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Beef-A-Rama steaks its claim as Minocqua's hottest event

Wrap-up meeting at month's end will consider Beef-A-Rama's 60-year milestone and beyond

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Beef-A-Rama was yet another success for the Island City. The 59th edition of the event wrapped up after event-goers spent a warm fall day in the sun, listening to music, enjoying drinks and, of course, eating plenty of beef.

Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau president and CEO Krystal Westfahl said prior to the event, this year was set to see the most participants ever in both the Prime Choice Craft Show and the 59th Annual Roasting Competition. Typically, she had said, organizers register participants up until the day before Beef-A-Rama, but this year

registration ended much earlier for both because they filled up so quickly.

Westfahl said this year's event was unique because of the unseasonably warm weather, and therefore, instead of people coming to the event early in the morning and

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More than half a million non-citizens are convicted or charged with a crime

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Data released this week by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security shows that, as of July 21, there were 662,566 noncitizens with criminal histories on the national docket of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

The agency's docket includes those detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or who are on the agency's non-detained docket of immigration cases. Of the total, 435,719 are convicted criminals, and 226,847 have pending criminal charges.

The startling numbers were contained in a Sept. 25 letter from Homeland Security deputy director Patrick Lechleitner to U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Texas), who requested in March the number of noncitizens on ICE's docket convicted or charged with a crime.

The numbers also show there are more than 13,000 illegal immigrants on the docket who are not currently detained by ICE who have been convicted of homicide, and another 1,845 with pending homicide charges.

Gonzales says the numbers show the Biden-Harris border policies have not kept Americans safe.

"We've known for far too long that the Biden-Harris border crisis poses a direct threat to Americans," Gonzales said. "The truth is clear — illegal immigrants with a criminal record are coming into our country. The data released by ICE is beyond disturbing, and it should be a wake-up call for the Biden-Harris administration and cities across the country that hide behind sanctuary policies."

Gonzales said Americans deserve to feel safe in their communities.

"As an appropriator, I will do everything in my power to ensure ICE has the resources necessary to deport noncitizens with a criminal record — this must be a priority," he said. "The Biden-Harris administration also plays a part in cleaning up the mess their failed policies have created. They have the ear of sanctuary city mayors — it's time to encourage them to reverse course and put the safety of American citizens first."

However, while the numbers do reflect a high number of noncitizens likely in the country who are convicted or charged with serious crimes, they do not tell the whole story. That is, just because those convicted or charged are not de-

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HORSING AROUND AT BEEF-A-RAMA

Two-year-old Margie Jandovitz pets a horse at the Beef-A-Rama petting zoo on Saturday, Sept. 28, in downtown Minocqua.

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Judge: Fluoride in water poses unreasonable risk

Fluoride exposure linked to lower IQs in children

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

In what could become a landmark decision, a federal judge last week ruled that, by a preponderance of the evidence, the fluoridation of drinking water at levels typical in the United States poses an unreasonable risk of injury to public health.

As such, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can no longer ignore that risk, judge Edward Chen of the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California ruled.

"Specifically, the court finds that fluoridation of water at 0.7 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") — the level presently considered 'optimal' in the United States — poses an unreasonable risk of re-

duced IQ in children," Chen wrote in the decision. "It should be noted that this finding does not conclude with certainty that fluoridated water is injurious to public health; rather, as required . . . , the Court finds there is an unreasonable risk of such injury, a risk sufficient to require the EPA to engage with a regulatory response."

Chen said his order did not dictate what that response must be.

"One thing the EPA cannot do, however, in the face of this court's finding, is to ignore that risk," he wrote.

In the decision, Chen observed that water fluoridation has a long history in the United States and has been a source of political discord at times.

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HAPPY HOOPSTER

Three-year-old Giovanni Brazzale hula-hoops during Beef-A-Rama on Saturday, Sept. 28, in downtown Minocqua.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Friday, Oct. 4 ONEIDA COUNTY FACILITIES- 8:15 a.m., Oneida County Courthouse, 2nd floor county board room.	Monday, Oct. 14 ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S AMBULANCE RESPONSE MEETING- 1 p.m., Plum Lake EMS Building, 2821 WI-155, Sayner.
Tuesday, Oct. 8 HAZELHURST TOWN BOARD- 5 p.m., Hazelhurst Community Center.	Thursday, Oct. 17 BOULDER JUNCTION BOARD OF REVIEW- 10 a.m., Boulder Junction Community Center.

Scandinavian Bake Sale Oct. 12 at Calvary Lutheran Church

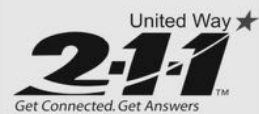
The Calvary Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (CWELCA) will host a Scandinavian Bake Sale on Saturday morning, Oct. 12, including lefse and other baked treats of Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish and Danish heritage along with other pies, breads, cookies and bars.

Handmade crafts and quilts will also be available indoors for sale to benefit Lutheran World Relief. To better assure that you can

purchase our most popular item, we are taking pre-orders for lefse, the Norwegian potato flatbread. Packages of three pieces are \$6 with a four-package reservation limit — more may be available for purchase on the pick-up day. To reserve your lefse, call the church office (715-358-0067) or email celc2@calvaryelc.org by noon on Friday, Oct. 11. Proceeds go to CWELCA mission projects and donations to local organizations.

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Minocqua town board OKs food truck policy extension

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

In June of this year, the Minocqua town board, which hadn't had a really in-depth discussion about food trucks since 2018, adopted a food truck policy for what was considered a "trial run." Tuesday, the town board, after a 20-minute discussion to review the new policy after the first summer of implementation, decided to continue the policy as is, with the exception of changing what town chairman Mark Hartzheim described as "the food truck period" from Oct. 1, 2024, to Oct. 1, 2025.

The cutoff date in the policy as originally

approved had been Sept. 22 but Beef-A-Rama, held on the final Saturday in September, was the main consideration for extending it to Oct. 1.

The other change in the policy deals with the wording and the policy will now be for a "motorized vehicle" or "mobile food trailer."

Hartzheim, at the beginning of the discussion, provided some background, saying it had been determined when the town board adopted the food truck policy in June on a trial basis a review would be conducted following Beef-A-Rama "and kind of look back and see what it wanted to do from there as far

as continuing the policy, modifying the policy or whatever way it wanted to go."

"We have some inquiries as to what the town's position is so they can possibly get some trucks scheduled yet this fall," he said.

Hartzheim told *The Lakeland Times* Wednesday the town board essentially felt that "based on our experience, there was nothing too crazy that happened or anything they had to modify what that initial policy was."

"They felt that for the time being, let's just extend our policy another year and see how it goes," he said.

Part of the meeting's discussion dealt with the \$100 a day for a

food truck permit the town charges, something that Hartzheim said he understands there are people who "aren't used to paying that much."

"There are other communities where it's less, I'm sure, and other communities where it's more," he said. "The thinking was, though, there's a fair amount involved here. Our fire inspector has to go out on site and conduct an inspection. You want to make sure the vendor is someone who's responsible and likely to be successful when they're here. If they have a popular product and good service, their likelihood of being successful is higher and that \$100 fee won't

seem too much."

A key provision in the policy is that each application is to come before the town board for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

"We'll see if any applications come in yet this year," Hartzheim said, and he added there actually has been one food truck application submitted to the town "hoping we would extend it."

Other matters

The town board also at its meeting Tuesday:

- Adopted an amendment to the town's ordinance for animals that essentially prohibits any animals roaming at large.
- Approved two certified survey maps.

- Heard in public comment from Debbie Trapp, who lives on Birk Drive and Trevor Rodman, who lives on Holz Drive. Both individuals indicated they were displeased with how recent chip and seal projects by Pitlik and Wick were handled for the town, both saying there was no communication with them or five other property owners involved as to when that project was to begin, resulting in damage to vehicles. Rodman said his mailbox had been destroyed but was replaced by the contractor.

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MHLT Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Oct. 8

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., the Firebird Foundation is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at the Minocqua J1 School in the cafeteria.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under.

There is a gluten-free option, desserts, raffles, contests and lots of fun!

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NTC space needs analysis complete

Joint county transit commission to hear results later this month

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

When the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission (OVTC) next meets later this month, one of the items on the agenda is anticipated to be a report regarding the findings of a space needs analysis.

The OVTC is the joint committee that oversees Northwoods Transit Connections (NTC) which is based in Rhinelander and the committee has been looking for some time now at finding a new home for NTC, be it an existing facility or one that needs to be constructed.

NTC director Barb Newman said the analysis, conducted by Angus Young Architects/Engineers, will have the firm's findings regarding what it believes NTC needs as far as "a shop, office space and then for some other buildings for outside storage."

"The next step would be for architectural and engineering design," she said,

adding the grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund that has been approved and beginning the work with the DOT on "independent cost estimates" for construction.

"We have a plan and we're moving forward," Newman said.

Hazelhurst storage

The OVTC has been talking to the town of Hazelhurst about winter storage of two of its buses in the town shop as part of its plan to add new routes in 2025.

Newman said one of those routes would originate in Rhinelander, go on County Highway K to U.S. Highway 51, run north through Hazelhurst to Minocqua and then back to Rhinelander.

"We're still negotiating a price on that monthly lease," Newman said of the Hazelhurst bus storage possibility.

