he said. "And there's nothing in the record for me to find that any of that is going to stop."

Indeed, Bloom continued, the only activity that was going to be curtailed was the activity in which he was operating under his conditional use permit before the conditions of the conditional use permit were met.

"And a person is not entitled to do that," he said. "And the fact that an individual may not express themselves in whatever time, location, and manner that they choose is not a First Amendment violation," he said. "And so, ... I'm finding that there's no basis in the record for me to find that Mr. Bangstad has actually been put off his game in terms of his political expression or other expression."

The fact that he couldn't exercise his speech by way of operating under his conditional use permit before the conditional use permit conditions were met is not a violation of his rights, Bloom determined, and so he denied the injunction on the grounds that he could not show irreparable harm.

The following day, the zoning committee voted unanimously to revoke Bangstad's CUP.

How it's ending

In the letter to Bangstad ordering him to cease operations associated with the CUP, county zoning director Karl Jennrich wrote that, after being issued the CUP on October 6, 2023, the zoning committee scheduled a revocation/suspension hearing for July 24, 2024, at which zoning staff presented its evidence.

"This documentation showed dates that staff observed violations of [the CUP] and included correspondence between this department and you, as well as your attorney regarding compliance issues for [the CUP]," Jennrich wrote. "At the public hearing, the planning and development committee reviewed the documentation provided by staff and listened to testimony from attorney Melms and the public concerning amending, suspending or revoking [CUP]."

The committee then proceeded to revoke the CUP based on the evidence of past and ongoing violations of its conditions. Supervisor Dan Hess made the motion, which passed unanimously.

Hess said the motion was based on violations of the CUP conditions, including the fact that proper building permits were not obtained prior to the revocation hearing; that highway access from Hwy. 51 had not been completed, either; that a required one-way traffic flow had not been completed; that a compliant parking space has not been provided; and that three required parking spaces along the east property line were not created, as well as one parking space along the south property line.

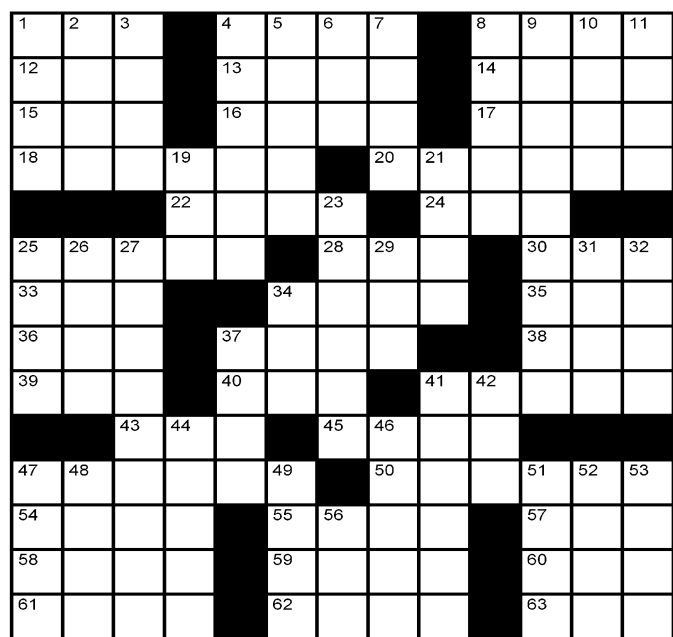
Hess's motion also cited lack of evidence of required storm water management, and, most important to the committee, that all of the aforementioned conditions had been met prior to allowing outdoor seating or allowing any outdoor activities.

In the letter to Bangstad this week, Jennrich cautioned Bangstad that each day violations continue could be considered a separate and distinct violation for which the department could seek forfeitures in court.

He also advised Bangstad that he has a right of appeal to the county's board of adjustment. He has 30 days to do so.

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THE NORTHWOODS RIVER NEWS ... OUR VIEW

Following the 'science' ... off the cliff

The nation's scientific establishment has weighed in on the presidential election and, to no one's surprise, they have chosen whom they think is the candidate who embodies scientific integrity and trust: Kamala Harris.

We'll pause a bit here for the laughing to stop, or the cackling, as the case may be.

That's right, earlier this month Scientific American, that iconic magazine of American science, chose to endorse Vice President Harris, only the second time in its history it has waded into the weeds of politics. The first time was for Joe Biden.

We'll pause a few seconds more to allow time for you to get up off the floor.

The endorsement follows a similar endorsement of Harris by Nature magazine.

To be sure, these two endorsements are instructive, not so much as a guide on how to vote but as a primer on the nature of the scientific establishment. For while these publishers have every right to endorse anyone or no one, they are broadcasting to everyone the inner workings and sobering bias that haunts today's science and today's scientific world.

To be blunt, what is going on is an extraordinary prostitution of science itself for raw political power and ideological gain.

While Scientific American and Nature want you to follow science — let us rephrase that, they want you to follow their science — into the voting booth, to do so would actually lead voters right off a cliff and down to the valley below — the same valley where scientific integrity previously perished during the years of the pandemic.

There's a reason why these magazines never endorsed political candidates in the past. That's because their editors and publishers knew that to "politicize" science was the first step in killing science. It's important here to differentiate "politicize" from "democratize." To politicize science — which is what the scientific establishment is doing — is to shrink wrap "science" in an infallible narrative that can never be questioned.

To politicize means to take sides, no matter what, to advocate for an ideological position; the scientific method never takes sides — it pummels the consensus opinion with relentless questioning, no matter the ideology.

Sometimes the consensus opinion survives, sometimes it is modified, sometimes it collapses and is replaced with a new consensus opinion, which in turn is ruthlessly questioned. That's how progress is made, in

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both the scientific world and in a democratic republic.

Now, instead of relentless questioning, we have the endorsement by the scientific establishment of Harris. That's incredible because the "science" being peddled by the Biden-Harris administration during the pandemic — and which the vice president was vocal in supporting, as was the scientific establishment — was junk, as we now know in retrospect.

So that's why it is laughable when Scientific American writes that the country faces two possible futures and describes the future with Harris this way: "In one, the new president offers the country better prospects, relying on science, solid evidence and the willingness to learn from experience."

Seriously? Did she offer the country better prospects during the pandemic? Did she rely on real science during the pandemic? Did she put forth to the people solid evidence?

Well, you judge. Here's Kamala Harris in July of 2021, speaking in Detroit, telling everyone to get vaccinated because vaccinated people did not end up in hospitals and vaccinated people did not die.

"And even more, regrettably, virtually every person who has recently died from Covid-19 was unvaccinated," she said. "The loss. The tragedy of that loss. Literally every person who has died from Covid 19 that we have recently seen was unvaccinated."

That was a lie, and the numbers were known even then. As the vice president was speaking, the vaccinated were dying — 616 alone reported among fully vaccinated people between April of that year and the day she spoke.

She also let everyone know that everyone in the hospital was unvaccinated. More lies.

As vice president, she supported the idea of mandatory vaccination — a threat to civil liberties — and she supported a national mask mandate, even though actual scientists were warning as early as April of 2020 that decades of mask studies decisively showed that masks — except for respirator masks — simply did not work.

The science establishment embraced masks anyway and conjured new studies — virtually all of them flawed — to make their case. Is this what Scientific American believes is solid evidence?

Then there was the six-foot social-distancing rule. Now we know, thanks to Dr. Anthony Fauci's recent admission, that that was an arbitrary number plucked out of thin air. But that was the standard, hawked by the science establishment.

Is this what Scientific American means by relying on science — relying on Fauci's made-up proclamations based on nothing more than it sounded good?

Meanwhile, as they were pushing "science" that suddenly contradicted decades of studies, and as they pushed profit-mongering Big Pharma's vaccines without the rigorous testing that had been previously required, true scientific inquiry was shut down.

With the support of the "science establishment," the Biden-Harris administration built a massive and unprecedented censorship complex inside the executive branch of government, whose main aim was to censor any questioning of the "new science."

Suddenly, it was alright to produce overnight stories to challenge decades of previous consensus, but it was not okay to question the overnight studies. And you were canceled if you tried to. Is this what Scientific American means by learning from experience?

These days, we know the vaccines did not work. We know the vaccines did not prevent infection, the vaccines did not prevent hospitalizations, and the vaccines did not prevent death. Not that they weren't useful for some with compromised immune systems or for the very, very elderly, but they also came with potentially serious vaccine injury consequences.

Yet to this day, the scientific establishment continues to peddle them as "safe and effective," rather than bluntly acknowledge both the potential benefits and the potential risks.

So here is what Scientific American is doing. They refuse to acknowledge their own hijacking of scientific inquiry for ideological purposes as they endorse the stooge who mindlessly and falsely mouthed their propaganda during the pandemic.

In these editorial pages, we have warned time and again that what was coming out of the scientific establishment was not science but pure partisan Democratic politics, and these endorsements are the ultimate proof of that.

When science becomes politicized, its no longer science, it's ideology.

It's faith-based politics, and it is not compatible with the scientific method.

And that's what this endorsement is: ideology.

If past is prologue, we can see just what kind of science we are going to get with a President Harris. To be sure, the corrupt science establishment will be emboldened and it will consolidate its power over true scientists who seek truth through constant inquiry, not power through "settled science."

The editors over at Scientific American went even further in their political charade. They also took time to disparage Donald Trump by repeating known falsehoods, such as that he advised Americans to inject bleach as a Covid cure.

If they are this dishonest before an election, imagine how they will be once their power is reaffirmed. Well, honestly we don't have to imagine, we have already seen them at work. It's only a shame that the nation as a whole doesn't seem to be outraged by the destruction of their constitution and civil liberties.

The magazine editors also went all in on the "climate crisis" even as new and credible claims that the climate crisis has been juiced by government manipulation of numbers emerged within the U.S. House science subcommittee this week.

The editors also criticized Trump's support for "a work requirement as a condition for Medicaid eligibility." How is that anti-science, unless one believes that ever bigger government and ever more unconditional welfare is the scientifically established only way to reduce poverty in the United States?

News flash: It isn't.

The editorial criticized Trump for not speaking up about gun violence, even after two assassination attempts, as if gun control and/or gun confiscation is the scientifically established solution to gun violence.

News flash: It's isn't.

All totaled, it was a political editorial that strayed far from the lanes of science. And even when it was in the scientific lanes, it ignored the speed bumps of scientific inquiry and "solid evidence."

The editorial did expose one truth: Those who say "follow the science" these days are actually saying follow the Democrats — right into the voting booth and then right off the cliff on the other side.

RIP scientific integrity. RIP America.

LETTERS

The Wisconsin Court System appreciates jurors

To the Editor:

The Wisconsin Court System has designated September as a time to recognize the importance of jurors to the American justice system. We write to highlight the contributions of every prospective and sworn juror and to express gratitude for your service.

Trial by jury is a right protected by both the U.S. and Wisconsin constitutions. All citizens have a duty to help protect this important feature of our justice system. Juries serve several crucial purposes: they decide the facts in criminal and civil trials, reflect community values and sentiments in the court process, and foster public acceptance of legal decisions. Jury duty, alongside voting, is one of the primary means by which citizens participate in government work.

Each circuit court ensures that the jury system meets modern needs. Clerks monitor administrative procedures to create a fair and efficient jury list and summoning process, ensuring jurors are welcomed and comfortable. Judges oversee trials to respect jurors' time and provide clear legal instructions. Trial attorneys present issues and evidence clearly, enabling jurors to make confident decisions. Supporting the jury trial process involves extensive preparation and participation, but none is more crucial than the jurors' work.

On behalf of the Oneida County Circuit Judges, Clerk of Circuit Court and court staff, we take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to those of you who have been summoned to serve on jury duty. We recognize that taking time from your family and work can be difficult. By serving, you help to ensure that the right to trial by jury is protected in Wisconsin.

We would also like to thank the many private companies, government agencies, small businesses, school districts and all those who encourage and support their employees when they are called to jury service.

Not only do we appreciate our jurors, we are indebted to them. Thank you to all jurors of Oneida County!

Honorable Michael H. Schiek, Oneida Co. Circuit Court, Branch I

Honorable Mary M. Sowinski, Oneida Co. Circuit Court, Branch II

Brenda Behrle, Oneida County Clerk of Circuit Court

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Aspirus Health, Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging join forces to prevent falls

Falls are a growing public health concern in the Upper Midwest, with Michigan identifying them as the leading cause of injury, Minnesota experiencing rising hospitalizations among older adults, and Wisconsin reporting a significant increase in fall injuries.

David Rae, trauma coordinator at Aspirus Riverview Hospital, noted that “falls represent roughly 70 percent of all injuries in our emergency department.” The risk of falling increases significantly with age, especially for those 65 and older.

Common injuries from falls can range from minor sprains and bruises to severe conditions such as hip frac-

tures and traumatic brain injuries. “In some cases, it can even result in death,” warns Rae. Prompt medical evaluation is crucial, as “Even if you don’t think you are injured, you could be. It’s important to be evaluated immediately.”

Preparing Your Home for Safety

Suzanne Morley, health promotion program coordinator with the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA), highlights common fall hazards at home, such as throw rugs, clutter, and extension cords. To mitigate these risks, she recommends simple solutions like securely attaching or

removing throw rugs and ensuring adequate lighting. “Changing that burnt-out light bulb can make a big difference,” she emphasized.