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LdF tribal council elections held Tuesday

Johnson re-elected as president; Lac du Flambeau town supervisor Gloria Cobb elected to council

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The results of the latest general election of officers to the tribal council of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians may very well have an effect on the makeup of the current Lac du Flambeau town board.

Town supervisor Gloria Cobb, a tribal member who was on the ballot for the tribal council, was elected to the council in the tribe's general election Tuesday.

The top four finishers in the field of eight tribal council candidates on the ballot were elected, Cobb coming in third place with 202 votes.

Betty Lou Wayman placed fourth with 200 votes.

The top two vote-getters were Sedwick Armstrong with 314 votes and William Mitchell, Sr., with 263.

John Johnson, Sr., was elected to another

term as tribal president with 338 votes, defeating former tribal president Joseph Wildcat, Sr., who finished with 200 votes.

Since becoming a candidate first for tribal council treasurer and then on the ballot for tribal council itself, Cobb has in recent months recused herself from any discussions, whether in closed session or in an open meeting, regarding the ongoing dispute between the tribal council and the town of Lac du Flambeau over expired tribal easements on four town roads.

As for her future as a member of the Lac du Flambeau town board, Wednesday she told *The Lakeland Times* no decision will be made until she's sworn in as a member of the tribal council at its next meeting which she said could be as soon as Monday, Oct. 7.

According to Sarah Thompson, the tribal election board vice-chairperson, of 3,298 eligible voters, 558 people voted.

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

Craft and bake sale in Woodruff Oct. 26-27

There will be a sale of crafting supplies, crafted items and a bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 26, and Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in

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MOUTH-WATERING MUSHROOMS

Hunter Le Duc prepares a dish during her Fungi Cooking Demonstration at Fungi Fest on Friday, Sept. 27, at Kemp Natural Resource Station in Woodruff.

Federal judge strikes down Biden's race-based infrastructure program

Good intentions don't justify unconstitutional programs, judge rules

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

A federal judge last week ruled against the Biden-Harris administration's "disadvantaged business enterprise" program, agreeing with the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty that the program discriminates against businesses based on race and gender by prioritizing contracts to small businesses owned by women and certain preferred minority groups.

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL) filed the lawsuit on behalf of Mid-America Milling Company LLC in federal court in the Eastern District of Kentucky. Under the preliminary ruling, WILL states, which is a preliminary injunction while the larger case is heard, the federal government's race and gender preferences embedded

in the "disadvantaged business enterprise" (DBE) program may not be used against WILL's clients.

"Brick by brick, we will dismantle federal policies that discriminate against America's small businesses and entrepreneurs," WILL president and general counsel Rick Esenberg said. "We started this work in 2021, and we will continue to fight until all Americans receive equal treatment."

In the decision, judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove acknowledged that the court was keenly aware of past discrimination that certain groups have suffered.

"And the court is sure that the federal government has nothing but good intentions in trying to remedy past wrongs," Van Tatenhove wrote in his decision. "But remedying those wrongs must still pass constitutional muster. The federal government cannot classify people in such a manner that violates the principles of equal protection."

According to WILL, the DBE program was reauthorized in

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- 10/4 Kanelbullens Dag/Do you know this one?
- 10/4 Solving the Medicare Puzzle/Koller Library
- 10/4 National Vodka Day/What's your go-to?
- 10/5 NICA Adventure Ride/Winman
- 10/5 Story Walk Trail Program/Zipping, Zapping, Zooming Bats/NLDC
- 10/5 World Teacher Day/Thank you one and all!
- 10/5 Lake Side Yoga Stretch/NLDC
- 10/6 National Badger Day/UW Badgers or four legged ones?
- 10/7 Bird Nest Mystery/NLDC
- 10/7 Fall Themed Gelli Printing/NLDC
- 10/7 National Forgiveness Day/A weight will be lifted!
- 10/8 Bayou Mama Celebrates #71!
- 10/8 National Pierogi Day!/One of my favorites!
- 10/9 MWHS presents "Moonshining"/White Oak Grill
- 10/9 Retirement & Investment Program/Koller Library
- 10/9 Mahjong American Style/Koller Library
- 10/10 Van Vliet Hemlocks Fall Trail Hike/NLDC
- 10/10 Hug a Drummer Day/Hugs Stevie and Wendy!
- 10/11-13 NW Art Tour/A beautiful weekend for a drive, enjoy the color!
- 10/11&12 BAYOU CLOSED for a special event!
- 10/17 Seeing for Lelyn Pie Auction/Little Bohemia Lodge
- 10/23 Bayou CLOSED as we welcome the MW Lions Club!
- 10/25 Last night to dine at the Bayou in 2024!
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Merlin Louis Busch

Merlin Louis Busch, 96, of Rhinelander, passed away at Friendly Village, on Sunday morning, September 29, 2024, and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care Hospice.

Merlin was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on March 18, 1928, where he was raised. In 1946, Merlin graduated from the Dubuque Senior High School. He was employed at A. Y. McDonald.

While employed there, Merlin met his future wife Patricia A. Taft. They dated and after serving in the Marines, the couple were married on October 31, 1953. Merlin proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953. Merlin began his employment with the Montgomery Ward Store, working in Gary, Ind., Madison, and eventually moving to Minocqua in 1971 working at the Montgomery Ward in Rhinelander. The family purchased Grandview Resort on Big Arbor Vitae Lake in 1972 until the early 1990s. He later was employed at Jim Peck's Golf Course, Trout Lake Golf Course, and as a bartender at the Blue Heron.

Surviving are his children, Sandy Bex, Michael (Cheryl) Busch, Mark (Lisa) Busch, Jeanne (Joel) Faville, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Estella (Runde) Busch, wife, Patricia, two granddaughters, Angel Bex and Julie Busch, one great-granddaughter, Telari Comer, grand-son-in-law, John Gilman, son-in-law, Kenton "Butch" Bex, siblings, Burnell (Mary Jane) Busch and Almeda (Howard) Lent.

Merlin was a member of Our Lady Queen of the Universe and later Holy Family Catholic Church along with the Knights of Columbus. He was a former president and member of the Minocqua Woodruff Chamber of Commerce.

Merlin and Patricia loved to travel together. Their travels took them across the United States and Hawaii, a Panama Canal Cruise and trips to Germany and France. After retirement they spent their winters in Gold Canyon, Ariz. and summers in Arbor Vitae. Merlin later enjoyed a cruise to Alaska. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, golfing, dancing, gardening and tending to his flower garden, deer hunting with his family and friends, bowling, and owning and operating a hobby farm in the town of Oregon.

A celebration of Merlin's life will take place at a later date.

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

Ruth V. Rehm

Ruth V. Rehm, 70, of Woodruff, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2024 at Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Evelyn (nee Elliott) and Thomas Rehm; sister, Mary Smith and brothers, James and Lawrence "Beezer." She is survived by her son, Elliott Rehm; brothers, Richard (Patricia), Robert (Peggy) and John (Phyllis); sister-in-law, Barb; and her nieces and nephews. Per Ruth's wishes, there will be no services held. Bolger Funeral Home is assisting the family, www.bolgerfuneral.com.



Busch



AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Want to submit an event to the calendar? Email editor@lakelandtimes.com

Friday, Oct. 4

MINOCQUA: FARMERS MARKET- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 408 E. Chicago Street. The Minocqua Farmers Market is a vibrant market where area farmers, producers, crafters, artisans, and non-profit groups come together to offer a variety of agricultural and related products directly to the public. The market connects the community with area food growers and producers, and provides education and inspiration for growing and eating healthy, for a healthier lifestyle.

Saturday, Oct. 5

RHINELANDER: NORTHWOODS CROSS STITCHERS- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace Foursquare Church, basement, 4360 Hwy. 17 N. Open to all cross stitchers. Group meets the first Saturday of every month. Stitchers need to bring their own supplies and projects to work on. Info: call 715-369-4779.

BOULDER JUNCTION: LIONS CLUB WALL-EYE CLASSIC- 9 a.m., Boulder Junction Community Center. A walleye fishing tournament on 14 Boulder Junction area lakes. Registration is Saturday at the community center. Info: 715-892-2366.

ST. GERMAIN: GREATER WISCONSIN MUSKY TOURNAMENT 2024- 7 a.m. to noon, Northwoods lakes. Head to St. Germain for the 36th annual Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament. This catch-and-release competition takes place on 10 area lakes and space is limited on the lakes so sign-up early to guarantee your lake of choice. Info: 715-477-2205 and st-germain.com.

BOULDER JUNCTION: TASTE OF BOULDER JUNCTION- 5 to 8 p.m., Boulder Junction Community Library. Join us for a fun and delicious evening of silent auction items, basket raffles, and a variety of beverage and appetizer, menu item, and dessert samples from local restaurants and businesses. Info: 715-385-2050 and boulderjunctionlibrary.org.

MANITOWISH WATERS: FALL TRAIL HIKE WITH NATURALIST LICIA- 1 to 4 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Learn about ecology from expert naturalists, historians, and ecologists as you hike down the trail. Event is free. All ability levels are welcome. Info: 715-543-2085 and discoverycenter.net.