Pets can also pose tripping hazards. Morley suggests adding bells to pet collars to monitor their movements and keeping pets in a separate area while busy.

Seeking Help and Support

If you or a loved one has experienced a fall, it’s essential to evaluate your home environment and make necessary modifications to prevent future falls. Additionally, Rae strongly advises, “follow your doctor’s dis-

charge instructions, which may include physical therapy or guidance on medications that could increase the risk of falling.”

Programs like “Stepping On,” designed to improve balance and strength, can also be beneficial. Morley notes it’s an evidence-based falls prevention program proven to reduce falls by 31 percent.

By addressing hazards and prioritizing safety, we can help our older loved ones maintain their independence. For more resources on fall prevention, visit the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging and Falls Free Wisconsin.

Heating assistance programs in Wisconsin

BY THE GWAAR LEGAL SERVICES TEAM

As winter approaches and temperatures drop, many Wisconsin residents may struggle to afford their heating bills. Fortunately, several programs are available to provide financial assistance and improve the energy efficiency of homes for low-income individuals and families.

Home Energy Plus (HE+)

Home Energy Plus (HE+) includes the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Pro-

gram, and HE+ Program Services. WHEAP provides assistance for heating and electric costs, as well as energy crisis situations. Weatherization helps homeowners and renters reduce energy consumption. The HE+ Program Services enables eligible homeowners and renters to repair or replace their furnaces and other heating systems, broken water heaters, leaky fixtures, toilets, and piping. The programs are operated with federal and state funding and provide en-

ergy assistance payments to over 200,000 households and provide weatherization services to over 6,000 households in Wisconsin each year.

Eligibility

To be eligible for WHEAP, the Weatherization Assistance Program, and HE+ Program Services, applicants must be Wisconsin residents, have a Social Security Number, be responsible for paying for some of their own energy costs, and have income that falls below a certain

threshold amount. There is no asset test to qualify for any of these programs.

WHEAP

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, and it is not intended to cover a household’s entire seasonal energy expenses. The amount of the benefit depends on a number of factors, including the household’s size, income, and energy costs. Typically, the energy assistance

benefit is paid directly to the energy provider.

Crisis Assistance

Crisis assistance may be available for households that do not currently have heat, or for households that have received a disconnection notice, or that are nearly out of fuel and are unable to purchase more. WHEAP agencies provide a 24-hour crisis phone line to help with emergencies after business hours. Non-emergency assistance may be available to provide information on how to reduce energy costs, counseling on budgeting and money management, as well as payments to energy providers.

HE+ Program Services

The HE+ Program Services can assist eligible renters and homeowners whose boiler or furnace stops working. The program can pay for repairs or, in certain situations, a total replacement of a non-operational system. Call your local WHEAP agency or the statewide Customer Care Center at 1-800-506-5596 if you are ever experiencing a no-heat situation.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps eligible renters and homeowners reduce energy costs while increasing comfort in their homes.

Weatherization improvements can also make your home environment safer and healthier. Improvements are usually installed by local

professionals in your area. If your residence qualifies for weatherization services, you may receive one or more of the following types of energy efficiency solutions: insulation, sealing air leaks, heating system updates and/or energy-saving products (e.g., water-saving faucet aerators and shower heads, LED bulbs, etc.).

Utility Disconnection Prohibition for Non-Payment

Wisconsin law prohibits utility providers from disconnecting residential heating services for nonpayment from November 1 – April 15 each year. No one should have to go without heat during the winter due to inability to afford their bills. If this happens to you, contact your local ADRC immediately for assistance!

Resources for More Information and to Apply:

- For more information or to locate your local WHEAP agency, call 1-866-HEATWIS or visit <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/>

- To apply online for WHEAP benefits, go to <https://energybenefit.wi.gov>

- Other Energy Resources:

KEEP WISCONSIN WARM/COOL FUND: 1-800-891-WARM (9276); www.kwwf.org

HEAT FOR HEROES (Program for Veterans): 1-800-891-9276; www.heat4heroes.org

FOCUS ON ENERGY: 1-800-762-7077; www.focusonenergy.com.

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	07 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Seasoned Stewed Tomatoes Whole Wheat Bread Applesauce	08 Split Pea Soup & Crackers Chicken Salad with Craisins on Croissant Lettuce Leaf Mandarin Oranges Peach Upside Down Cake	09 Brat on a Bun Grilled Onions Potato Salad Baked Beans Grape Salad	10 Lasagna Whole Kernel Corn Mixed Greens with Dressing Garlic Breadstick Fruit Jell-O Dessert
14 Chili with Macaroni Crackers String Cheese Dark Greens Salad Apple Cranberry Yogurt Salad	15 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Broccoli Pineapple Spice Cake	16 Baked Rosemary Chicken Baked Sweet Pototo Diced Beets Cornbread Cranberry Bar	17 Salmon Patty Au Gratin Potatoes Creamed Peas Whole Wheat Bread Beetnik Cake	18 BBQ Pork Rib Whole Wheat Hoagie German Potato Salad Coleslaw Diced Peaches Butterscotch Pudding
21 Chicken Florentine Penne Pasta Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges Fruit Pie Square	22 Lemon & Herb Chicken Baby Red Potatoes Carrots Biscuit Diced Pears	23 Beef Vegetable Stew Biscuit Whole Kernel Corn Dark Greens Salad Dressing Cookie	24 Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes 3-Bean Salad Rye Bread Ambrosia Fruit Salad	25 Cabbage Roll Casserole Country Trio Veggies Whole Wheat Bread Pineapple Fudgy Black Bean Brownie
28 Italian Rigatoni Casserole Green Beans Dark Greens Salad Dressing Garlic Breadstick Gingerbread Cake	29 Seasoned Baked Fish Parsley Buttered Potatoes Tartar Sauce Carrots Rye Bread Banana	30 Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Diced Squash Multigrain Bread Pineapple Chocolate Cake	31 Seasoned Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Pacific Veggie Blend Whole Wheat Bread Strawberries & Yogurt	Recommended contribution of \$5 for home delivered meals and \$4.50 for on-site dining for those age 60 or older. Fee of \$12.77 for all others.

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outdoors

Fall is a good time to check for invasive species on aquatic gear

By **Beckie Gaskill**
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

This is the time of year when lake property owners are spending time taking out their piers, swim rafts, and other equipment that has been in the lake since spring. It is time to get

things winterized and cleaned up to be put back in next spring. It is also a good time to do a quick check for any possible aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Aquatic invasive species such as spiny waterflea and zebra mussels may be found in the fall while taking

out the dock or swim raft. Spiny waterflea, individually, are small enough that a person would not normally see them. However, they tend to collect on things such as fishing line, anchor ropes or other lines such as that which have been in the water for an extended time. They gather

together and form a somewhat gelatinous looking mass, which is quite visible. Spiny waterflea has already affected a couple of our Northwoods lakes, including Trout Lake and Ike Walton Lake.

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Experience nature after dark with guided night hike

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 Trees For Tomorrow (TFT), in partnership with Tara Lila LLC, will host a free Outdoor Adventures informative night-time hike on one of Tara Lila's beautiful forest trails near the city of Eagle River.

The evening will begin with a brief indoor presentation on TFT's campus, focusing on the importance of preserving true dark spaces and their benefits for both humans and wildlife. Attendees will learn how artificial light can affect natural habitats, disrupt nocturnal wildlife, and even impact human circadian rhythms. After the indoor portion, participants will head to Tara Lila's Sundstein Road Unit for a 40-60 minute guided hike through the forest navigating occasionally uneven terrain.

A unique aspect of this experience is the request for participants to turn off all light-emitting devices (e.g., smartphones and watches) during the hike to fully immerse in the natural night environment.

"The night hike is one of the most distinctive programs we offer at TFT," Bethany Heft, educator and Outdoor Ad-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Experience the magic of the night sky on a guided night hike. The stars shine brighter and nature comes alive in the dark.

ventures at Tara Lila Coordinator, said in a press release. "Walking through the forest without any artificial light lets you experience the beauty of the nighttime environment in a whole new way. You'll notice sounds and sights that would go unnoticed otherwise. It's also surprising how well your eyes adjust to the darkness after a short time."

During the hike, participants will engage in hands-on activities designed to stimulate all five senses allowing them to better understand the adaptations nocturnal animals have developed to survive in the dark.

"Our sensory-focused activities highlight how your vision changes in low light, how your hearing and sense of smell sharpen, and how your perception of touch evolves in the dark," added Heft. "One of my favorite parts of the hike is showing how drastically your ability to see color diminishes under night vision conditions. It's a truly eye-opening experience that allows participants to connect with nature on a deeper level."

The guided night hike is designed to be family-friendly and accessible to participants ages 5 and up. The total event will last approximately

two hours; the hike itself will take about an hour to complete. Participants are expected to return to the Trees For Tomorrow campus by 7:30 p.m. Restrooms and drinking water will be available at the campus, with a pit toilet located at the Sundstein Road trailhead. Proper outdoor footwear and warm clothing are recommended, as fall evenings can be cool.

Thanks to the generous donation of the Aylward family and the ongoing partnership with Tara Lila LLC, this event is free to the public.

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THE LAKE WHERE YOU LIVE Perfect timing

They say a lake, though filled with an inanimate substance, is a living system. And in many ways that's true. For example, your lake breathes. And right now it is about to take a great big, deep, cleansing breath.

And it turns out that breath — that top-to-bottom infusion of oxygen — comes at the ideal time of year. All summer long, lakes unless very shallow are stratified by temperature, a warmer and less-dense surface layer floating on top of colder, denser water below.

As summer goes on that deeper layer receives dead algae and other organic matter that sinks from the surface water. As that material decomposes, the oxygen in the deep becomes depleted and not very hospitable to life.

Then along comes autumn. The air cools, the surface water gives up its heat. Wind and wave action then stirs the water until the entire lake's volume is at a nearly uniform temperature, thoroughly mixed, no more warm and cool layers. This is called the fall turnover.

Now for the really great thing that mixing action does: It re-supplies the lake with oxygen, essentially from surface to bottom. And that's important, because the fish, turtles, frogs, crayfish, mussels, mayfly and midge larvae, dragonfly and damselfly nymphs and other creatures need a supply of oxygen to get them through the winter, when the ice cover makes the lake mostly a closed system, sealed off from the air above.

Even more important, the mixing action continues through the cold and windy days of late October, all of November, and into early December before the ice takes hold. And cold water holds significantly more oxygen than warm water.

In fact, water at the freezing point can hold roughly twice as much oxygen as water at a mid-summer temperature of around 80 degrees. This means the lake holds more oxygen in the cold weather and under the ice than at any other time of year.

Meanwhile, because the metabolism of the cold-blooded water creatures slows down, they consume less oxygen while going about their slow, gelid, cold-water business. In other words, during the months when the lake is frozen, the fish and other critters have the most oxygen in the water during a time when they need it the least.

This is one reason why all but the shallowest lakes are largely immune from the problem of winter kill, which occurs not because the ice freezes all the way to the bottom but because the water runs out of oxygen.

In the deeper lakes, fish and crayfish take in the oxygen through their gills, turtles and frogs (in or near a state of hibernation) breathe through their skin, absorbing the minimal oxygen they require.

So call it nature's wisdom, or call it a happy accident of chemistry, biology and physics. The fall turnover gives your lake that deep, cleaning breath just when it is the most necessary. And that can only be called perfect timing.

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Ted Rulseh
COLUMNIST

Trish like a GIRL



By **Beckie Gaskill**
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Back in the '80s, a band called REO Speedwagon had a song called "Time for me to Fly." It was a good tune, and still is. If birds could choose any song to sing, this is the time of year they may choose that one. Fall is the time of year birds (and some

smart humans, I might add) start to migrate south for the winter. Waterfowl such as ducks and non-resident geese, tundra swans, sandhill cranes, song birds like robins, Eastern meadowlarks and even some birds we might not think of as often such as turkey vultures all prepare for the journey south.

As many know, I am a year-round bird feeder. I like to watch them at the feeders and see them interacting. I like to watch them playing in the water of the bird bath. It is always interesting to see who picks on whom. In the fall, with migration starting, I think it becomes a little more important to keep those food and water supplies clean and full, so I might take a little extra time to attend to those things.

One of my feeders, an obvious favorite of the LBBs, as my

It is time to fly

Mom used to call them, which stood for Little Brown Birds, is usually empty every three days or so. The feeder hangs under the eaves next to a huge hydrangea bush, which makes for excellent cover for those little birds.

I have learned to make a good amount of noise before I approach that corner of the house. The birds are little, but when 30 of them take off out of a bush within a couple feet of a person, it is somewhat remnant of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." I believe that movie is the sole reason it creeps me out so much to have even a pet bird flying around inside the house — even though I have no other memory of the movie other than the birds attacking.

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Lumberjack announces 2024-26 officers

At their April meeting, the Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development Council held elections. The 2024 to 2026 executive committee includes president Larry Sommer, secretary Arlyn Tober, past president Wayne Plant, vice-president Bob Hermes and treasurer Bob Mott.

The Lumberjack Council is a conservation non-profit serving 10 counties in northeast Wisconsin (Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano and Vilas). The council is made of at-large members and elected supervisors from each county's land and water conservation committees.

Tracy Beckman, executive director of Lumberjack Council, said: "We always welcome the expertise and skills that come with a new slate of officers. I'm looking forward to continuing the work of meeting our mission with this group of dedicated conservation volunteers."

For more information on the Lumberjack Council, visit www.LumberjackRCD.Org.

Hike

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TFT encourages families, nature enthusiasts, and anyone curious about the nocturnal forest to attend. Whether you're a first-time hiker or a seasoned nature lover, this night hike promises a memo-

orable experience where you can connect with nature in a truly special way, the release states

Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Interested individuals can register online at www.treesfortomorrow.com/Current-Activities/ or by calling 715-479-6456.

Invasives

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Spiny waterflea is an invasive waterflea that likely came to the United States in ballast water of large ships and has since found its way to inland lakes. They prey on native zooplankton, meaning less food for native fingerling fish. They outcompete native species for resources and disrupt food webs. It has been said, if eaten by young fish, they can accumulate in the digestive system of fish with their spiny tail causing damage to the internal organs of the fish. Anyone finding spiny waterflea on a lake not known to have that invasive species should call the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and report the finding.

Zebra mussels, too, can attach themselves to piers, shore stations and even boat props that have been in the water all season long. These will be very easy to see if they are on equip-

ment. Most native mussel species will not be found attached to rocks and equipment. Instead they burrow into the sediment where they filter water, potentially removing harmful bacteria. Native mussels play an important role in aquatic ecosystems. Invasive mussels disrupt this role by outcompeting native mussels. Again, anyone finding what they think to be zebra mussels on boats, docks or swim platforms when removing them at the end of the season should inform the DNR of their finding.

Other AIS such as curly leaf pond weed (CLP) and Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) may also be found at this time of the year when pulling things from the lake. It is always a good idea to check each piece of equipment after removing it from the lake. The best case scenario is a property owner does not find any new invasive species. However, if a new species is found, and it is caught early, there is a better

chance of staying on top of it and keeping it under control, or perhaps even eradicating it. Landowners who find a suspected invasive species can have it identified by the DNR or through the county land and water conservation department. It can be kept in a plastic bag or container with some water until such time as it can be brought in to be properly identified. It is also a good idea to contact the lake organization, if the lake has one, to let them know about the finding.

Spending a few minutes inspecting equipment as it comes out of the lake at the end of the season can go a long way toward keeping the water healthy. For those in Oneida County, the land and water conservation department can be reached at 715-369-7835. In Vilas County, the department can be reached at 715-479-3747.

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I have a feeder in front of my garage hanging under the eave that seems to be the second most popular. The one in front of my kitchen window and the one between the door and picture window in the living room are not as popular. As soon as the birds see movement inside the house, they fly away from the feeder, other than when the young of the year are just learning to find food for themselves. They do not seem to sense the perceived danger as much, or perhaps the rumbling in their little bellies overtakes their good common sense. As the saying goes baby birds are all... well, digestive system, to put it in a publishable form.

At any rate, even those feeders I pull down every couple of weeks at the very longest. I clean all of them at least once per week during the heat of the summer, but when temperatures start falling in the fall, I might go to two weeks. It depends on the activity and the weather, obviously.

As for the bird bath, I have not taken the extra step to put a heater in it to keep it through the winter — as of yet, anyway. That might happen in the next couple of years, but for now I am happy with it being a warmer weather pursuit.

I know we have a ton of LBBs in the neighborhood, but I feel like I might be the only person with a bird bath out. I cannot believe the amount of activity I see in it. There are times this summer I changed the water every other day and occasionally every day. I also al-



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I am not normally one to feed the squirrels. It is not that I am not a fan of squirrels. I just feel like they have enough food out there. However, now that we have two kittens, Stevie (right) and Cleo (left), they love to watch the squirrels that come up to eat the bird food.

ways keep a stack of the glass squares, the type that a person would use around a fake fireplace type situation, on one side of the bird bath. It is located right by my garden, so there is cover for birds if they need to hide quick. What is fun is that, when I go out to the garden, obviously the birds all take off. But then bees and other insects start to come in. It is like they know it is their turn to get a drink. The fireplace rocks give them a place to land where they can safely get a drink without falling into the water and drowning. So the extra work of the bird bath really is a multi-purpose endeavor. I will keep the bird bath out until the snow flies, even if it means peeling the icy layer off the top so the birds can get to the water below.

For the most part, the species that stick

around by me are American tree sparrows and house sparrows. Not exactly pretty, flashy birds, but at least they are something to watch. We do have a few chickadees that seem to stick around the neighborhood too.

Earlier in the year I had several voraciously hungry starlings that would wipe out two or three suet blocks in a day. But I have not seen any in quite a while. That leads me to wonder if those birds migrated. I do know they are not native to the United States. Of course, settlers from Europe, wanting the new land to feel more "like home," and more familiar, brought with them many different kinds of wildlife, starlings being one of them. I believe tree sparrows are another, but do not hold me to that. I think I read it somewhere.

But I do find it inter-

esting that once summer is in full swing, I do not see the starlings around anymore. I know some people think of them as "junk" birds. I have heard that term used before, but they are kind of glossy and pretty and, again, it is fun to see them vying for a spot on the suet block, often fighting others off the spot.

The only bird activity I am not the biggest fan of watching is when the red-tailed hawk comes along and steals the robin babies out of the nest, which has happened twice now. I might try to configure a way to keep her nest safer next year, now that I know where she will likely build it again — maybe some sort of wall or blockade that will allow her easy access in and out, but not allow the hungry hawk in. There are plenty of other critters around for him to eat.

Speaking of critters, I am not one to feed squirrels and those sorts of animals. However, until recently, at least in my adult life, I was not a cat owner, either. The Chaotic Duo, as I call our kittens Cleo and Stevie, love to watch the squirrels come in to eat the bird treat block. They will sit at the front screen door for hours napping in the sun and watching the squirrels eat. They even talk back and forth sometimes, which I find fairly entertaining. So, yes, I did spend \$10 to buy a bag of food for the squirrels. This is the most time I have spent watching squirrels since I used to hunt them when I was a kid. As I remember, they were not bad eating, and Dad would occasionally ask me to shoot one and throw it in the septic tank to keep the bacteria in there working properly. I have no idea if

that actually worked, but it seemed to make sense back then. So, now I am feeding the entire neighborhood. The bunnies just help themselves to my raspberry plants, so I do not give them anything extra.

But, back to migration. BirdCast is a really cool platform where people can see the number, species, direction, speed and altitude of birds flying over their location at any given time during migration. In the fall, the data is real time from August 1 to June 15. The spring migration window for live data is March 1 to June 15, for those interested. The data a person is accessing is radar-generated from nocturnal bird flights. For instance, at the time of this writing, BirdCast tells me that approximately 10,263,100 crossed Wisconsin last night. That's crazy to me. The estimated number of birds in flight was 21,922,500. This number is larger because not all birds fly completely across the state in one night, so they are counted in this number more than once. The direction of travel was seen as southeast with an average speed of 24 mph and an altitude of 1,700 feet.

Birds migrate at night, with take off beginning about half an hour to 45 minutes after sunset. The greatest number of birds tend to be in flight two or three hours after sunset.

The dashboard has a lot of great information. It even includes birds that are likely to be traveling at night during migration in the area in which a person enters to access the data.

This brings up one last point about providing for birds during mi-

gration. And this is true with other species, such as monarchs, that migrate, too. We often think about light pollution during spring migration, making sure the outdoor lights are either off or shielding in such a way that they light only those areas we need. But little is talked about in the fall and, truly, we should be doing those same things. Light pollution makes travel difficult for birds. In fact, according to the United Nations (UN), light pollution is responsible for the death of millions of migrating birds per year.

"Unnatural light-induced behaviors can mean that migratory birds end up depleting their energy reserves, which puts them at risk of exhaustion, predation and lethal collision with buildings and other man-made infrastructure," the UN website states.

As days get shorter it is natural for humans to want the exteriors of their homes and garages lit as well as walkways. There is nothing wrong with caring for human safety. But it is a good idea to consider proper shielding of lights or to use motion detecting lights that will only come on when a person or large animal is walking through.

Those interested in checking out the BirdCast dashboard to see what might be flying through overhead tonight can check it out at:

dashboard.birdcast.info. Users can simply put in their location and learn about the birds coming through the area.

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Council

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The project — which involves repairs and updates to sanitary sewer mains, manholes, laterals, streets and storm sewers as well as the possible addition of sidewalks — has generated considerable discussion since it was first introduced in late June. Specifically, residents have objected to the sidewalks as well as the loss of mature trees and landscaping.

The streets involved are Messer (from Doyle Street to Hodag Park Drive), Evergreen Court (from Doyle Street to Rose Street), Lake Shore Drive (from Doyle Street to Rose Street), Rose Street (from Lake Shore Drive to Thayer Street), Fremont Street (from Messer Street to Hodag Park Drive) and Hodag Park Drive (from Messer Street to Thayer Street).

The proposals, as well as a memo authored by Mark Barden of Town and Country Engineering, are available for the public to read as part of the meeting packet.

The link is: https://www.rhinelanderrwi.us/document_center/Agenda%20Minutes%20Packet/2024/9.23.24%20Rhinelanderr%20Common%20Council%20Meeting%20Packet%20WITH%20BOOKMARKS%20AND%20PAGE%20NUMBERS.pdf.

Alternatively, the agenda and packet are also accessible by clicking on the Agendas & Minutes tab on the city website — <https://www.rhinelanderrwi.us/>.

The public is also strongly encouraged to view the full discussion by visiting www.hodagtv.com.

Barden described the revised concept plan as an attempt at compromise but the adjacent property owners present in the gallery indicated through a show of hands that they did not find Barden's updated proposal acceptable.

Barden also reiterated that all of the proposed work is to take place on city-owned land (city right-of-way) not residents' property, although it's understood that many property owners consider the city-owned property adjacent to their property to be part of their property because they improve it via landscaping and other decoration and it's used by their children as a play area.

"What I'd really like to do is for everybody on the city council to search their hearts in favor of their common citizens here of Rhineland," a resident of Lakeshore Drive stated during public comment. "As far as grant money goes, what's money compared to what we are about to lose if any of this project goes through by adding sidewalks? We all agree streets need improvement. Utilities underneath need improvement. Let's do that. But why encroach on your neighbors? Take away their trees, their shrubbery, shorten their driveways? That's our main concern here. It's the only reason we're all here. We don't want the sidewalks in. Fix

our streets. That's all we ask of you."

Another speaker repeatedly asked the alderpersons to consider how they would feel if this work was planned for their neighborhood.

It was also reiterated, by both Barden and city forester Tom Jerow, that even if the council decides against the addition of sidewalks, it is a certainty that mature trees will be lost. There's simply no way to update the underground utilities without disturbing root systems.

"I would also like to point out that if we (went) narrower and we eliminated sidewalk, that may save a significant amount of trees in there, but there are trees that would be lost just because the utility construction, depending on where the utilities are and where the independent services are, the sewer and water laterals," Barden explained. "Particularly if they're in the right-of-way, all the connections are made at the property line, we'd have to make those connections and there are times where we disrupt the roots of those trees and whether we kill them at that point, it's always wise to pull them out, particularly if they're in the city right-of-way because they eventually will die. Generally, when we hit the roots, it's on the roadside, when those trees die, they will fall towards the house, so we like to get those out for safety concerns."

All of the property owners who spoke indicated that they remain baffled as to why

the sidewalks have been deemed necessary. The speakers indicated they are of the opinion that everyone is using the roadways appropriately, there is minimal pedestrian traffic, and there are no safety concerns.

In response, Barden mentioned improving the "walkability" of the city. It was also noted that there are plans to add a splashpad and a new playground equipment to Hodag Park which could lead to additional pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood in the near future.

While the neighborhood residents have been consistent in expressing their opposition to sidewalks, council president Carrie Mikalauski did note for the record that the alderpersons have heard from other city residents who want the sidewalks installed.

"To say that nobody wants sidewalks in your neighborhood isn't totally accurate because I know I've received a few (emails), which I believe every council member is copied in on those emails, that they do want sidewalks to make it safer so I just wanted the general public to know that that's also out there and we have received those comments as well."

As the discussion continued, city administrator Patrick Reagan observed that the hard reality of the situation is the council is not going to be able to satisfy all parties no matter what decision is made.

"If you try to make everybody happy you'll make nobody happy,"

he said. "I can tell you, no matter what you're going to choose somebody's going to be unhappy with this, be it some certain city staff won't be happy with it, some of the residents out there won't be happy with it, some of you may not be all that happy with it, so just kind of understand that it's one of those difficult decisions you just have to make."

It should be noted that the idea of canceling the project entirely

— no replacement of aging utilities and no improvements in terms of drivability to what have been described as some of the city's worst streets — was mentioned but it was unclear whether the council members consider that a viable option or not.

What the panel committed to was making a decision on Oct. 14.

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Church Directory

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2024-2025 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides home heating assistance to eligible households. WHEAP heating assistance is a one-time benefits payment per heating season (October 1 - May 15). It is intended to help pay a portion of a household's heating costs, not the entire annual cost of heating a home. The amount of the heating assistance benefits depends on the household's size, income and heating costs. The HE+ Program Services provides services to eligible homeowners and some renters to repair or replace their heating systems, leaky or non-working water heaters, leaky fixtures, toilets, and piping.