Sunday, Oct. 6

ST. GERMAIN: GREATER WISCONSIN MUSKY TOURNAMENT 2024- 7 a.m. to noon, Northwoods lakes. Head to St. Germain for the 36th annual Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament. This catch-and-release competition takes place on 10 area lakes and space is limited on the lakes so sign-up early to guarantee your lake of choice. Info: 715-477-2205 and st-germain.com.

Monday, Oct. 7

MANITOWISH WATERS: NLDC BIRD CLUB PROGRAM 'BIRD NEST MYSTERY, A REAL WHO DONE IT'- 7 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Join Discovery Center naturalist, Aidan Witthoff as we explore the weird and wonderful variety of nests created by the resident birds of the Northwoods. Mysteries are revealed when we learn about locations, styles, materials and more when it comes to Northwoods nests. Info: visit www.discoverycenter.net or call 715-543-2085.

MINOCQUA: MINOCQUA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB- 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front Street. Info: call Lee at 715-356-4143

MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

MANITOWISH WATERS: FALL-THEME GELLI PRINTING WITH DARCY LANZ-SAGE- 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Show us your creativity at workshops featuring natural materials, methods, and themes. An opportunity to learn new skills and techniques from expert instructors in a supportive and inspiring environment. Cost is \$50 and \$45 for members. Info: 715-543-2085 and discoverycenter.net.

WABENO: WABENO POST 44 AMERICAN LEGION SOCIAL- 4:30 p.m., Weatherwood Supper Club, Mountain. Cocktails and dinner hosted by Dave and Mary Ellen Kriek. RSVP for food choice with check payable to Weatherwood Supper Club LLC for \$25 and send by Sept. 25.

Info: call 715-276-9016.

MINOCQUA: BABYTIME- 9:30 a.m., Minocqua Public Library. Activities include lap sit songs and rhymes, simple stories, and sensory exploration. Older siblings are welcome! Info: visit minocqua.library.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

MINOCQUA: TOM'S COMMUNITY TABLE- 5 p.m., St. Matthias Church. Tom's Community Table provides a warm healthy meal and fellowship the second Tuesday of each month. Free to all. Info: Visit www.stmatthiasminocqua.com/toms-community-table.

RHINELANDER: RE-TALE SHOP- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 E Rives Street, next to the public library. Used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, vintage collectible books, puzzles and games. Volunteer run by the Friends of the Rhinelander Library. All proceeds benefit the library.

MINOCQUA: MEET & MINGLE MIXER- 5 to 7 p.m., The Bottled Bean, 409 E. Front Street. The Lakeland Area General Federation of Women's Clubs is hosting a Meet & Mingle Mixer. Discover who we are (36 members strong so far!), how you might volunteer with us and make new friends along the way. We are part of a non-religious, non-political national group wanting to make a difference right here in our community. Bring a friend and we hope to see you there. Info: visit our Facebook page or call/text 715-571-5637.

RHINELANDER: RHINELANDER WOMAN'S CLUB- 11:30 a.m., Oneida Law Enforcement Center, 2000 East Winnebago St. Speaker from Entity Ventures Paranormal. Info: see the group's facebook page.

MINOCQUA: SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER 4:30 to 7 p.m., Minocqua-Hazelhurst-Lake Tomahawk Elementary School. Gluten-free option, desserts, raffles, contests and fun! \$12 for adults, \$7 for kids 12 and under. Info: call 715-892-1918.

BOULDER JUNCTION: MUSIC GATHERING- 5 to 7 p.m., Boulder Junction Public Library. Join us for our monthly gathering! We will sing and play songs that any ability level can play or sing along to! Info: email northwoodsmusicgathering@gmail.com.

Thursday, Oct. 10

MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

WOODRUFF: TOPS CLUB- Thursdays; weigh-in is from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with the meeting following from 10 to 11 a.m. Lakeside Plaza. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups and wellness education organization. Info: www.tops.org or call Chris at 715-356-6559.

MERCER: SUCCESS WITH SOILS AND COMPOSTING- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Iron County Courthouse. Learn what you can do to ensure you have optimum soil conditions in your yard and garden for compost. Info: call 715-561-2695.

MANITOWISH WATERS: NIBBLES N' KNOWLEDGE- 5 to 7 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Fisheries ecology in the Northwoods with Stephanie Shaw. Our popular adult lecture series "Nibbles n' Knowledge" features a social hour with appetizers and donation bar. Cost is \$17 and \$14 for members. Info: 715-543-2085 and discoverycenter.net.

RHINELANDER: NEWS LITERACY- 10 a.m. to noon, Rhinelander District Library. This class is perfect for basic technology users who enjoy finding news on social media or the internet. Learn how to find reliable news sources and identify unreliable posts. Registration recommended. Info: call 715-365-1070.

Friday, Oct. 11

MINOCQUA: FARMERS MARKET- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 408 E. Chicago Street. The Minocqua Farmers Market is a vibrant market where area farmers, producers, crafters, artisans, and non-profit groups come together to offer a variety of agricultural and related products directly to the public. The market connects the community with area food growers and producers, and provides education and inspiration for growing and eating healthy, for a healthier lifestyle.

MANITOWISH WATERS: WINE AND

CHEESE INTERPRETIVE PONTOON WITH HANNAH AND LICIA- 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. These programs will get you on or around local lakes and rivers, educating you on their fascinating link to local history, lore, ecology, and importance. Cost is \$45 and \$35 for members. Info: 715-543-2085 and discoverycenter.net.

RHINELANDER: THE LIBRARY AFTER HOURS SPOOKY EDITION- 5 to 7 p.m., Rhinelander District Library. Sure to be a scream! Join us for ghoulish games, spooky snacks, witches brew, a food truck, and more! Ages 18+. Info: visit rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Saturday, Oct. 12

RHINELANDER: NICOLET LIVE!- 7:30 p.m., Nicolet College theatre in Rhinelander. Tales of a Part-Time Rocker with Jeff Santy and Son and Friends. Santy recounts tales of guitars and gigging in the Northwoods. During his 30 years teaching English at Rhinelander High School, he often played guitar for his students. He operates the city's only school of rock. Join him at Nicolet College for a firsthand account of his many performances and adventures throughout his life. Tickets are \$10 and there will be beer, wine and concessions available. Info: visit the events page at nicoletcollege.edu.

MINOCQUA: FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE - 1 to 3 p.m., Minocqua Station 1, 9589 W. Clawson Road. Please come out for some family fun at this open house. There will be members of the Minocqua Fire Department, Minocqua Police Department, Minocqua Public Works Department, Aspirus Howard Young Medical Center Ambulance Service, and Smokey the Bear with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. There will be games, education handouts, fire station tours, equipment viewing and vehicle extrication demo.

WOODRUFF: NEITZEL FAMILY FUNDRAISER- All day, 50/50 raffles, bag toss and dart tournament, silent auction items, meat raffles and raffle baskets.

MINOCQUA: SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 8632 U.S. Highway 51 in Minocqua. The Calvary Women of the ELCA will host a Scandinavian Bake Sale including lefse and other baked treats of Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish and Danish heritage along with other pies, breads, cookies and bars. Handmade crafts and quilts will also be available indoors for sale to benefit Lutheran World Relief. To better ensure that you can purchase our most popular item, we are taking pre-orders for lefse, the Norwegian potato flatbread. Packages of three pieces are \$6 with a four-package reservation limit, more may be available for purchase on the pick-up day. Info: call 715-358-0067 or email celc2@calvaryelc.org by noon on Friday, Oct. 11 for reservations.

MINOCQUA: CRAFT CAFE - 1 p.m., Minocqua Public Library. We will be making decor for your fall table! Register before in person or by calling. Info: call 715-356-4437.

Monday, Oct. 14

MINOCQUA: MINOCQUA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB- 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front Street. Info: call Lee at 715-356-4143

MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

MERCER: LIBERTY WAY 3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST- 3 p.m., Liberty Way Tap House. They'll have stein holding contests, Hammerschlagen tournaments, holiday beers on tap with special Liberty Way steins, live music by David and Max, and best dressed contest! Info: 715-476-0289 and felivelife.org.

RHINELANDER: WARM FOR WINTER DONATION COLLECTION- 4 to 6 p.m. Warm for Winter, First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander or Oneida County ADRC building. a mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander, collects and distributes new and gently used warm clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, toys and bedding. Everyone is welcome, no income requirements. Info: call 608-345-7305 or visit Warm for Winter Facebook page.

MINOCQUA: BABYTIME- 9:30 a.m.,

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LUHS CLASS OF 1969 HOLDS 55TH CLASS REUNION

The LUHS Class of 1969 celebrated the 55th anniversary of their high school reunion on Sunday, July 28, in Minocqua. Those in attendance for the event are; front row, from left, Steven Holzinger, Carolyn Handrick Maguire, Patricia Adams Cirese, Robert Fox, Sanford Sloan, Heidi Mastaglio Trapp, Elizabeth Foltz Mitchell and Evan Zillmer; second row, Warren Stevens, Marcia Ellis Kettwich, Mark Mattke, Lynn Trapp, Douglas Plath, Werner Schuenermann and Norman Mesun; third row, Lois Jacobson Egelhof, William Miller, Jon Johnson, Warren Beck and Gregory Drewsen.