Households with income at or below 60% of Wisconsin State Median Income may be eligible for assistance. Households may be eligible if monthly gross income is less than the amount shown below for your family size (includes ALL members living in the household).

Income Limits for 2024-2025 Program Year (10/01/2024 through 9/30/2025)

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$3,061.08
2	\$4,002.92
3	\$4,944.83
4	\$5,886.75
5	\$6,828.58
6	\$7,770.50
7	\$7,947.08
8	\$8,123.67

If you are an Oneida County resident and would like more information, contact the Oneida County Department of Social Services at (715) 362-5695.

To apply online:

<https://energybenefit.wi.gov/>

What to Bring

- *Social Security numbers for each household member
- *Fuel bills for heat/electric
- *Proof of all income received for prior month
- *Income for people who are self-employed, farms or seasonal workers is from a review of a 12-month period.

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NORTHWOODS

MARKETPLACE

140. MISCELLANEOUS

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252. EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATIVE

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262. EMPLOYMENT MISCELLANEOUS

REPORTER:

The Northwoods River News in Rhinelander is seeking a reporter to cover a variety of beats, but have a love of reporting about government entities, be it at the school, town, or county levels. This position may also require reporting about police and courts. Because this is a general assignment position, a day's work could take one to a school or county board meeting, a concert in the park, a luncheon sponsored by an area church group, or to the courthouse for the day's activities. We seek a reporter who can handle a camera, drop everything to get to the house fire down the road, and produce compelling copy that engages the reader and tells the entire story. The reporter will have a nose for news and the ability to go the extra mile - to think beyond the actions of the board or committee and produce stories that make a difference in the lives of our readers - and do it all on deadline. We seek candidates with experience, but will also consider those with the drive to learn and succeed in a fast-paced environment that demands attention to detail. To apply for this position, provide a cover letter and resume to Gregg Walker, PO Box 790, Minocqua, WI 54548. Materials may also be emailed directly to gwalker@lakelandtimes.com

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CS.....Cassian
ER.....Eagle River
FI.....Fifield
HR.....Harshaw
HZ.....Hazelhurst
LDF.....Lac du Flambeau
LT.....Lake Tomahawk
MC.....McNaughton
MQ.....Minocqua
MR.....Mercer
MW.....Manitowish Waters
NB.....Newbold
NK.....Nokomis
PF.....Park Falls
PI.....Presque Isle
PL.....Plum Lake
RH.....Rhinelander
SA.....Sayner
SC.....Sugar Camp
SG.....St. Germain
TO.....Tomahawk
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RH: 3005 S. River Road 9/26 to 9/28, 9am- 3pm. Weber grill with canopy, dining table with chairs, furniture, dressers, snowblower, lawn décor, pictures, other household items.

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Looking for large White Pine trees, 100 - 200 trees 18 inch and larger on the stump & 16 to 20 Red Pine. We will cut, skid and truck. If you can cut and skid to a good landing that will work out also. We will come in and select the trees to be harvested. Also interested in large Red Pine plantation, 25 years old +, and want to buy White Spruce & Black Spruce. Call anytime or text. If you have pictures that would help also. Please contact Ron at 715-250-2442

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 - 660 WANTED
 - 670 WATERFRONT
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 - 720 PARTS & ACCESSORIES
 - 725 SUV'S
 - 730 TRUCKS
 - 740 VANS/BUSSES
- 750 VEHICLES/RECREATIONAL
 - 752 ATVS
 - 754 BOATS
 - 756 CAMPERS/RVS
 - 760 MOTORCYCLES
 - 766 PWCS
 - 780 SNOWMOBILES
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 - 810 CHILD CARE
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- 930 WANTED TO BUY

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Deadline for Tuesday River News is Thursday at Noon
Deadline for Friday River News is Tuesday at Noon.**

Carry

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“Toledo, Parma, and Akron each experienced an average of 19 percent decrease in summed rates of crimes involving a firearm post-PCL,” the authors wrote. “Based on data from June 2021-June 2023, the enactment of the PCL does not appear to have any appreciable effect on law enforcement injuries or deaths by firearm in the cities of interest.”

In addition, data on gunshot detection technology for Toledo and Columbus also captured a decrease in validated crime incidents post-PCL by 23.2 percent and 20.6 percent, respectively.

“Increases in crime rates in the spring-summer months appear both before and after the PCL went into effect for most cities, but this observation could be due to the influence of other factors such as time of year or structural population characteristics,” the authors wrote. “This slight acceleration in crimes involving firearms was also temporary.”

In sum, the authors concluded, their observations of the trends pre- and post-PCL led them to surmise that, to date, the effects of the PCL were minimal on crime rates involving firearms, number of shots detected, and law enforcement officer injuries and deaths and generally showed a decrease.

“To assess whether these decreases were significant, we conducted a trend analysis,” they wrote. “Results indicated a significant decline in crime incidents involving a firearm for Akron, Columbus, and Toledo, and across all cities combined from June 2021-June 2023. When comparing the average number of crime incidents involving firearms in each city and then compared pre- and post-PCL, the results showed that four cities significantly differed before and after the enactment of the law.”

Those were Columbus, Toledo, Akron, and Parma.

Ohio attorney general Dave Yost said the study was not intended to downplay what he called the very real problem of crime in many neighborhoods in Ohio cities.

“You don’t need a research team to see that gun violence destroys lives, families and opportunity,” Yost said. “The key takeaway from this study is that we have to keep the pressure on the criminals who shoot people, rather than Ohioans who responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights.”

Last year, mayors of several large cities blamed crime in their local communities on the change in state law – comments that were the impetus for the study, Yost said.

“I genuinely did not know what the study would find,” he said. “I thought it would be useful either way.”

The study, which explored the relationship between permitless carry and crime involving firearms in the state’s eight most populous cities, demonstrates that the law change is not the problem, the attorney general said.

There are critics of constitutional carry, including the Giffords Law Center. In a February 2023 report, “The Truth About Permitless Carry” the group touted anecdotal evidence, citing the

death of a father of three in Texas in a parking lot argument after a permitless carry law was passed, and the death of a teen in Georgia in a grocery dispute after that state’s law was passed.

The group proclaims that permitless carry laws remove important protections, such as background checks for those wishing to carry guns, and said “studies show that weakening public carry laws is associated with a 13–15 percent increase in violent crime rates, as well as an 11 percent increase in rates of homicides committed with handguns.”

However, critics have aggressively criticized the scientific soundness of some of those studies. For instance, John Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center and Carlisle Moody of the College of William & Mary Department of Economics, criticized the 2017 study showing an 11-percent increase in rates of homicides committed with handguns.

Lott and Moody accused the researchers — Michael Siegel et al., “Easiness of Legal Access to Concealed Firearm Permits and Homicide Rates in the United States,” American Journal of Public Health — of mischaracterizing the published literature, misstating the statistical significance of its results, and excluding critical data.

For example, Lott and Moody said the researchers made no attempt to “to account for the huge differences in shall-issue laws. In Illinois, it costs at least \$450 to get a permit. In Pennsylvania, it is \$20.”

They also observed that the authors threw out observations for states that no longer require a permit for concealed carry.

“This is particularly strange given that the paper indicates that more liberal concealed carry regulations increase homicides,” Lott and Moody wrote. “If this were true, these states should be particularly dangerous.”

When those observations were included, they wrote, statistical significance disappeared.

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

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Send resume to Maria at mcarreno@elitecaremanagement.com

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Rhineland Area Ambassadors greeting...



with a ribbon cutting...

Pictured from left to right front row: Lauren Sackett, Tiki Krueger, Linda Krebsbach, Owners Jamie and Nick Hallas, Nicole Raduechel, Cora Eckert. Back row: Dave Russ, Josh Scheele, Maria Grabiec, Paul Kurtz, Theresa Williams, Renee Draszkiwicz and Tarsie Goes. Photos by Angela Badeau of the Rhineland Chamber.



ICT Electric staff pictured from left to right: Paul Kurtz, Josh Scheele, Jon Downey and Owners Nick and Jamie Hallas. The ICT team members not pictured: Bryan Kurtz, Mike Kurtz, Ben Sinclair, Rusty Hallas and Riland Baker.

ICT Electric

The Rhineland Chamber Ambassadors welcomed Nick and Jamie Hallas owners of ICT Electric, LLC located in Rhineland. This familiar business and location is formally T.J. De Witt & Co. Inc. Nick and Jamie are Northern Wisconsin natives that are no stranger to the electrician business and have more than 20 years of experience. ICT Electric, LLC was formed in 2012 and has since moved into the Menominee location this past August of 2024. All employees of T.J. De Witt & Co. Inc. have been officially welcomed to ICT Electric. The merge has provided their customers with the combined and extended experience. This includes three Masters, three Journeymen, three Apprentices and the business staff. ICT (In Control Technology) Electric, LLC serves Oneida County and the surrounding areas for both residential and commercial electric needs.



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- Oct. 17 - Barn Quilt Painting
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Court

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Michelle Mary Kussman, 38, Rhinelander, cited for possession of a live captive wild animal without a license, had intake on Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Nicholas Cameron Stitt, 41, Howards Grove, cited for trespassing to land, has intake on Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Aleila Pearl Eades, 21, Lac du Flambeau, cited for abandoning a vehicle for 48 hours, has intake on Dec. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Jon G. Jacobson, 60, Tom-

ahawk, cited for possession of THC, has a court trial on Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

Emily Ann Leffel, 35, Wausau, cited for false alarm (3rd or 4th offense), has intake on Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Melissa Joy Wagner, 64, Elcho, cited for false alarm (3rd or 4th offense), has intake on Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Melissa Lynn Higgins, 35, Rhinelander, cited for animal running at large (2nd+), has intake on Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Timothy Scott Sage, 42, Rhinelander, cited for county retail theft (intentionally taking), has intake

on Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Craig Evans, 59, Rhinelander, charged with theft of movable property, has intake on Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Caydee Marie Christensen, 17, Lac du Flambeau, cited for possession of marijuana, has intake on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Callahan Edward Emmer, 20, Ashland, cited for illegally operating an ATV/UTV on/in the vicinity of a highway, has intake on Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Conni June Schade, 54, Tomahawk, cited for shoplifting (<\$500), has intake on Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m.



LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES
Town of Newbold, Oneida County Wisconsin
 The following applications for licenses have been filed with the undersigned as Clerk for the Town of Newbold, Oneida County, Wisconsin:
 NAME: Damo & Lex, LLC
 d/b/a: Woodpecker
 Agent: Alexis A. Bettinger
 ADDRESS AND LOCATION:
 6776 County Rd K, Rhinelander 54501
 KIND OF LICENSE: Class B Beer & B Liquor
 Said application will be considered by the Newbold Town Board at the regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, October 10, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Newbold Community Center, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, WI 54501, and at any subsequent or adjourned meetings until said application has been fully disposed of by the Town Board.
 Noticed on this 12th day of September 2024 by Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk
 100096 9/20,9/27,10/4 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2024 PR 88
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 JEFFREY L. CZARNESKI
 DOD: 06/12/2024
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/22/1951 and date of death 06/12/2024, was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6886 Holiday Haven Lane, Three Lakes, WI 54562.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 9, 2025.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A-318 Probate Office.
 /s/ Amy M. Franzen
 Probate Registrar
 09-19-2024
 Attorney Katherine Koepsell
 130 Park Ave
 Beaver Dam, WI 53916
 920-885-9266
 Bar No. 1074259
 100077 9/27,10/4,10/11 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT ONEIDA COUNTY
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
 Case No. 24-CV-163
 Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404
 Hon. Michael W. Schiek
 Br. 1

PEOPLES STATE BANK
 1905 W Stewart Avenue
 P.O. Box 1686
 Wausau, WI 54402-1686
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ESTATE OF ROBERT J. CEPLINA, JR.
 c/o Patricia Barreto, Personal Representative
 1130 W Fairy Chasm Rd.
 River Hills, WI 53217
 Defendants.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO:
 ESTATE OF ROBERT J. CEPLINA, JR.
 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
 Within forty (40) days after **September 27, 2024**, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to:
 Oneida County Clerk of Circuit Court
 Oneida County Courthouse
 One South Oneida Avenue
 P.O. Box 400
 Rhinelander, WI 54501-0400
 and to Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is:
 Weld Riley, S.C.
 500 Third Street, Suite 800
 P.O. Box 479
 Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-0479.
 You may have an attorney help or represent you.
 If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
 Dated: 9/18/2024.
 WELD RILEY, S.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 BY: JOHN A. CRAVENS
 State Bar #1001261