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LUHS CLASS OF 1964 HOLDS 60TH CLASS REUNION

Lakeland Union High School class of 1964 held its 60th class reunion on Sept. 20. Those pictured, are, back row, from left, Ken Broomell, Gil Schmidtke, Phil Van Gothen, Dick LaRoche, Greg Peck, Dan Johnson, Ray Berch, John Foltz, Mike Trapp. Middle row, from left, Barb Semmerling, Pat Maletske, Anne Roughton, Barb Skrobot, Mildred Schumann, Diane Adams, Christine Irving, Lynn Kollath, Traci Hughes. Front row, from left, Judy Schauss, Lida Holubiw, Rick Jolin, Sharon Slaon, Dianne LaCrosse, Pat Lindert.



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Those pictured are, front row, from left: Brad Fogerty, Nicolet College criminal justice instructor; deputy Jevin Budzynski, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and graduate; deputy Ethan Snyder, Oneida County Sheriff's Office and graduate; officer Adam Merrill, Rhinelander Police Department and graduate; Nicolet College adjunct instructor sergeant Christy Kondzela, Rhinelander Police Department; Nicolet College adjunct instructor sergeant Elisha Williams, Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Back row, from left: Zachary Iribarren, graduate; officer Shawna Wakefield, Rhinelander Police Department and graduate; Jacob Mayo, graduate; Timothy Gerdmann, Nicolet College academy director, Nicolet College adjunct instructor lieutenant Tony Crum, Forest County Sheriff's Office; Nicolet College adjunct instructor Dale Knapp.

Nicolet College celebrates law enforcement academy graduates

Six students recently graduated from Nicolet College's Law Enforcement Recruit Academy, making them eligible for certification by the Wisconsin Department of Justice as law enforcement officers throughout the state.

The rigorous 720-hour program combined classroom instruction with hands-on scenario training, equipping students with the critical skills necessary to respond safely and effectively to a wide range of real-world situations.

"We are extremely proud of these graduates for their dedication and hard work," said Jason Goeldner, Nicolet College associate dean of public safety. "Graduates have completed an intense program designed to prepare them for the complex demands of modern law enforcement. I have no doubt they will make significant contributions to their communities."

Several of the graduates are already employed with local law enforcement agencies, and the others are expected to be employed soon.

The Nicolet College Law Enforcement Recruit Academy graduates are: Jevin Budzynski, Zachary Iribarren, Jacob Mayo, Adam Merrill, Ethan Snyder and Shawna Wakefield.

Nicolet College's next academy begins Feb. 10, 2025. Anyone interested in enrolling may contact recruit academy director Tim Gerdmann at 715-365-4535 or by email at tgerdman@nicoletcollege.edu.

Real Life

With Pastor Steve



"You are who you hang out with."

— Anonymous quote

A similar statement would be "show me your friends, and I'll tell you who you are." Be honest, how many times throughout your life have you been told: "Wow ... Did you just hear yourself ... You are starting to sound like so-and-so?" Now, it could be your mom, dad, grand-parent ... but most often it is a friend, a group of friends, or some peer group. The people we spend the most time with can – and usually do – influence how we think, act, and make decisions. That can be good ... or it can be bad, depending upon what kind of people they are. We would like to think that we are all rugged individualists, with our own minds. However, our social networks – who we value and associate with – have powerful influences over who we are, whether we like it or not.

That's why I find it fascinating in the book of Acts, Chapter 4, that due to Peter's and John's words and actions, those around them could tell that they had been with Jesus. I have had several kinds of people influence me over the years ... some good, some bad. But I wonder, would these people say, "That guy has been with Jesus.?" What would people say about you? Maybe it's time we all start "hanging out with Jesus" a little more, and allowing who He is to rub off on us more each day!

And that's ... real life.

~Pastor Steve Rowe
– Eaglebrook Church



Eaglebrook Church

Your "Brook" church in the Northwoods

EaglebrookMinocqua.org

Sundays 10:00 a.m. @ 1025 Margaret Street in Woodruff

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Minocqua Public Library. Activities include lap sit songs and rhymes, simple stories, and sensory exploration. Older siblings are welcome! Info: visit minocqualibrary.org.

MANITOWISH WATERS: DISCOVERING FALL- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Perfect for kids aged 5-11, registration required. Join us for a day to celebrate all things fall! Why do leaves change color? How do animals prepare for cold temperatures? Snack provided but participants must bring own lunch and weather appropriate clothing. Info: visit discoverycenter.net.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

MINOCQUA: LAKELAND AREA GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SOCIAL AND MEETING- 6 p.m., Let's Minocqua Visitor's Bureau, community room. Interested in getting involved in the Lakeland Area community and meeting new people? Join the Lakeland Area GFWC (General Federation of Women's

Clubs). Info: see our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LakelandGFWC>). To RSVP call or text 715-571-5637.

RHINELANDER: RE-TALE SHOP- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 E Rives Street, next to the public library. Used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, vintage collectible books, puzzles and games. Volunteer run by the Friends of the Rhinelander Library. All proceeds benefit the library.

MANITOWISH WATERS: WILD WISDOM GAME NIGHT- 5:30 to 7 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Fall phenology. Our family-friendly "Wild Wisdom Game Nights" feature a 30 minute social time with snacks and donation bar before the fun and games begin! Cost is \$15 and \$12 for members. Info: 715-543-2085 and discoverycenter.net.

Wed., Oct. 16

MINOCQUA: LAKELAND AREA PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB- 5:30 to 7 p.m., Minocqua Public Library. Everyone interested in photography is welcome.

ISLAND CITY MASONS: MEETING- 7 p.m., 7529 Hwy 51 S. Join us for our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Info: call Dave Imlah at 715-892-2392.

MANITOWISH WATERS: MAHJONG DRAGON LADIES- 10 a.m., Koller Library. Info: visit kollerlibrary.org.

MINOCQUA: STORYTIME- 10 a.m., Minocqua Museum. We will have stories, finger plays, flannel boards, songs, and more for children 0-4 and their caregivers! This week is Trains. Info: visit minocqualibrary.org.

Thursday, Oct. 17

MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a

non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

WOODRUFF: TOPS CLUB- Thursdays; weigh-in is from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with the meeting following from 10 to 11 a.m. Lakeside Plaza. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups and wellness education organization. Info: www.tops.org or call Chris at 715-356-6559.

PRESQUE ISLE: COMEDY OR TRIVIA NIGHT- 6 to 8 p.m., Winegar American Legion Post 480. Join us for a fun night of either comedy or trivia. This is a new event for us, and we are still getting things set up. Info: 715-686-2910 and presqueisle.com.

MINOCQUA: LAKELAND STAMP AND COIN CLUB - 3 p.m., Minocqua Public Library community room. Come to the bi-weekly club meeting to meet other collectors, and to learn to identify, value and display your collections. Info: Chuck at 414-218-6696.

BOULDER JUNCTION: UNSOLVED MYSTERIES OF THE NORTHWOODS- 7 to 8 p.m., Boulder Junction Community Center. Learn about Northwoods mysteries with local historian Kay Krans. Free program, refreshments provided. Info: call 715-385-2050.

MERCER: ORNAMENTAL GRASSES FOR NORTHWOODS LANDSCAPES- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Mercer Public Library. Learn about ornamental grasses and make plans to add them to your yard next season! Info: call 715-561-2695.

MINOCQUA: EVERYTHING OWLS- 4 to 6 p.m., Minocqua Public Library. Perfect for kids aged 5-18, we will be making owl themed treats and crafts! Info: visit minocqualibrary.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reader asserts 'House of Republicans' a governance farce

To the Editor:

Have you been watching the latest episode of "House of Republicans?" For slapstick comedy it's pure gold, but as an example of American self governance it's a real stinker. Unable to perform their part convincingly, this party of misfits try to hide their lack of talent behind fun house mirrors and hope we won't notice their bumbling slight-of-hand. Tone deaf and obnoxious, these "crisis actors" should find other employment.

Let's review this turkey. First, poor casting for the roles of President and Vice President, and endless squabbling on the set, doomed it from the start. Second, their disturbing obsession with reproductive rights backfired hilariously and to great effect. Bravo! (Note to G.O.P.: Get Help!). Third, their self-righteous persecution of refugees and immigrants, the cruelty of which will haunt this country for generations to come. Suggested remedy: read Christ's Sermon on the Mount.

It gets worse. The G.O.P., long a supporter of our military and the rule of law, is now on record in opposition to both. Expensive weapons contracts, good. Supporting our soldiers and officers, not so much. And activist judges, both federal and Supreme Court, now feel free to game the system as they wish.

There's much more, of course. The sub plots over-whelm, as if designed to distract from the real agenda that weaves its way thru it all, which is, Surprise! Welfare for the wealthy! It's their oldest and most worn out story line, a swindle they never fail to pull at every opportunity.

Unlike the Little Rascals, who were adorable, these rascals are pathetic losers who want to wear big-boy pants but never outgrew their knee pants and knickers. Not even a superhero can save this G.O.P. Two thumbs down with a hearty raspberry.

It may be best to *cancel* the entire production as unworkable. At least fire its director, which is unlikely, as Florida Man has said that if he becomes President again he would become a dictator. Note to electorate: Do you really want to sit thru an even worse sequel? (Snowflakes in a Snit?). The verdict is in. The G.O.P. is F.U.B.A.R.

Tom Ackley
Lac du Flambeau

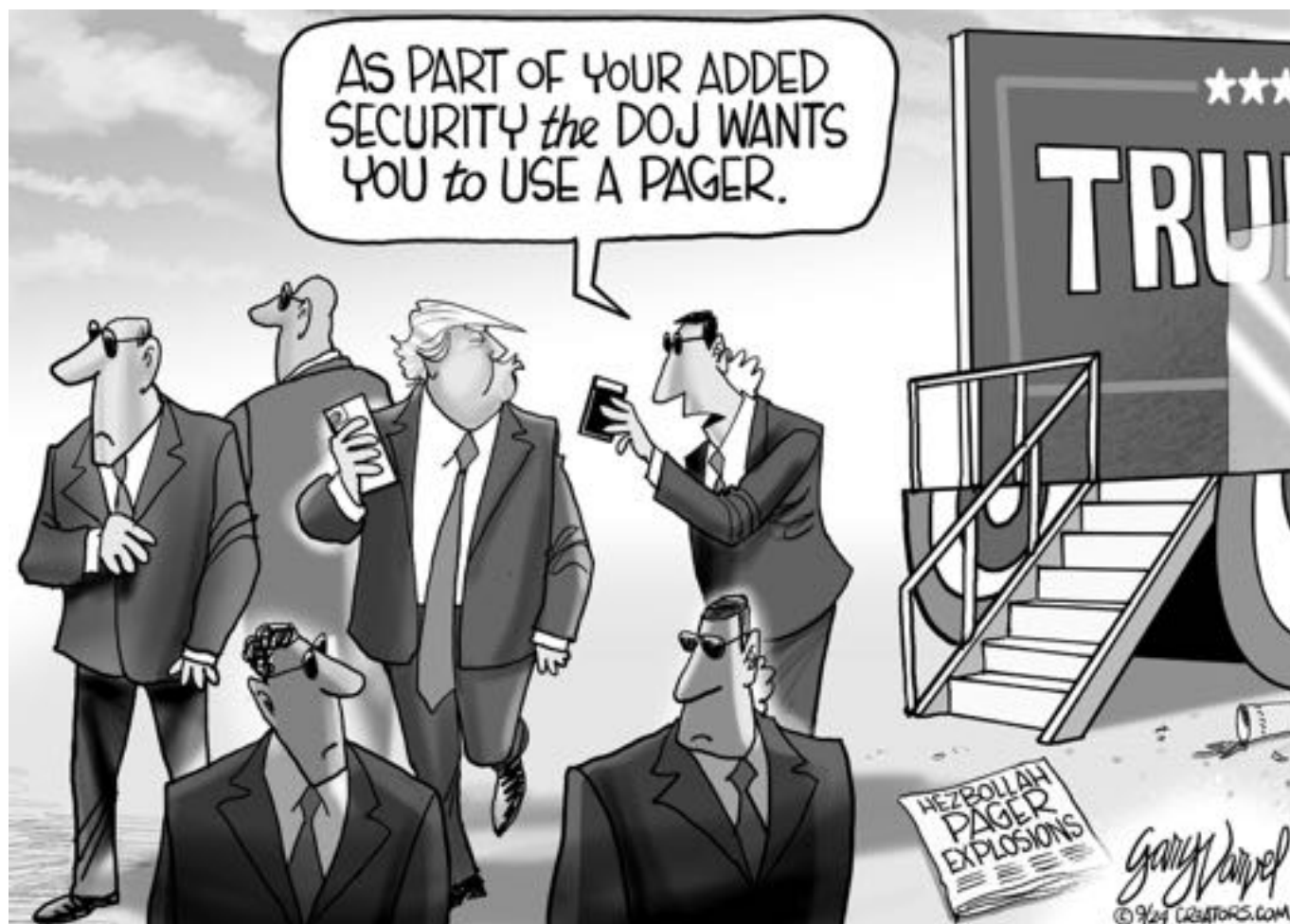
Reader asserts Harris-Walz ticket threatens tribal sovereignty with alleged marxist ties

To the Editor:

Tribal Members everywhere, here's something to consider before you vote in November.

If Kamala Harris wins in November, your reservations (historic tribal lands) and your sovereignty will be at risk and most likely would disappear. The United States Constitution and Bill of Rights that protect all of us, and the treaties that protect you, will no longer exist because Communism has no room for those things that are of paramount importance to you, for now and for future generations.

Marxism is a theory that proposes that a worker revolution is needed to replace capitalism with a communist system. Under Marxism theory, the government controls the economy, and the people must relinquish their property to the state so no sin-



gle group could rise above another or be treated differently than the rest. Karl Marx described this ideal in his Manifesto. This theory is the basis for communism. Think about why people risk their lives to leave communist countries to come here.

It is well known that both VP Harris and her running mate, Timothy Walz, have strong relationships with China and strong, long-standing ties to radical marxist and communist leaders. Her father taught and wrote a book on the Marxist philosophy, which is what communism is based upon. Her previous mentor and paramour, Willie Brown, had significant ties to pro-communist groups, and his political campaigns were supported by Dr. Carlton Goodlett, the owner of several pro-communist newspapers.

Running mate Tim Walz spent time teaching marxism in China and later, for many years he headed his own summer program which arranged to take U.S. high school students to China to study communism. These past connections are being downplayed and even removed from the mainstream media and social platforms. They don't want you to know their true past. Their histories belie what their campaigns are telling you.

Isn't all of this frightening enough to make you stop and think? Don't just take my word for it, I encourage you to do your own research if you doubt this. It's in your best interest to know whom you're voting for. Don't just believe everything the mainstream media are feeding you. Your future is at risk.

Ginger Schwanebeck
Eagle River

Baffled over bagged parking signs

To the Editor:

In what may have been June of this year, the town of Minocqua installed 'No Parking' signs on both the north and south sides of Country Club Road near US 51. This was a curious sight, since the residences on Country Club generally have ample parking on their lots. In fact, the only time I have ever seen street parking on Country Club was over holiday weekends when a parade, show, or promise of a good time

brought people from around the area to fill up both sides from U.S. Highway 51 to the first bend. While the road narrows when cars are parked on both sides, I never observed any dangerous situations between pedestrians and motorists.

How curious it is now that the town now makes time to remove from service these freshly-installed signs by bagging them with (single use) black plastic when high-traffic events are in town. On both sides! What am I missing here?

Jim Larson
Minocqua

Reader applauds 'threats to democracy' as defense of the republic

To the Editor:

"Donald Trump is an existential threat to democracy." This is a sentence, a chant, a liturgy repeated countless times each day by the organs of the left, the legacy media, and those unwashed by historical understandings. It contains words that to the children of America's public undereducation establishment conjure confused and vague images of evil. How magical are the words, existential, and democracy. When powerful people speak these words, they must mean something quite brilliant and to the incurious, convincing of the despicable nature of the subject, the monster, "Trump."

Alas, I applaud threats to democracy. I applaud threats to something the United States is not and thank providence was never intended to be. The terminology has become so widely used even among those who attempt to defend traditional value systems that its acids have permanently scarred everyone's prefrontal cortex. The birth of our nation was of a republic, constitutional and representative. Our founders were students of the classics, well aware of the dangers and tyrannies inherent in reliance on democratic schemes that were unmoored from common understandings of morality.

In this constitutional republic we have enjoyed to some degree, protection from government and the whims of our fellow citizens. The moral absolutes that our founders built into the Articles of the Constitution have for most of our history

preserved individual freedom.

The enlightenment lessons of the 18th century and common Christian understandings were chiseled into the constitution. The government was to have limited authority over the lives of Americans. Moral truth exists upon its own plane and is not dependent upon majority opinion.

Above all the controversial questions this election season looms the question of abortion. *Roe v. Wade*, *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, and now *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* would fill a syllabus on constitutional law.

These are the Supreme Court cases that could very well end the political career of President Trump. *Roe v. Wade* removed the authority of the states to legislate abortion law. In 1973 the *Roe* decision made law from the bench, defining such things as fetal viability. The *Dobbs* decision reversed the judicial review of *Roe* and held that the constitution did not reference abortion at all. The *Dobbs* court ruled that the judiciary had overreached in the *Roe* decision and that *Casey's* stare decisis reasoning was in error. The left's favorite sacrament was no longer federally protected and the states were again to decide upon questions of fetal life. The 10th amendment was given its proper status again.

Article 1, section 1 states clearly that all legislative powers reside in the congress. Article 1, Section 8. Lists the specific issues the congress may rule upon. Abortion is not one of the areas that congress can touch. The 10th amendment ensures that powers not enumerated in Article 1 are reserved for the states. This is a concept that escapes most Democrats and requires some artful explanation. This seems to exceed Mr. Trump's rhetorical skill set and is a source of profound frustration for me. Democrats simply do what is expected and ignore the subtleties of the constitution, they appoint justices that see the constitution as a "living document" and ignore original intent and the meaning of words. Conservatives have fallen into the trap of using the left's lexicon of "our democracy" rhetoric. Good grief is that clumsy!