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE, INQUIRIES AND PLEADINGS TO:
 Amy L. Unertl, Paralegal
 Weld Riley, S.C.
 500 Third Street, Suite 800
 P. O. Box 479
 Wausau, WI 54402-0479
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 This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 This communication is from a debt collector.
 100094 9/27,10/4,10/11 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
 Case No. 24PR72
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 Jean C. Streicher
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth January 11, 1938 and date of death February 9, 2023, was domiciled in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2108 Hazy Bay Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 23, 2024.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave., P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Room A-318 Probate Office.
 /s/ Amy M. Franzen
 Probate Registrar
 09-05-2024
 Attorney Sarah J. Reed
 Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C.
 P.O. Box 8050
 Wausau, WI 54402-8050
 715-845-4336
 Bar No. 1100219
 100039 9/13,9/20,9/27 WNAJLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on October 15, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on October 08, 2024 and end at 12PM on October 15, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.
KO Storage of Rhinelander - Menominee Dr, 1647 Menominee Drive, Rhinelander WI 54501, (952)-491-6837
Time: 12:00PM CST
 102, Kunze, Melissa, 124, Meives, Jeremy, 16, Pires, D'Angelo, 193, Hamblin, Carol, 22, Kunze, Melissa, 5, Gonzalez, Michelle, 73, Marks, Nick, 80, Woldemichael, Kirubel
 Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.
 100019 9/27 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT ONEIDA COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Case No. 24-CV-32
 Hon. Michael W. Schiek
 Br. 1

PEOPLES STATE BANK
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ALISA G. BARTH
 JOHN/JANE DOE BARTH
 (an Unknown Spouse of Alisa G. Barth)
 Defendants.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the abovecaptioned action on July 2, 2024, in the amount of \$89,372.29, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: October 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: in the lobby of the Oneida County Courthouse, 1 South Oneida Avenue, Rhinelander, WI 54501
DESCRIPTION:
PARCEL 1:
 Lot Four (4) of Certified Survey Map No. 4962 recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oneida County, Wisconsin, in Volume 24 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 4962, as Document No. 803855; being a part of Gov't Lots 1 and 3, Section Nine (9), Township Thirty-six (36) North, Range Seven (7) East, in the Township of Woodboro, Oneida County, Wisconsin.
PARCEL 2:
 Together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across that portion of Beltz Drive that lies in Lot Three (3) as shown on CSM 4962, Document No. 803855, in Easement agreement recorded on November 19, 2020, as Document No. 813348.
 Tax Key: WB-123
PROPERTY ADDRESS: Vacant Land Town of Woodboro, (Beltz Drive), Harshaw, WI 54529
TERMS: Down payment required **at the time of Sheriff's Sale** in the amount of 10% of the successful bid by cash or certified check; balance of sale price due within ten business days of confirmation of sale by the Court, together with the applicable transfer fee and cost of recording the deed, all payable to the Clerk of Court of the above county. Property to be sold as a whole 'as is' and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest.
 Sheriff Grady M. Hartman
 or Designee
 Oneida County, Wisconsin
 Plaintiff's Attorney:
 Weld Riley, S.C.
 500 Third Street, Suite 800
 P.O. Box 479
 Wausau, WI 54402-0479
 (715) 845-8234
 legal@weldriley.com
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TOWN OF SCHOEPKE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the people of the Town of Schoepke that the Schoepke Town Board will meet at the Town Hall, 769 U.S. Highway 45, Pelican Lake, for a special meeting on **Tuesday, October 2nd, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** This is an important open meeting to discuss/act on selecting a garbage & recycling company the town will hire starting in 2025. The public is encouraged to attend.
 Posted on September 19th, 2024
 By Julie Taylor, Clerk
 100021 9/27 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
 Case No. 24CV169
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Julia Marie Dervetski	Marie Middle Name Last Name	Dervetski Last Name
By (Petitioner) Julia Marie Dervetski	Julia Marie Middle Name Last Name	Dervetski Last Name

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

From: Julia Marie Dervetski	Julia Marie Middle Name Last Name	Dervetski Last Name
To: Maggie Jane Mack	Maggie Jane Middle Name Last Name	Mack Last Name
Birth Certificate: Julia Marie Stegall	Julia Marie Middle Name Last Name	Stegall Last Name

IT IS ORDERED:
 This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Oneida County, State of Wisconsin:
 Judge's Name: Honorable Mary M. Sowinski
 Place: Branch II, Oneida County Court House,
 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, WI 54501
 Date: October 15, 2024
 Time: 9:15 a.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/ Mary M. Sowinski
 Circuit Court Judge
 Sept. 6, 2024
 100097 9/27,10/4,10/11 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CASE NO. 24-CV-134
HON. MICHAEL W. SCHIEK
 Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
 Other Contracts: 30303 Wis. Stat. §810 Replevin
 COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
 PO BOX 107
 ANTIGO, WI 54409
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 SAMUEL HURLBURT
 4189 TRAILS END ROAD
 RHINELANDER, WI 54501
 Defendant.
 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
 To each person named above as a defendant:
 You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
 Within **40 days** after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Oneida County Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, PO Box 400, Rhinelander, WI 54501, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 413 N. 2nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
 If you do not provide a proper answer within **40 days**, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
 DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 17, 2024.
 GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
P. O. Address:
 413 N. 2nd Street, Suite 150
 Milwaukee, WI 53203
 Telephone: (414) 271-5400
/S/ Electronically signed
 Joshua J. Brady
 WI State Bar No. 1041428
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October 2024

FOOTBALL			BOYS' SOCCER		
DATE	EVENT	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
10/4	WISCONSIN (HOME/COMING)	7 P.M.	10/3	AT ANTIGO	7 P.M.
10/10	(TRIPS) AT MEDFORD	7 P.M.	10/9	LAKELAND	7 P.M.
10/25	MERRILL WIAA PLAYOFFS*	7 P.M.	10/10	AT MEDFORD	7 P.M.
GIRLS' SWIM			VOLLEYBALL		
DATE	EVENT	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
10/10	AT TOMAHAWK	5:30 P.M.	10/12	AT NORTHLAND PINES	7 P.M.
10/17	MOORE	5:30 P.M.	10/13	AT MEDFORD	7 P.M.
10/18	COLBY/ARBORETTWOOD	5:30 P.M.	10/15	GNC MEET NO. 2 AT MEDFORD	10 A.M.
10/19	SHOREWOOD SMALL SCHOOL INVITE	5 P.M.	10/17	TOMAHAWK	10 A.M.
10/25	GNC MEET AT COLBY	5 P.M.	10/22	AT CRANDON	7 P.M.
GIRLS' TENNIS			VOLLEYBALL		
DATE	EVENT	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
10/17	AT WISCONSIN RAPIDS	4 P.M.	10/22	WIAA REGIONALS	7 P.M.
10/18	WIAA REGIONALS AT RHINELANDER	4 P.M.	10/23	WIAA REGIONALS	7 P.M.

PIGSKIN PREVIEW WEEK 6: RHINELANDER AT ANTIGO



BOB MAINHARDT FOR THE RIVER NEWS

Rhinelander's Leander Sprecksel blocks Tomahawk's Brayden Larson during a GNC football game at Tomahawk Friday, Sept. 20. Sprecksel, and others may be called upon to handle more duties on the offensive and defensive sides of the line this week, after a couple of key injuries sustained by the Hodags in last week's loss.

Plenty at stake tonight in 90th annual Bell Game battle

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

WEEK 6 AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Rhinelander at Antigo
WHEN: 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27
WHERE: Schofield Stadium, Antigo
WEATHER: Partly cloudy, 70 degrees, winds E at 5 mph
RECORDS: Rhinelander 3-2, 1-1 Great Northern. Antigo 3-2, 1-2 Great Northern
LAST WEEK: Rhinelander lost to Tomahawk, 21-14. Antigo lost to Merrill, 31-0.
LAST MEETING: Antigo 24, Rhinelander 0 — Sept. 15, 2023
BROADCAST: Audio — 101.3 FM/1240 AM/TheGamenorthwoods.com. Video — YouTube (search: AHS Media Productions)

Plenty of seasons over the last century plus of Rhinelander High School football have revolved around if the Hodags could beat their arch-rivals in maroon and gray to the south.

This year, in the 90th playing of the Bell Game and the 103rd meeting all-time between Antigo and Rhinelander, the Hodags' season may literally be in the balance.

Coming off a stunning last-second loss last week at Tomahawk, a victory over Antigo may be critical if Rhinelander has a shot of clinching a spot in the WIAA playoffs come season's end. With GNC-lead-

ing Medford looming in the final four-week stretch to end the regular season, the path to get the three additional wins required to guarantee a playoff berth — or even the two needed to be eligible for one of the final remaining spots in the field of 224 — likely requires a win over the Red

Robins this evening in Antigo. After last week's 21-14 loss to the Hatchets, coach Aaron Kraemer said the blow knocked his team to the canvas. On Monday, he reiterated that the Hodags have to beat the 10-second count and come back fighting.

"The season doesn't stop for us when bad things happen. There's no choice but to respond," he said. "That's been the mantra this week. That's what our plan is. That's our goal, to fight back and there's no other big test of your fortitude than playing against a rival away in a position where it's a must-win game for us, if we have aspirations of going to playoffs."

Antigo, which knocked off Tomahawk in overtime two weeks ago, comes in off its own smarting loss — blanked at home 31-0 by Merrill last Friday night. That put the Robins in the same boat as Rhinelander, sitting at 1-2 in the GNC.

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The history behind the Bell Game

RIVER NEWS STAFF

Tonight is the 90th playing of the Bell Game between Rhinelander and Antigo high schools as the teams renew acquaintances at Schofield Stadium in Antigo.

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

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

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

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

The Rhinelander-Antigo rivalry predates the Bell. Tonight marks the 103rd meeting all-time between the schools. According to records kept by WisSports.net, the Hodags and Red Robins first met on the gridiron in 1917 and have met at least one every year since 1921 — making it the fifth-longest active continuous rivalry in the state, and the 15th-most played rivalry in the state overall.

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Hodag netters fall to Medford 5-2

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Rhinelander High School girls' tennis team entered yesterday's Great Northern Conference tournament in danger of finishing outside the top half of the conference standings for the first time as a member of the GNC.

The Hodags found themselves in that predicament after dropping a key positional match at home against Medford 5-2 on Monday. Two close losses and a juggled singles lineup hindered the Hodags as the Raiders moved four points ahead of Rhinelander for

fourth in the conference entering the GNC tourney at Lake-land, which concluded after press time.

The Hodags were third in the eight-team league last year, after finishing first or second every season between 2010 and 2022. Realistically, overtaking Medford for fourth was the best Rhinelander could do entering Thursday's play as third-place Pacelli was a full 16 points clear of the Hodags.

"That's kind of what we're looking at, can we chance things around come Thursday," Hodag coach Matt Nichols said following Monday's match. "They played a

good game. They came around that second set, pushed really hard and props to them, their mental game and strategy was overpowering."

Rhineland's two victories on Monday came at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles — and even though were hard-fought affairs.

Karmen Lopez fought off a pair of set points in the first and rallied past Medford's Natalie Preuss 7-3 in a tiebreaker. The Hodag senior went the distance as well in the second set, staving off a tiebreaker with a 7-5 win.

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Rhineland's Brooke Sisel hits a return during a GNC girls' tennis dual meet against Medford at the RHS tennis courts Monday, Sept. 23. Sisel and No. 1 doubles partner Dawsyn Barkus won in a match tiebreaker, but the Hodags fell to the Raiders, 5-2.

Woes continue for Hodag soccer in 5-1 loss to Waupaca

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Rhineland High School boys' soccer coach Nathan Bates is still waiting for that "a-ha" moment for his side this season.

It hasn't happened yet for the Hodags, who continued a grueling stretch of play Monday by conceding four second-half goals in a 5-1 loss to Waupaca in a non-conference match at Mike Webster Stadium.

The Hodags (3-6-1, 2-2-0-1 Great Northern) have had a rough go of late, particularly on the defensive

end, as they have won just one of their last six contests. Rhineland has given up 23 goals in that span — four more than it allowed in all of 2023. While goalkeeper Barak Rappley has missed plenty of time recently due to injury, the senior was back in goal on Monday night and faced an onslaught of quality Waupaca chances.

It all has Bates scratching his head, but after Monday night's game he came back to a common refrain — that his team has yet to congeal into one cohesive unit opposed to 11 individual pieces.

"Until we can become a team,

we're not going to have a great season," he said. "I hate to say it but, right now, we're not becoming a team yet. It's very evident. When we do have good stuff happen, it's because we're all clicking, we're communicating and we're playing as a team. But, unfortunately, we have not had enough time where ... we just haven't clicked, man. We just have not become a team and I'm not sure why yet but I'm hoping before the season's over we can have that happen."

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BOB MAINHARDT FOR THE RIVER NEWS

Rhineland goalkeeper Barak Rappley makes a save on a shot by Waupaca's Kevin Hernandez (7) during the second half of a non-conference boys' soccer match at Mike Webster Stadium Monday, Sept. 23. Waupaca scored on the ensuing rebound, one of four second-half goals for the Comets as they pulled away to a 5-1 win.

SPORTS DIGEST

WIAA Board of Control conducts September meeting

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved a limited number of action items, and received customary executive staff and liaison reports at its latest meeting Sept. 20.

Bryan Davis, superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District, was introduced as the new District 4 representative on the board replacing Dan Retzki, who announced his resignation from the board in August after accepting a principal position at a member school outside the district.

The board voted to authorize the additions, edits and content of association publications, including the 2024-25 handbooks for the Board of Control, Executive Staff, Classification Committee and other committees, and Conference Realignment. In addition, the board approved 2024-25 appointments to the Conference Realignment Task Force, Sports Medical Advisory Committee, Classification Committee and Coaches Advisory committees.