The abortion crowd spends its time now asserting that Trump will

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ban abortion through some federal law. If elected, VP Harris plans to pass a federal law overriding abortion restrictions in the states. Both ideas are unconstitutional and moot because of enumerated powers in Article 1. If we continue to misunderstand the nature of our founding and lose contact with the underlying concepts of our republic's constitutional guarantees, democracy and mob rule will inevitably displace individual liberty. Tyranny will surely follow.

John Tegmeier
Lac du Flambeau

Five Years of Healing at The Tick Center

To the Editor:

As the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff celebrates five years of health care related to tick bites we applaud the Howard Young Foundation and the many who have helped to make the center a success. The Tick Center treats patients who have been bitten and often have the tick with them (sometimes in a jar and other times imbedded in their skin) but it also has been a miracle place for those who have struggled with chronic symptoms for months or even years.

For the patients it isn't just the medication or even the medical professional that is compassionate and listens that brings comfort. It's so much more. The Tick Center is full of original modern, abstract art. It is important. Not just to fill the walls — art can heal. Ansel Adams said "Art opens the closets, airs out the cellars and attics. It brings healing."

Art can help us to express emotions that are difficult to put into words. Seeing art, looking at it for more than a glance, asking ourselves what it means or what it can improve our mood. Talking about art with another person can boost self confidence and perception. Looking to improve your memory and reasoning? Walk around the Tick Center and think about the art you see. Depressed and Anxious? Talk with Dr. Thatcher or NP Johnson about the art on the wall. It might take you to a happier place for a bit.

Many hands have worked to create the art at The Center. We began with an acrylic pour from an area artist purchased by the Howard Young Foundation. Then, a group of artists from Vilas county came together with Jillyayne Waite and created the wall of butterflies. It was a joy to create and we know that it has brought joy and comfort to the staff and patients. The white butterfly is in memory of our daughter Jenn who lost her Lyme disease battle in 2015 at the age of 42.

Covid slowed us down, but I am pleased to say The Tick Center is a happier place due to the many donations of art.

But wait, there's more ... in celebration of the fifth anniversary we invited some very special people in our lives to help purchase art for the remaining spaces. A special thanks to them for allowing The Tick Center to feel complete. And, a shout out to artists who created the final pieces that we were able to purchase.

Art can harness the healing power within each of us and help to bring us into community with others. The center is a place of community and healing and we hope that it permits all who walk the halls and glance at the walls to make a connection between mind and body. We dedicate the art we have gathered to the people who have come to The Tick-Borne Illness Center to seek answers and the staff who have come to commit their professional lives helping those people find answers.

Connection to ourselves and others is at the core of Art in Healing.

Jillyayne and Jeff Waite
Arbor Vitae

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Trump's antisemitism

At a donor event last week with Miriam Adelson, the widow of Las Vegas casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson, Donald Trump promised to be the best friend Jews have ever had in the White House. The event was entitled "Fighting Anti-Semitism in America." This is what Trump said: "My promise to Jewish Americans is this: With your vote, I will be your defender, your protector, and I will be the best friend Jewish Americans have ever had in the White House. But in all fairness, I already am."

And without your vote?

Later the same day, he spoke at the Israeli-American Council National Summit to honor the victims of Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. And what did he say there? In addition to attacking Kamala Harris, whose husband is Jewish and led the administration's efforts to

combat antisemitism, he set Jews up to be blamed if he doesn't win the election. If he were to lose, he said, "the Jewish people would really have a lot to do with that."

This is what anti-semitism sounds like.

Blame the Jews. Invite your supporters to blame Jews if a man who associates publicly with famous antisemites like the extreme right-wing activist Nick Fuentes and rapper Kanye West loses the

election.

With friends like this, who needs enemies?

I am one of those Jews who Donald Trump repeatedly says "should have their heads examined" if they vote for Kamala Harris.

I vote as an American. And as a Jew. I care deeply about Israel. And that is one reason that I don't want to give a man who

openly associates with antisemites, and promises to give Bibi Netanyahu absolutely anything he wants, the keys to the Oval Office. Indeed, not only does Trump associate with antisemites, but he endorses them, and is endorsed by them.

When former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke endorsed Trump in 2016, Trump told CNN that he knew "nothing about David Duke, I know nothing about white supremacists." Plainly not, since he thought that there were "good people on both sides" in Charlottesville, when white supremacists attacked those demonstrating against racism and hate.

And what of his support for Mark Robinson, the antisemitic lieutenant governor and candidate for governor of North Carolina who reportedly referred to himself as a "black Nazi" and said he

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Bunk from a cabinet secretary

Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich now makes videos, like I do.

In fact, his channel, Inequality Media, is very much like Stossel TV. He also reaches people via social media platforms, gets millions of views and covers economic topics.

Reich does almost exactly what I do, except ... Reich is repeatedly wrong.

It's understandable. Despite being frequently introduced as "economist Robert Reich," Reich has no economics degree. He's another liberal lawyer. His videos reflect that.

"Inequality Media" is a catchy name. Americans dislike inequality.

But my new video points out that inequality isn't a conspiracy. It's simply what happens when people are free.

Taylor Swift's a billionaire. Should government force you to listen to me sing to make life more fair?

Reich wants to "ban billionaires" like Jeff Bezos. I don't much like Bezos, but his creation, Amazon, is wonderful. It's lowered prices so much that it cut America's core inflation.

Reich claims Amazon is a monopoly. But Amazon is far from a monopoly. It has to compete with Walmart, Target, eBay, Alibaba, etc. Where there are free markets, we have choices. If we buy from Amazon, it's only because we think it's

cheaper or better.

Reich says it is bad that billionaires "get money from rich relatives."

But the biggest study of millionaires found few do.

Bezos got some money from his parents, but most of what he needed to grow Amazon he got from investors. Media "experts" sneered at them for years, because at first, Amazon lost so

much money.

Capitalism rewards such risk-taking.

Progressives and liberal lawyers like Reich believe rich people take most of America's wealth and leave little for the poor. Like the Hollywood writers for the movie "Wall Street," they call our economy "a zero-sum game — somebody wins, somebody loses."

But that's just dumb.

Capitalists create new wealth. They don't take a big slice of the pie and leave us a sliver. If they get rich, it's because they find ways to bake lots of new pies.

That's what's happened in America. Its why today, even poor Americans have access to things European kings only dreamed about.

Capitalists can get rich only by making all of us better off.

Actual economist Dan Mitchell

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Bile and vile: In a word, Trump's campaign is about hate

On Jan. 19, 1989, Ronald Reagan devoted his last speech as president of the United States to reminding Americans that our country owes its success to immigrants. "It's the great life force of each generation of new Americans that guarantees that America's triumph shall continue unsurpassed into the next century and beyond," Reagan said.

"This, I believe, is one of the most important sources of America's greatness. We lead the world because, unique among nations, we draw our people — our strength — from every country and every corner of the world. And by doing so we continuously renew and enrich our nation."

That the truth Reagan spoke is obvious makes it no less important to remember, especially these

days, when Donald Trump and J.D. Vance are basing their attempt to return Trump to the

White House on the hope that they can gin up hatred toward immigrants. Reagan wasn't the first American president to emphasize that all of us, other than perhaps Native Americans, are the very people whom hate-peddlers hope to demonize. "Every American who ever lived, with the exception of one group,

was either an immigrant himself or a descendant of immigrants," wrote then-Senator John F. Kennedy in his 1958 essay "A Nation of Immigrants."

Trump's campaign speeches are blustery, falsehood-filled and increasingly indecipherable affairs, but what is clear is that he hopes to increase xenophobia and then capitalize on it. Bigotry toward im-

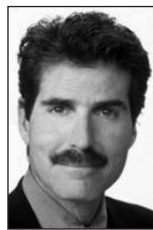
migrants has persisted here for nearly 200 years, and the pitch of those hoping to exploit it has always remained the same: "Look at them, they're different, please hate them." It's always been ugly, and it's always been dumb, since virtually all of us or our forebears have been subjected to this stuff. You don't have to look to your right and your left to see immigrants or their descendants, as both Reagan and Kennedy pointed out. You need only look in the mirror.

Trump's intensified effort to get Americans to blindly, broadly hate the "other" comes, ironically enough, in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month, but isn't new for him. He has repeatedly referred to those coming here from elsewhere as "animals," part of an "invasion" that "has spread misery, crime, poverty, disease and destruction to communities all across our land."

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Another thank you ... to the entire Lakeland community

There are many ways to tell when a community is thriving.

One is by its economic fortunes. There are prosperous middle-and working-class residential neighborhoods, and there is a strong and prosperous small business sector. The downtowns of these communities stand strong and proud.

There is the charitable character of the area to consider. Do fortunate civic institutions and community members and leaders come together to help the less fortunate? Do members of the community feel they have control over their own lives, and influence over their own futures? Is there a solemn and binding bond of trust between organizations and people?

The answer is yes, and, by any of these measures, Minocqua and our surrounding Lakeland communities are thriving, and thriving like never before.

There's one more way to tell if a community is healthy — by looking at whether people want to visit and consider living there, and by what attractions it has to offer both for local residents and visitors, too.

Again, by that measure, Lakeland hits a home run, and this past weekend's annual Beef-A-Rama is a testament to that attractiveness. As many as 20,000 people thronged downtown Minocqua — there's a stamp of approval right there — and by all accounts safely had a blast at the 59th offering of the street festival.

There was something for every-

one: music, crafts and apparel sales, friendly competitions, hands-on entertainment, food and drinks. There was the storied Rotary Rump Roast Run, a petting zoo and the Cow Pie Plop — we'd like to see another street festival top that — the Lions Club and Noon Rotary and Cross Country Cruisers beer gardens.

There was all sorts of music and so many things for the kids and families, the latter being the beating heart of any such festival: yard games, a photo booth, minnow races, face painting, jewelry making.

And, of course, there was the roasting competition, and, more important, the eating of the beef as thousands of sandwiches were served up.

The festival served up a whole lot more than beef sandwiches, it served up a great time for all, memories to last a lifetime, and it showed the world — at least America's heartland — why Beef-A-Rama has emerged over the past decade as one of the top, if not the top, Midwestern festivals.

Last but not least, there's no good festival without good festival infrastructure — again depending on area residents, organizations, and businesses — from the shuttle buses that provided safe access to and from downtown to the hard work of those who served customers during the day to the clean-up afterwards — downtown was spotless on Sunday morning.

It goes without saying that such

a festival does not happen without the dedicated commitment of community organizations and people. Just as in all other endeavors, our communities showed why Lakeland is thriving and why people like to come here — because its residents care about each other and the community as a whole.

And so we offer a major thank you to all those who made the 59th Beef-A-Rama the success it was and who we know will keep it growing in the future.

We especially thank Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau and its president and CEO Krystal Westfahl for their vision and organizing and promotion of the event.

Thanks, too, to all the local civic groups who pitched in to provide entertainment and manpower to make it happen — Lakeland Noon Rotary and Minocqua Lions and Cross County Cruisers and American Legion. Big smiles go to Lakeland Hawks for the Cow Pie Plop and to Northwoods Ford for Bronco Raptor Rides.

Hearty gratitude goes to all the entertainers, including Tuck Pence, Karley Davidson, Hand-picked Bluegrass, Double Barrel, IV Play, Restless Anna, Brad Emanuel, and Whitehouse Players.

Also, thanks to Trig's, Truck County, and LUHS for providing drop-off and pick-up points for the shuttles.

And to all the businesses and groups who chipped in and sponsored so many different components of the festival, including

Marthaler Chevrolet, Redman Realty, Associated Bank, the Minocqua Public Library, Northwoods Harley, Sleep Central, Ace Hardware, Glikes, Coontail, The Waters, Best Western Plus, Bear Naked Technologies, Shorewest, Camp Agawak, Slumberland, Lakes Gas, Island City Lanes, and Trig's.

We can't leave out first responders, town officials, the police department and the town crew who made sure help was there had it been needed and who made sure public works needs were provided.

We probably left someone out, but our apologies and just as much thanks if we did. Not to mention, hats off to all the roasters, too many to mention, but what's Beef-A-Rama without the beef. And we must thank all the committed volunteers who showed up downtown to work the event.

As the saying goes, no volunteers equal no festival; no dedication means no fun. Well, we had plenty of volunteers and plenty of dedication and plenty of fun last Saturday.

Finally, we thank everyone in the community who supported this event and who make it happen, who welcome our visitors with open arms and big smiles, and who themselves partake of the fun downtown.

The 59th festival is a wrap and a major success, and everyone in our community deserves our deepest gratitude for all that you do.

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preferred Adolf Hitler to the leadership in Washington at a time when Barack Obama was president? Robinson has been a long-time favorite of Trump's and, after news of his comments was reported, Trump, unlike other Republican leaders, has yet to denounce him. Why not? Can he also claim to know "nothing" about a black Nazi who prefers Adolf Hitler's genocide to Barack Obama's leadership? The silence of the Trump campaign — even in the face of Robinson not challenging the CNN report in court — is deafening.

Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka is married to an observant Jew. His grandchildren are being raised as Jews. How

can he be so blinded by his own narcissism that he fails to understand that proudly associating with antisemites and then setting up Jews to blame if he loses the election is not the way to express his friendship for Jewish Americans? Is he so tone-deaf; has he never heard of scapegoating? Doesn't he know that Jews have long been blamed for things over which we have no control? Can he really be so self-involved that everything is about him?

The answer is plainly yes. It's all about Trump. I can only hope, for this reason as well as so many others, that he loses not by a little, but by a lot — by more votes than there are Jewish Americans. According to the Pew Research Center, approximately 2.4% of Americans identify as Jewish: this

estimate includes both those who identify as Jewish by religion and those who are Jewish by ancestry but not by religious practice. Hopefully, Trump will lose by more than that.

"Any Jewish person that votes for Democrats hates their religion," Trump said earlier this year. "They hate everything about Israel." He has said the same about Kamala Harris.

I don't hate my religion or hate everything about Israel. What I hate is anti-semitism, and those who play into it or try to exploit it for political advantage.

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explains, "Billionaires only kept 2.2% of the additional wealth they generated ... the rest of us captured almost 98% of the benefits."

Reich also mocks trade. In one video, he sneers, "Global trade is good for everyone. That's bunk!"

Of course it's bunk. Few things are good for everyone.

But trade makes almost everyone richer by allowing us to specialize in what we do best. It's called comparative advantage.

Reich complains, "What if a country's comparative advantage comes from people working under ... exploitative conditions?"

"Exploitation" would be bad, but people in poor countries aren't forced to work in fac-

tories. They took those jobs because their alternatives were worse. Trade allowed a billion people to lift themselves out of poverty.

Still, trade does take away some Americans' jobs. Donald Trump complains about other countries "ripping us off and taking our jobs."

He and Reich don't understand that trade creates more jobs. It's why unemployment is low. Companies engaged in global trade created 60% of America's new jobs.

Finally, Reich says it's "rubbish" that President Joe Biden's huge spending increases caused inflation. He claims it's "corporate greed ... Mega corporations raise prices to increase their profits."

That's just silly. When prices fall, did companies suddenly get less greedy?

My video cites actual economists like Nobel

Prize winner Milton Friedman, who explains, "Inflation is made in Washington because only Washington can create money. Any other attribution of other groups to inflation is wrong."

Robert Reich's videos are wrong about almost everything. It's sad that colleges pay this fake economist to deliver foolish propaganda to students.

His "progressive" ideas would leave all of us poorer. And less free.

Every Tuesday at JohnStossel.com, Stossel posts a new video about the battle between government and freedom. He is the author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."

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October celebrated as Manufacturing Month

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) — the combined state chamber and manufacturers' association — celebrates each October as Manufacturing Month and the first Friday of the month as Manufacturing Day.

Throughout October, WMC, its members and partners, and communities throughout the state will recognize the importance of manufacturing to Wisconsin's economy. Manufacturing is the state's top industry, contributing over \$71 billion to the economy. The state's over 9,000 manufacturers employ one in six Wisconsin workers — the equivalent of nearly half a million jobs.

"Wisconsin manufacturers are at the forefront of innovation," said WMC president & CEO Kurt Bauer. "We want to use this opportunity to showcase their contributions to our economy, but also the rewarding careers available in the industry."

Local manufacturers are encouraged to participate in events such as student education collaborations, facility tours, hiring events, and more.

"These collaborations are important to show students and the community the types of things our manufacturers do," Bauer said.

"That's how we will begin to equip our future workforce and ensure the industry's future success."

To celebrate the month, WMC plans to host a number of manufacturing-centric events throughout October, including its largest annual event, Business Day, and engage in a robust campaign on social media.

Additionally, WMC has again partnered with Johnson Financial Group to host the annual Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin contest. The program is intended to highlight the state's vibrant and diverse manufacturing industry, available career opportunities, and of course the cool products made by Wisconsinites. 130 products were nominated this year.

The field is continually narrowing during the Manufacturing Madness portion of the competition, and the winner will ultimately be crowned at WMC's Business Day event on Oct. 17 in Madison.

Wisconsin Emergency Management: Task Force 1 assists in North Carolina

Members of Wisconsin's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, known as Wisconsin Task Force 1 (WI-TF1), are currently in North Carolina assisting in response and recovery efforts due to flooding left by Hurricane Helene.

"Wisconsin Task Force 1 is a state asset with specialized training and capabilities that not only helps protect Wisconsin communities, it can also respond throughout the country," said Wisconsin emergency management administrator Greg Engle. "States supporting one another during natural disasters or emergencies is a core emergency management value and helps make us a more resilient nation."

Sixteen members of WI-TF1's swift-water rescue team left Wisconsin Friday night from The Regional All-Climate Training (REACT) Center located at Volk Field in Camp Douglas. The team brought specialized equipment and supplies to assist with search and rescue, including boats, water rescue gear, and communication equipment.

The task force members arrived in North Carolina late Saturday. They are currently assisting with searches in the western portion of the state.

North Carolina made the request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which is a nationwide mutual aid system. They requested WI-TF1 for seven days, but the request may be shortened or lengthened based on need.

WI-TF1 is made of first responders from fire departments across the state. The members that were deployed were from the following fire departments: Appleton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, La Crosse, Neenah/Menasha, Oshkosh, and Superior.

"The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association is proud to offer our support to the membership of WI-TF1," said Aaron Lipski, fire chief for the Milwaukee Fire Department and Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association president. "We honor their commitment to service during this catastrophic event, and we honor the commitment of each fire department who has selflessly released their members. This is an enormous undertaking and demonstrates the necessity and utility of such a uniquely skilled and capable team."