A conference realignment fast-track recommendation that merges the Fox River Classic and Fox River Valley Conference for lacrosse was approved by the board. Other board action included approval of the regular monthly financial statements and general fund payments, as well as the moving of April 2025 board meeting to Wednesday, April 23.

Additional topics of discussion included staff reports on continued efforts to recruit and retain licensed officials, 2024-25 membership renewals, preparations for the fall tournament series and a report reviewing the first three area meetings.

The board also received liaison reports from Paul Manriquez of the Department of Public Instruction, Dan Rossmiller of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Brittany Spencer Grant of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. Andy Engel of the Hamilton Consulting Group and Melinda Koski of Platform Communications also presented reports to the board.

Mosinee sweeps Hodag volleyball

By Jeremy Mayo
RIVER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Taking on Great Northern Conference-leading Mosinee was always going to be a tall order for the Rhineland High School volleyball team at home on Tuesday night. Playing without one of its top players for more than two sets made that an insurmountable task for the Hodags.

Junior Libbey Buchmann felt something go amiss in her back and sat out the better portion of the final two sets as the Hodags floundered to a 25-12, 25-8, 25-9 loss to Mosinee at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium.

Coach Jayme Wyss said it happened while Buchmann was serving on a run that got Rhineland within 9-8 in the first set. Soon after Buchmann left, Mosinee went on a 12-1 run to take control of the set and things didn't go much better the rest of the way for the Hodags who fell to 1-5 in the GNC.

"It was like we finally got some momentum and then, all of a sudden, she's in pain, I'll let her finish serving," Wyss explained. "Then I lost her the rest of the time. I tried putting her back in for one spot and it's was like, 'This is a bad idea.'"

Buchmann briefly reappeared in the back row in the second set before being sat down for the remainder of the evening. Rhineland fell behind 8-0 in the second and never strung together more than two points in the set.

Wyss said Buchmann's loss left her team reeling.

"You could tell the whole entire mood and everything just dropped on our side," she said. "What do you do when you lose your most solid all-around player? When



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Rhineland's Callie Hoerchler attempts to hit through a double block by Mosinee's Abbi Kluz and Lisa Maurer (6) during a GNC volleyball match at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Tuesday, Sept. 24. Mosinee swept Rhineland in the match 25-12, 25-8, 25-9.

you're trying to adapt to that, you have nobody in the back row that's that level, nobody in the front row that's that level. Against Pines she had 17 kills. I know we beat Pines and they're not as strong of a team, but she has the putaway power. She can read stuff. She knows how to find the holes. She still has errors but, in back row, she can read, adjust and pick up a ton of stuff."

Rhineland took its lone lead of the night on a Ava Rathbun kill to go up 3-2 in the third, but Mosinee answered with seven straight points as the Hodags again failed to score more than two straight points in the final set.

"We could have at least sparred

better. I don't like seeing single digs on our side. I just know that we're better than that," Wyss said. "It's not just losing Libbey's ability. It's the affect it has on the whole team dynamic. She's the one who gets hyped. She's always encouraging. You need that person to be out there as a leader, too."

Buchmann's loss had impacts all the way around. The Hodags finished the night at minus-.106 on the attack, with 13 kills and 20 errors in 66 chances. Rhineland also committed five service errors while Mosinee recorded 17 aces from the service line.

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

HODAG LANES

Monday Morning Ladies League Monday, Sept. 23

High Game	
Trista Alsteen	211
Vicki Larson	203
Jan Wege	171
Nancy Nebgen	168
Kathy Shaltis	168
High Series	
Vicki Larson	534
Trista Alsteen	507
Diane Goslin	487
Nancy Nebgen	472
Connie Reinke	456

Standings as of Sept. 23

Team	W-L
Alley Cats	12-9
Class Act	12-9
Hi Lo Rollers	11½-9½
Big Dogs	10-11
Cat Lovers & Co.	10-11
Pin Pals	7½-13½

Ladies Friendly League Tuesday, Sept. 24

High Game	
Amy Kinsch	227
Patsy Niemi	218
Jen Schuette	210
Becky Brainard	205
Erika Bednarz	204
High Series	
Amy Kinsch	601
Debra Preuss-Rettenbach	566

Joann Bathel	560
Patsy Niemi	553
Becky Brainard	545

Standings as of Sept. 24

Team	W-L
Schoeneck Home Improvement	18-3
Eagle Roasters	14-7
Essence of Synergy	12-9
Nick's Side Chicks	14-7
Hodag Honda	11-10
Play By Play	11-10
Avco Vacuum Cleaner Co.	11-10
Culver's	10-11
Victory Vinyl Designs	10-11
Tom's Drawing Board	10-11
Campfire Coffee	9-12
Country Bay	9-12
Preuss's Pub	8-13
Rick's Pro Shop	7-14
Hodag Country Fest	7-14

FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL

Team	GNC	Ovr
Medford	3-0	4-1
Mosinee	2-1	3-2
Wausau East	2-1	3-2
Antigo	1-2	3-2
Lakeland	1-2	3-2
Rhineland	1-2	3-2
Merrill	1-2	3-2
Tomahawk	1-2	2-3

Friday's Games

Wausau East at Medford, 7 p.m.

Tomahawk at Mosinee, 7 p.m.
Rhineland at Antigo, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Game

Lakeland at Merrill, 1:30 p.m.

SOCCER

PREP BOYS' SOCCER

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 24			
Team	Pts.	W-L-SW-SL	Overall
Lakeland	14	3-0-1-0	9-0-1
Northland Pines	12	3-1-0-0	5-2-2
Rhineland	7	2-2-0-1	3-6-1
Mosinee	4	1-2-0-1	2-6-1
Antigo	3	1-4-0-1	1-7-0
Medford	2	0-3-1-0	0-5-2

Monday's Games

Waupaca 5, Rhineland 1 (NC)
Lakeland 5, Three Lakes 0 (NC)

Tuesday's Games

Northland Pines 4, Cumberland 2 (NC)
Three Lakes 2, Medford 1 (NC)
Mosinee at Waupaca (NC), late

Thursday's Games

Antigo at Mosinee, late
Northland Pines at Lakeland, late

Monday, Sept. 30

Washburn at Northland Pines, 4:30 p.m.
Medford at Mosinee, 7 p.m.

Waupaca at Rhineland Monday, Sept. 23

Waupaca 14 — 5
Rhineland 0 1 — 1
First Half: 1, Waup, Brody Woitczak

(Keegan Kirby), 31:25.
Second Half: 2, Waup, Liam Bloedow (unassisted), 40:36. 3, Waup, Woitczak (unassisted), 47:18. 4, Waup, Kevin Hernandez (Woitczak), 55:37. 5, Rhi, Hart Hokens (Charlie Johnson), 65:51. 6, Waup, Kirby (unassisted), 69:14.

TEAM STATS	Waup	Rhi
Shots (On Goal)	24 (11)	9 (6)
Fouls	3	6
Offsides	1	2
Yellow Cards	1	1
Corner Kicks	4	1

SWIMMING

PREP GIRLS' SWIMMING

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 24	
Team	GNC
Colby/Abbotsford	3-0
Rhineland	3-0
Lakeland	2-1
Medford	2-1
Antigo	1-2
Tomahawk	1-2
Ladysmith Co-op	0-3
Mosinee	0-3

Thursday's Meets

Medford at Tomahawk, late
Mosinee at Ladysmith, late
Rhineland at Lakeland, late
Antigo at Colby/Abbotsford, late
Thursday, Oct. 3
Medford at Colby/Abbotsford, 5:30 p.m.

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

TENNIS

PREP GIRLS' TENNIS

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 24			
Team	W-L	Dual	Pts
Lakeland	7-0	42-7	84
Wausau Newman	6-1	37-12	74
Pacelli	5-2	35-14	70
Medford	4-3	29-20	58
Rhineland	3-4	27-22	54
Marshfield Columbus	1-6	12-37	24
Antigo	2-5	10-39	20
Phillips	0-7	4-54	8

Monday's Match

Medford 5, Rhineland 2
Lakeland 6, Marshfield Columbus 1
Wausau Newman 7, Phillips 0

Wausau's Match

Wausau Newman 6, Antigo 1

Thursday's Match

GNC Meet at Lakeland, late

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Rhineland at Wisconsin Rapids (NC), 4 p.m.

Merrill at Lakeland (NC), 4:30 p.m.

D.C. Everest at Medford (NC), 4:30 p.m.

Medford at Rhineland Monday, Sept. 23

Medford 5, Rhineland 2
Singles: 1, Audrey Ruesch, Med, def. Kelsey Winter, 7-5, 6-4. 2, Karmen

Lopez, Rhi, def. Natalie Preuss, 7-6 (3), 7-5. 3, Makenna Tlusty, Med, def. Becca Brost, 6-0, 6-1. 4, Emily Kiselicka, Med, def. JaLyn LaChapelle, 6-1, 6-4.
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Doubles: 1, Dawsyn Barkus/Brooke Sisel, Rhi, def. Grace Holmes/Indya Mann, 6-2, 4-6, 10-7. 2, Lily Holmes/Bayley Metz, Med, def. Evelyn Sawyer/Maya Patrick, 1-6, 6-3, 10-7. 3, Hannah Dahl/Rachel Daniels, Med, def. Willow VanDenHeuvel/Eva Heck, 6-1, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

PREP VOLLEYBALL

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Sept. 24		
Team	GNC	Ovr
Mosinee	6-0	17-8
Medford	5-1	15-8
Antigo	4-2	15-8
Lakeland	3-3	13-6
Tomahawk	2-4	8-12
Rhineland	1-5	8-18
Northland Pines	0-5	9-14

Tuesday's Matches

Medford 3, Northland Pines 0
Mosinee 3, Rhineland 0
Lakeland 3, Tomahawk 0
Antigo 3, Wausau East 0 (NC)

Thursday's Matches

Antigo at Tomahawk Quad (NC), late

Saturday's Matches

Lakeland, Rhineland at Phillips Invite (NC), 9:30 a.m.

YOUTH SPORTS ROUNDUP

JV FOOTBALL

The Rhinelander High School JV football team fell to Tomahawk 24-14 Monday, Sept. 23 at Mike Webster Stadium. Quarterback Abe Gretzinger hit Marshal Durkee for a touchdown to pull the Hodags within two late in the fourth quarter, but the Hatchets tacked on the clinching touchdown after recovering an onside kick.

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Weston Kibler returns a punt for the Hodags.



Kaleb Zwaard catches a two-point conversion late in the fourth quarter for the Hodags.

JV3 VOLLEYBALL

Rhinelander faced Lakeland as part of a JV3 volleyball invitational at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium Monday, Sept. 23.

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Erykah Robinson serves for the Hodags.



Eliza Rudis tips the ball at the net for the Hodags.

JWMS girls' cross country 2nd at GNC meet

The James Williams Middle School girls' cross country team was the runner-up Monday, Sept. 23 during the Great Northern Conference middle school meet at Antigo High School.

The Hodag girls used a pack of runners just outside the top 10 to edge Mosinee by six points for second place. Eighth-grader Noelle Mayo paced the Hodags in 13th place out of a field of 74 runners, covering the 3,200-meter course in 14 minutes, 13.2 seconds. Seventh-grader Jade Chiamulera was close behind in 14th (14:14.0), Quinn Stinebrink was 17th (14:18.8), Charlotte MacIntyre was 19th (14:41.9) and Helen Beuning was 24th (15:15.0).

The Hodag boys finished sixth, but had a top-10 medalist in sixth-grader Channing Waksmonski, who came home fourth overall at 12:15.2. Casey Waksmonski finished 22nd (14:07.4), followed by Espen McMahon (32nd, 15:10.2), Jacob Baumann (39th, 15:43.4) and Jack Congdon (40th, 15:47.4).

The previous Thursday, the Hodags were at Horace Mann Middle School in Wausau for the Junior Smiley Invitational. The JWMS girls were seventh of 10 teams in Division 1 while the Hodag boys took eighth out of 10.

Mayo finished 23th in the D1 race to lead the Hodag girls (15:07.4). She was followed by Chiamulera in 28th, Stinebrink in 29th, MacIntyre in 33rd and Beuning in 70th. Channing Waksmonski (15th, 12:28.2) paced the Hodag boys. Casey Waksmonski was 60th, Max Cahee was 78th, McMahon was 79th and Baumann was 84th to round out the Hodag top five.



PHOTOS BY JEREMY MAYO/RIVER NEWS

Jacob Baumann (217) and Jack Congdon (283) run together in the opening mile of the GNC middle school boys' cross country race in Antigo Monday, Sept. 23.



JEREMY MAYO/RIVER NEWS

JV CROSS COUNTRY

The Rhinelander High School cross country team fielded some junior varsity entries in the Bill Smiley Invitational in Wausau Saturday, Sept. 21. Wendy Fronk led the Hodag girls taking 91st out of 197 runners in Division 1 with a time of 26 minutes, 26.3 seconds. Averie West was 102nd (26:42.6) and Grace Cornelius was 136th (28:21.2). Hank Kowieski led the Hodag boys in 92nd out of 267 runners (23:27.7). Chasin Wallmow was 187th (23:27.7). **PICTURED:** Grace Cornelius runs with a pack of runners near the end of the Division 1 JV girls' race.



Lilly Paszek leads teammate Harmony Gomez near the finish of the GNC middle school girls' cross country race in Antigo Monday, Sept. 23.

YOUTH SPORTS ROUNDUP

JWMS VOLLEYBALL

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Evelyn Juedes serves the ball for the eighth-grade team during a match against Antigo Monday, Sept. 23 at the JWMS gym.



Aleigha Marten bumps the ball for the seventh-grade team during a match against Medford Monday, Sept. 16 at the JWMS gym.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

The JWMS seventh- and eighth-grade football teams took on Lakeland at Mike Webster Stadium Tuesday, Sept. 17. **PICTURED:** Connor Clark scrambles with the ball late in the seventh-grade game.

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FOOTBALL		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
10/4	MOSINEE (HOMECOMING)	7 P.M.
10/10	(THURS.) AT MEDFORD	7 P.M.
10/18	MERRILL	7 P.M.
10/25	WIAA PLAYOFFS*	7 P.M.

BOYS' SOCCER		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
10/3	AT ANTIGO	4 P.M.
10/8	LAKELAND	7 P.M.
10/10	AT MOSINEE	7 P.M.
10/15	MEDFORD	7 P.M.
10/17	AT NORTHLAND PINES	7 P.M.
10/22 OR 24	WIAA REGIONALS	TBA
10/26	WIAA REGIONALS*	TBA
10/31	WIAA SECTIONALS*	TBA

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GIRLS' SWIM		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
10/3	AT TOMAHAWK	5:30 P.M.
10/10	MOSINEE	5:30 P.M.
10/17	COLBY/ABBOTSFORD	5:30 P.M.
10/19	SHOREWOOD SMALL SCHOOL INVITE	TBA
10/25	GNC MEET AT COLBY	5 P.M.

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GIRLS' TENNIS		
DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	TIME
10/1	AT WISCONSIN RAPIDS	4 P.M.
10/7	WIAA SUBSECTIONALS AT RHINELANDER	9:30 A.M.
10/9	WIAA SECTIONALS AT EAU CLAIRE*	9:30 A.M.
10/15-17	WIAA STATE AT MADISON*	TBA

VOLLEYBALL		
DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	TIME
10/1	AT NORTHLAND PINES	7 P.M.
10/3	MEDFORD	7 P.M.
10/12	GNC MEET NO. 2 AT MEDFORD	10 A.M.
10/15	TOMAHAWK	7 P.M.
10/17	AT CRANDON	7 P.M.
10/22	WIAA REGIONALS	TBA
10/24	WIAA REGIONALS*	TBA
10/26	WIAA REGIONALS*	TBA
10/31	WIAA SECTIONALS*	TBA

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CROSS COUNTRY		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
10/3	MEDFORD INVITE	4 P.M.
10/8	NORTHLAND PINES INVITE	4 P.M.
10/12	TOMAHAWK INVITE	10 A.M.
10/19	GNC MEET AT NORTHLAND PINES	11 A.M.
10/25	WIAA SECTIONALS AT COLBY	4:15 P.M.

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Volleyball

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“When you have 20 hitting errors and five missed serves, that’s a set right there,” Wyss said. “We gave them a third of what they needed in order to walk away with it. They gave us a few, but it was mostly our own fault.”

Kelsi Beran led the Hodags with three kills on the night while Rathbun, Macey Schmoeger, Lexi Beran and Callie Hoerchler had two kills each. Only Rathbun (.400) and Hoerchler (.200) had positive hitting percentages among Hodags who had at least five total attacks.

Lucy Lindner finished the night with 11 assists and three digs. Tori Stella and Reese Retallick had four digs each while Rathbun and Buchmann each had a service ace.

“Ava did fine. She stepped in, in the front row and didn’t have any errors,” Wyss noted. “But then in the back row, I had to keep throwing Ava in and Ava’s not a back row player. We were just really lacking, defensively, as a result.”

Mosinee spread the wealth around in its offense. Bridget Frey led the way with seven kills while Abbi Kluz and Jaiden Reed had six each.

“We knew that they were hard hitters. We knew that they pick up everything and that tipping doesn’t really work,” Wyss said.

The Hodags are back in action Saturday in a non-conference invite at Phillips. Wyss said she would evaluate how Buchmann’s back responds throughout the week before any determination is made regarding whether the junior will play in the event.

Rhinelanders is back home next Thursday to take on Medford in its Pink Out game to support breast cancer awareness and SDR employee Holly Klaas, who is currently battling the disease. It will also begin the second round of GNC play of the Hodags, who look to improve in their second meetings against their conference foes.

“I’d like to see us do better. I wanted us to do better tonight, but there’s only so much you can control,” Wyss said.

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“She’s really grown into a very consistent player but I think today, more than other game, it was not only consistency but taking controlled finishing shots and developing points. She did a really good job with that today,” Nichols said of Lopez.

At No. 1 doubles, Rhinelanders Dawsyn Barkus and Brooke Sisel were pushed to a tiebreaker by Grace Holmes and Indya Mann, which they eventually won 10-7. Barkus and Sisel took the first set 6-2 but watched Holmes and Mann rally back for a 6-4 win in the second.

“I think Medford had a slow start, but in that second set it was back and forth, real close,” Nichols said. “To watch them win the tiebreaker was great. They’ve played hard and they’ve been in a lot of tiebreaks. It was nice to see them play hard the entire way through it and not leave anything open to a question. To win a tiebreak, that’s a nice confidence boost for them going into the conference tourney.”

Even one more individual match win Monday would have resulted in a four-point swing that would have put Rhinelanders and Medford on equal footing entering Thursday’s tournament. That win never came, however, as Audrey Ruesch inched past Kelsey Winter 7-5, 6-4 at No. 1 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Evelyn Sawyer and Maya Patrick controlled the first set but eventually lost a tiebreaker to Lily Holmes and Bailey Metz 1-6, 6-3, 10-7.

“I think No. 1 singles, it was a close match. Medford was very consistent and that was something we struggled with,” Nichols said. “I think it’s kind of hard to stay out of your head and I think we fell into that. We rallied hard, were down 1-4 in the first set and came back to 5-4. That was good to see, a very close match but, ultimately just wasn’t able to close.”

“No. 2 doubles, I think Medford really just started to light it up at the net and that’s one



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Rhinelanders JaLyn LaChapelle plays a point during a GNC girls’ tennis dual meet against Medford at the RHS tennis courts Monday, Sept. 23. LaChapelle, in at No. 4 singles with Sam Aschenbrenner scratched due to an injury, lost her match in straight sets.

thing we’ve continued to stress. We need to get touches at net. If we don’t the other team, if they’re a good doubles team, they’re going to do that and they’re going to put the ball away on us. We had some good shots in there it’s just a matter of opening up opportunities for more.”

The Hodags were short-handed at the bottom of their singles lineup with Maddie Legrey and Sam Aschenbrenner scratched due to illness and injury, respectively. Becca Brost filled in at No. 3, falling to Makenna Tlusty, 6-0, 6-1 while JaLyn LaChapelle lost at No. 4 to Emily Kieslich 6-1, 6-4.

Eva Heck and Willow VanDenHeuvel lost at No. 3 doubles to Hanna Dahl and Rachel Daniels, 6-1, 6-2.

The Hodags (13-16, 3-4 Great Northern) have one more regular season match on the docket after conference, as they will travel to Wisconsin Rapids for a non-conference dual on Tuesday.

Rhinelanders will host WIAA Division 1 sectional play Monday, Oct. 7. The Hodags were originally scheduled to host the D1 sectional as well on Oct. 9, but that event has been moved to the Menard Tennis Center in Eau Claire.

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WIS. SPORTS GLANCE



SCHEDULE

Sept. 22: Brewers 10, Arizona 9
Tuesday: Brewers 7, Pittsburgh 2
Wednesday: at Pittsburgh, 5:40 p.m. (BSWI)
Thursday: at Pittsburgh, 11:35 a.m. (BSWI)
Friday: vs. N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. (BSWI)
Saturday: vs. N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday: vs. N.Y. Mets, 2:10 p.m. (BSWI)

MLB STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 24

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	93	65	.589	—	z-N.Y. Yankees	92	65	.586	—
N.Y. Mets	87	70	.554	5½	z-Baltimore	87	70	.554	5
Atlanta	86	71	.548	6½	Boston	80	78	.506	12½
Washington	69	88	.439	23½	Tampa Bay	78	79	.497	14
Miami	58	99	.369	34½	Toronto	73	85	.462	19½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	90	67	.573	—	x-Cleveland	91	67	.576	—
Chicago Cubs	81	77	.513	9½	Kansas City	83	74	.529	7½
St. Louis	80	77	.510	10	Detroit	83	74	.529	7½
Cincinnati	76	82	.481	14½	Minnesota	81	76	.516	9½
Pittsburgh	73	84	.465	17	Chicago White Sox	37	120	.236	53½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Dodgers	93	64	.592	—	x-Houston	86	72	.544	—
z-San Diego	91	66	.580	2	Seattle	81	77	.513	5
Arizona	87	71	.551	6½	Texas	74	83	.471	11½
San Francisco	79	79	.500	14½	Oakland	68	89	.433	17½
Colorado	60	97	.382	33	L.A. Angels	63	94	.401	22½



SCHEDULE

Sept. 22: Packers 30, Tennessee 14
Sunday: vs. Minnesota, noon (CBS)

NFL STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 24

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East	W	L	T	Pct	East	W	L	T	Pct
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000	Washington	2	1	0	.667
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667
Miami	1	2	0	.333	Dallas	1	2	0	.333
New England	1	2	0	.333	N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333
North	W	L	T	Pct	North	W	L	T	Pct
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000
Baltimore	1	2	0	.333	Detroit	2	1	0	.667
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	Green Bay	2	1	0	.667
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	Chicago	1	2	0	.333
South	W	L	T	Pct	South	W	L	T	Pct
Houston	2	1	0	.667	New Orleans	2	1	0	.667
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	Atlanta	1	2	0	.333
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	Carolina	1	2	0	.333
West	W	L	T	Pct	West	W	L	T	Pct
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	Seattle	3	0	0	1.000
L.A. Chargers	2	1	0	.667	Arizona	1	2	0	.333
Denver	1	2	0	.333	L.A. Rams	1	2	0	.333
Las Vegas	1	2	0	.333	San Francisco	1	2	0	.333



SCHEDULE

Sept. 14: No. 4 Alabama 42, Badgers 10
Saturday: at No. 13 USC, 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

BIG TEN STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 24

Team	Conf.	Ovr.	Team	Conf.	Ovr.
19 Illinois	1-0	4-0	Rutgers	0-0	3-0
Indiana	1-0	4-0	Wisconsin	0-0	2-1
12 Michigan	1-0	3-1	Purdue	0-0	1-2
Iowa	1-0	3-1	Maryland	0-1	3-1
Michigan State	1-0	3-1	Nebraska	0-1	3-1
Washington	1-0	3-1	12 USC	0-1	2-1
3 Ohio State	0-0	3-0	Minnesota	0-1	2-2
8 Oregon	0-0	3-0	Northwestern	0-1	2-2
9 Penn State	0-0	3-0	UCLA	0-1	2-2

Soccer

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Waupaca had the better of play from the jump, but struggled to put balls on target in the opening half hour. That changed in the 32nd minute as Keegan Kirby put Brody Woitczak on a run through the middle of the defense. Rappley came out to challenge the breakaway, but couldn’t deny a hard shot inside the left post that put the Comets on the board.

That seemed to serve as a turning point in the match as Waupaca scored three more times in the first 16 minutes of the second half to put the game out of reach.

“We had plenty of opportunities and then they got a goal in on us and we shut down,” Bates said. “The defense fell apart. The offense fell apart.”

Liam Bloedow drilled a shot home from roughly 25 yards out just seconds into the final 40 minutes. Woitczak added his second



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Rhinelanders Asher Rivord sends a ball down field against Waupaca’s Kevin Hernandez (7) during the first half of a non-conference boys’ soccer match at Mike Webster Stadium Monday, Sept. 23.

of the night in the 48th minute, cleaning up a rebound after Rappley denied Kevin Hernandez on a breakaway chance.

Hernandez got on the scoresheet for the Comets in the 56th minute, scoring on a breakaway off a through ball by Woitczak.

“Waupaca came out and we allowed them to have too much time with the ball and too many opportunities with

it,” Bates said. “It made them very deadly against our defense because we did allow them so much time and space with the ball. It allowed them to set up good passes and good shots on the goal. A lot of them, Barak, there was just nothing he could do with them. There were a lot of 1-v-1s with the goalie.”

Rhinelanders got on the board in the 66th minute as

Hart Hokens split defenders on a Charlie Johnson send and finished inside the left post, but the Comets answered just over three minutes later as Kirby fired a shot home in traffic from the edge of the 18-yard box.

“We started clicking again,” Bates said. “We had a glimmer were (we) were working pretty hard and trying to string some passes together. When they did, they looked really good. And then that didn’t happen again. All I can hope is we can get a full 40 minutes of a game, maybe 60, I would really appreciate.”

Hokens was on the end of most of Rhinelanders’ scoring chances in the match. He was snuffed out on a breakaway chance off a counterattack in the 13th minute, missed wide right after a turnover inside the 18 in the 21st minute and was denied on a look from 12 yards in the 23rd minute.

Hokens missed high on a look from the right side of the box in the 60th minute and had a 1-on-the keeper chance stopped in the 63rd

minute after splitting the defense on a punt from the back by Rappley.

Rhinelanders was outshot 24-9 in the contest. Rappley made six saves as the Comets finished with an 11-6 edge in shots on goal.

The Hodags are scheduled to be idle until next Thursday when they travel to Antigo to begin the second round of Great Northern Conference play. Typically, a 10-day layoff to work on things would come in handy for a team looking to find its way, but Bates said the long break isn’t much of a help, considering the Hodags’ thin roster.

“I would really, really like to have a few more games in there,” Bates said, noting he would try to look to pick up a non-conference match in the interim. “We don’t have the numbers this year to scrimmage against ourselves. To have 10 days off without gameplay I think is pretty detrimental right now.”

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Bell

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Since the two teams began playing for the Bell, Antigo holds a 56-31-2 edge in the series. Antigo enjoys the two longest winnings streaks in the series — having won 13 in a row between 1961 and 1973, and 12 straight between 2007 and 2018. Rhinelander's longest winning streak in the series was 10 games between 1943 and 1952.

Antigo has won the last two Bell Games, after the Hodags had won three in a row from 2019-2021.

"We've put ourselves in positions where we can win that game and made it a rivalry again," Hodag football coach Aaron Kraemer said this week. "I know that Antigo wants to win it and when I started here, it was more like a formality that they were going to win ... To be able to put the rivalry back in it and to put the heat back on Antigo, to get them to really want to win that game, that's excellent."

Year	Winner	Score
1935	Rhineland	19-13
1936	Rhineland	22-0
1937	Rhineland	31-6
1938	Rhineland	27-7
1939	Antigo	19-0
1940	Antigo	20-19
1941	Tie	13-13
1942	Antigo	19-12
1943	Rhineland	19-0
1944	Rhineland	14-12
1945	Rhineland	26-6
1946	Rhineland	28-0
1947	Rhineland	14-6
1948	Rhineland	26-0
1949	Rhineland	6-0
1950	Rhineland	27-0
1951	Rhineland	18-6
1952	Rhineland	14-13
1953	Antigo	38-6
1954	Antigo	19-6
1955	Rhineland	25-6
1956	Rhineland	20-13
1957	Antigo	20-13
1958	Tie	13-13
1959	Antigo	28-6
1960	Rhineland	21-19
1961	Antigo	40-7
1962	Antigo	20-6
1963	Antigo	39-7
1964	Antigo	6-0
1965	Antigo	33-7
1966	Antigo	19-0
1967	Antigo	11-6
1968	Antigo	32-14
1969	Antigo	52-8
1970	Antigo	38-0
1971	Antigo	20-0
1972	Antigo	33-0
1973	Antigo	26-6
1974	Rhineland	32-12
1975	Antigo	24-0
1976	Antigo	26-12
1977	Antigo	8-6
1978	Antigo	33-7
1979	Rhineland	14-0
1980	Antigo	14-12
1981	Antigo	25-12
1982	Antigo	28-16
1983	Antigo	28-0
1984	Antigo	41-6
1985	Antigo	48-0
1986	Antigo	35-7
1987	Antigo	50-0
1988	Antigo	35-0
1989	Rhineland	31-0
1990	Antigo	22-12
1991	Antigo	42-7
1992	Antigo	52-0
1993	Antigo	32-21
1994	Rhineland	22-14*
1995	Antigo	8-7*
1996	Rhineland	27-26*
1997	Antigo	30-13
1998	Rhineland	26-20*
1999	Rhineland	34-28
2000	Rhineland	28-19
2001	Antigo	15-14
2002	Rhineland	14-0
2003	Antigo	48-14
2004	Antigo	47-32
2005	Antigo	28-14
2006	Rhineland	22-18
2007	Antigo	31-14
2008	Antigo	48-6
2009	Antigo	49-21
2010	Antigo	41-0
2011	Antigo	42-13
2012	Antigo	32-7
2013	Antigo	27-0
2014	Antigo	28-7
2015	Antigo	20-14
2016	Antigo	25-6
2017	Antigo	48-7
2018	Antigo	24-13
2019	Rhineland	20-10
2020	Rhineland	21-18**
2021	Rhineland	42-0
2022	Antigo	26-14
2023	Antigo	24-0



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In this Sept. 25, 2022 file photo, Antigo takes the Gene Shepard Bell Trophy from a cart on the Rhinelander sideline after winning the 2022 Bell Game in Antigo. The Bell's legs and handle were painted green back then, but has since taken on a less-attractive — at least in Hodag fans' eyes — hue of maroon the last two years thanks to back-to-back wins in the series by Antigo.

Sources: Rhinelander Daily News archives and Antigo Daily Journal.

Football

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Though Antigo has already lost to Medford, its path to postseason eligibility could also likely hinge on a victory this evening.

That's the backdrop as the teams fight for the right to ring the bell that once adorned the boat of hodag myth creator Eugene Shepard. The teams have been playing for it since 1935 in one of the longest-standing rivalries in Wisconsin high school football.

"Every time you get a chance to play for a prestigious trophy, one of the longest-running rivalries in the state of Wisconsin, anytime you get to be a part of that and play for that trophy, that's always going to be a big game," Kraemer said.

Here are five storylines going into tonight's game.

Avoid the swoon

If the Hodags are going win tonight, they're going to need to do something they have struggled to do under Kraemer — win late in the season. Throwing out the COVID-shortened 2020 season, Rhinelander is 7-17 in games contested on Week 5 or later since Kraemer took the helm in 2019.

Rhineland went winless over the final five games in 2022 and was just 1-5 last year following a 4-0 start.

Kraemer said part of what this year's Hodags need to do this year to avoid a similar fate is block out the extra ramifications riding on each game — be it a trophy, homecoming or playoff implications — and simply go out and play football.

"We have to take it at a much more micro approach," he said. "We've got to win one, we've got to move on. We've got to win one, we've got to move on. That's the big thing. We have to focus on that and

once that happens, and we take more of a micro approach to what we're doing week, that's what's most important.

"When we put our minds to the smaller pieces and we begin to have fun, that's when football becomes a lot easier. I think over the last couple of years, as the season went on, it became about we've got to make the playoffs and it becomes less about we've got to start having fun as a football program."

Ironically, losses to Antigo in Week 5 each of the last two seasons started the Hodags' downward spiral. A win over Antigo tonight would go a long way to putting last week behind Rhinelander and setting up a strong finishing push.

"That's what I have to instill in our players — don't let the loss beat you twice and let's get back to having fun, that same fun we had the first two, three, four weeks of the season. It's not always about winning. It's about playing the sport that you love," Kraemer said.

Trainer's room

All of that could be easier said than done, given where the Hodags sit on the health front entering this week. Not only did the Hodags lose offensive and defensive lineman Caden Sieker to a shoulder injury during the second quarter of last week's game, tight end and defensive end Bo Stott suffered what's feared to be a potentially season-ending leg injury when he was tackled for a loss on an ill-fated screen pass during the fourth quarter of the contest.

"The heartbreaking thing for Bo is he had such a great game, especially defensively," Kraemer said, noting that Stott had eight tackles, including three for loss, against the Hatchets. "Then late in the game, to

have that happen for you. That could possibly be a season-ender. That's difficult to swallow. I know for him he's going to bounce back. He's got a lot of meaningful snaps ahead of him. I know he wants to play college football. He certainly can do those things with the abilities he has."

As of Monday, Kraemer had not completed ruled Sieker out of tonight's contest.

"For Caden, we're hoping we can get him back as soon as we possibly can," Kraemer said. "He's a big part of our future, moving forward and has played great defensive line the last two years and we need him back."

Battle up front

Rhineland slid Leander Sprecksel from left guard to left tackle in Sieker's absence and inserted sophomore Gage Anderson in at the guard spot. Junior Evan Shoeder is expected to see more time at tight end in Stott's absence.

On the defensive side, the Hodags platooned Sprecksel, Anderson, Dom Hakala, Landon Webster, Marshal Durkee among others on the line for Sieker and Stott. Kraemer said his was pleased with the way the replacements played on both side of the ball in their absence and they will likely be challenged tonight against an Antigo team that is big on both sides of the ball.

Antigo features four players on the roster who check in at 290 pounds or larger, but the Robins' lines are anchored — literally and figuratively — by 5-10, 260-pound senior Gordon Lucht. He was on the watchlist for the Joe Thomas Award, given to the state's top senior offensive lineman, and is tied for the team lead with four tackles for loss.

"Gordy Lucht is a guy that I admire on their team," Kraemer said. "He's a really

strong blocker and he's very, very strong defensively as far as extension and the way that he plays down the line of scrimmage. He's a guy I respect unbelievably as a player. We're going to have to put two, three guys on him, get bodies on him so that we can neutralize his threat."

The Robins can be beaten on the ground, however. Antigo's allowing 7.3 yards per carry and Merrill's Callum Wheeler went off for 224 yards and three scores on just 12 carries against the Robins last week. Kraemer said it will be key to neutralize Antigo's size with numbers and athleticism.

"We've got to do the best we can to get our guys in space," he said. "We feel we have pretty good athletes that match up against them. Offensively, that's kind of the goal. We've got to match or get numbers to the point of attack and then get our guys in space."

Air Antigo?

Quarterback Colton Thomae threw for 387 yards, three touchdowns and five interceptions through Antigo's first four games. While those numbers don't sound staggering, he came into last week's game having already attempted 76 passes on the year — which is seemingly more than Antigo would have in a decade when Gordy Schofield's Robins dominated the series with the Hodags during the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

This is a different Antigo offense under Tom Schofield, Gordy's grandson. While there are plenty of elements of the Tee and Wing-T offense in the playbook, the Robins appear comfortable letting Thomae run the show. He was also the Robins' leading rusher with 301 yards and five scores through the first four games.

"He's impressive. Out of

the offensive snaps we've seen, that's the most player I think on the whole group. Not to say they don't have other impressive players, but he really does run the show offensively," Kraemer said. "The one thing I think is really cool for them is they utilize him as a run and pass threat. They run RPOs with him, slant and bubble, do a good job of allowing him to read the game. Then when he's out in open space, he's not only a threat as a runner, but he's a threat as far as a physical player. He likes to put his shoulder down. He likes to hit. He's not afraid of that."

The air-it-out nature of the offense is evidenced by the fact that 11 different players — including Lucht when lined up at tight end — caught passes over the first four games. Ayden Kaiser is Thomae's favorite target with six catches for 147 yards and a score.

In addition to Thomae, Michael Hagerty, Grant Praslowicz and Jayson Arrowood have been the team's primary ball carriers. All three come in averaging more than 5 yards per carry.

Get there early

Fans coming to Schofield Stadium tonight will likely want to arrive early as there will be limited seating available for the contest.

Tom Schofield, who is also Antigo's activities director, confirmed to the River News this week that the old stone and concrete bleachers, — where the majority of fans sat on the stadium's north side — were recently condemned. There are some metal bleachers for seating on the south side of the field, adjacent to Antigo Middle School. Otherwise spectating will be standing room only along the fence surrounding the field.

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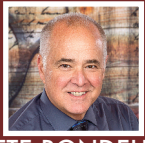
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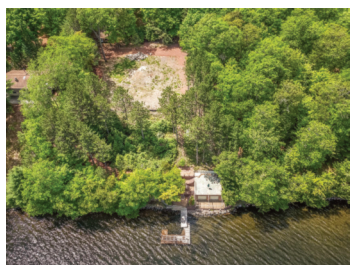
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Eagle River



- 3 BR/2 BA, partially finished lower level
 - 1.7 AC, new deck, professional landscaping
 - 2 det gar's: 24x46 & 50x30 w/htd wrksp
- \$412,000 MLS#208787

St. Germain



- 4 BR/2 BA move in ready home
 - 1.5 AC, firepit, hot tub, wooded, private
 - Remodeled, nat gas, garage w/workshop
- \$399,000 MLS#208538

Big Pine Creek



- 4 BR/1 BA, 5 AC hobby farm
 - Creek runs through property
 - Large open kitchen, multi-level barn
- \$250,000 MLS#209066

Long Lake



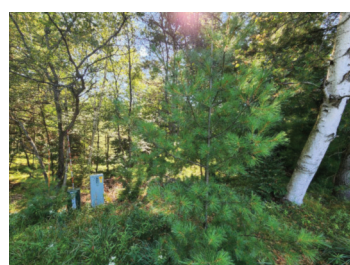
- 1.6 wooded AC, well & 3 BR septic in
 - RV, garage & boat included, apple trees
 - Weekend getaway or build opportunity
- \$109,900 MLS#206776

Minocqua



- 52 AC on Hwy 8 & Hwy 51
 - Gravel approach in, hunting land
 - Wooded, wetland highland creek mix
- \$84,999 MLS#204357

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- 0.73 AC, wooded lot
 - Timber Ridge Golf Club
 - Paved, private road, additional amenities
- \$14,900 MLS#205651



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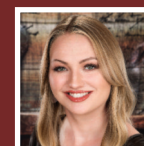
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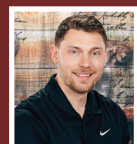
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