WI-TF1 is a resource of Wisconsin Emergency Management, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs. The task force is based out of The REACT Center.

U.S. Justice Department secures agreement with Wisconsin DOC

The United States attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the Civil Rights Division have announced that a settlement agreement has been reached with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WDOC) under Title II of

the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The settlement will help ensure that incarcerated individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have equal access to WDOC's programs, services and activities, including educational, counseling, medical, recreational and prison employment programs.

The agreement resolves the department's investigation into complaints that WDOC did not provide auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language interpreters, to incarcerated individuals with hearing disabilities.

Under the settlement agreement, WDOC will provide inmates with hearing disabilities appropriate auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language interpreters, video telephones, visual notification systems and hearing aids when necessary. WDOC must also make reasonable modifications to its policies, practices and procedures to accommodate inmates with disabilities, such as handcuffing in front to allow an individual who uses sign language to communicate, and allowing additional time for telephone calls that rely on an interpreter.

"The ability for incarcerated people with hearing disabilities to understand and to be understood is a critical protection provided by the ADA," said assistant attorney general Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "The Civil Rights Division is committed to ensuring that correctional institutions eliminate barriers, including communication barriers, that prevent inmates with disabilities from participating fully in prison programs."

U.S. attorney Gregory Haanstad said people with disabilities in Wisconsin deserve equal access, and that does not change when they are incarcerated.

"Our office remains dedicated to supporting efforts to improve access and inclusion for everyone in Wisconsin," he said.

As a result of the agreement, WDOC will implement a process that begins at intake, and continues



throughout incarceration, to identify and accommodate inmates with hearing disabilities; develop individualized communication assessment and plans; provide training on the ADA to staff; and pay \$15,000 to compensate three incarcerated individuals who were harmed.

The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and U.S.

Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin handled the matter.

Steffen introduces "Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Act"

State Rep. David Steffen (R-Howard) has announced plans to introduce legislation that will allow independent presidential candidates, as well as state or federal candidates, who have suspended their campaign to prevent their name from appearing on Wisconsin ballots.

"Like many Wisconsinites, I was shocked that independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was prohibited from removing himself from the November election ballot, even though his request for removal was prior to the state's candidate certification date," Steffen said. "Even more concerning is that the two major political parties are given until September to certify their candidates, but independent candidates are not."

Not only does current law fail to recognize the real-world circumstances that may impact a candidate's decision to continue through Election Day, Steffen said, it also creates unnecessary confusion for voters.

"We need a clear pathway for candidates to prevent their name from appearing on the ballot," he said.

The proposal will be introduced next session and creates a formal process for independent presidential candidates and other state or federal candidates to work with the Wisconsin Elections Commission to request that

their name not appear on the ballot.

Candidates wishing to have their name removed will have a clear set of requirements and deadlines, which will ensure the smooth administration of the election process. The proposal would also create parity between the timelines that govern major party presidential candidates and independent presidential candidates.

"Wisconsin ballots continue to list RFK Jr. as a candidate for president, despite the fact that he isn't running for president," Steffen said. "This proposal is in the best interest of democracy and is an obvious fix."

Prior to introduction, Steffen is engaging various stakeholders to provide input, including the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Knodl, Krug secure answers on ballot situation

After news reports emerged this week that the city of Madison sent duplicate absentee ballots to about 2,000 voters in the city of Madison, state Sen. Dan Knodl (R-Germantown) and Rep. Scott Krug (R-Rome) sent a joint letter to Madison city clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl asking key questions about the incident.

"The integrity of our voting process is tantamount, and mistakes like this do nothing to improve the situation," Krug said. "We wanted to get the facts, get them early, and share them widely. An explanation is needed and we need to not see this happen again."

Krug chairs the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections. Knodl chairs the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections and Consumer Protection. Together, they say they have been following issues affecting the 2024 election and have been working to get answers when issues arise.

"I am pleased to report this afternoon, we received a response from the Madison clerk," Knodl reported. "Rep. Krug and I believe the response was timely, helpful, and instructive. We will continue to ask questions when things happen, demand action, and monitor the reforms. I will add that further accountability measures are necessary. It's what people need us to do."

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This past weekend he accused those who enter the United States without proper documentation of wanting to "rape, pillage, thief, plunder and kill the people of the United States." Referring to immigrants generally, Trump repurposed the age-old demagoguery that those who came before us endured. "They can't even speak English," he ranted. "They don't even know what country they're in."

He harbors a particular animus toward Haitians, evidently. "We have hundreds of thousands of people coming in from Haiti," Trump railed recently. "Many of these people will probably have AIDS and they're coming into the country."

At his recent debate with Kamala Harris, Trump's anti-Haitian bigotry was obscured only by the apparent loss of his marbles and historic propensity to recite hooey. Referenc-

ing a wholly debunked quarter-rumor out of Springfield, Ohio, he claimed that Haitian residents lawfully living there "are eating the dogs. The people that came in, they're eating the cats. They're eating — they're eating — they're eating the pets of the people that live there. And this is what's happening in our country."

Trump has quadrupled-down on this, not so much a dog whistle as a bullhorn meant to stoke irrational hatred. Springfield's mayor and Ohio's governor, both Republicans, pronounced Trump's claim false. Vance admitted the same. Even Trump acolyte Vivek Ramaswamy conceded gingerly, "Having gone to Springfield, I didn't see that evidence."

But real damage is being done. Springfield has been hit with over 30 bomb threats. Colleges, elementary schools and government offices have been shut down, an entire community terrorized and terrified.

We are not talking

about border security here. Trump has already seen to it that a bipartisan bill aimed at improving that went nowhere in Congress. We're talking about basic human decency, and whether, going forward, America will try to honor it.

Jeff Robbins' latest book, "Notes From the Brink: A Collection of Columns about Policy at Home and Abroad," is available now on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple Books and Google Play. Robbins, a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. An attorney specializing in the First Amendment, he is a longtime columnist for the Boston Herald, writing on politics, national security, human rights and the Mideast.

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MOVIE REVIEW *'The Paper'*

'You wanna cover Brooklyn, then cover Brooklyn!'

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Directed by Ron Howard and written by David and Stephen Koepp, "The Paper" was released in March 1994 by Universal Pictures and Imagine Entertainment. It features a cast of Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Marisa Tomei, Robert Duvall, and Randy Quaid.

"The Paper" tells the story of a newspaper editor for "The New York Sun" named Henry Hackett, who is offered a job with another newspaper all while dealing with a potentially big story involving two African Americans suspected of murdering two out-of-town businessmen. He is also offered a job with another newspaper with fewer hours and higher pay, but he must choose between the job and spending time with his pregnant wife.

The plot moves along at a quick pace, fitting for an environment like a major daily newsroom. The first act is a little slower, as it does spend

some time establishing the setting and current situation. Once the inciting incident occurs, that being the tip about the murder, that's when things really get into high gear. Even so, the scenes themselves are given plenty of room to breathe while maintaining consistency.

The frenetic pacing is supported by its recurring theme of time. There is a visual motif present for most of the film, consisting of clocks and watches. It reinforces the frenetic nature of daily journalism, as outlets like "The New York Sun" constantly deal with tight deadlines and costly delays. In addition, Hackett's time management between his wife and his job provides conflict to his character. This particu-

lar motif is all over the place, but it does its job effectively.



IMAGE COURTESY OF IMDB

Henry Hackett (Keaton) is a brash and snarky metro editor for "The New York Sun." He is regularly pitted with the pressures of running a newspaper and maintaining a strong relationship with his pregnant wife, Martha. Keaton effectively uses his charisma to bring out this specific kind of personality in this character. I particularly like how he is able to switch between emotions on the fly in some

scenes, which does add to the comedy.

Alicia Clark (Close) is the managing editor of "The New York Sun" who is imposing harsh cutbacks on the paper. She is at regular odds

with Henry, especially when he believes that the two men suspected of murder are actually innocent. Glenn Close excels in portraying her desperation in ensuring that the newspaper gets out at the cost of quality.

Martha Hackett (Tomei) is Henry's wife, and she shares a similar personality with him. She is pregnant and wants her husband to cut back on his job so that he can spend time with her and be there for their child's birth. One thing I like about her is that in spite of her pregnancy, she is able to contribute to the story in her own ways. Tomei does a great job of portraying her drive to continue working while also conveying the pains of pregnancy.

"The Paper" is an underrated '90s film with an interesting fast-paced story, great performances, and its theme of time. If you're looking for a newspaper movie that captures the frenetic nature of the profession, check this one out.

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Calf Mile Run



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The Lakeland Rotary "Calf Mile" run for kids was held during Beef-A-Rama on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Bearskin Trailhead Park in Minocqua.



Six-year-old Liam O'Keefe crosses the trestle.



Five-year-old Clara Peckels during the race.



Six-year-old Zoey Lopez crosses the finish line.



Five-year-old Joel Fossen at the start of the race.



Seven-year-old Cael Santos crosses the finish line.



Eight-year-old Elena Laurneao crosses the finish line.



Ten-year-old Hadler Van Male nears the finish line in first place.



Three-year-old Sullivan Buglass, left, and 3-year-old Anthony Schwanda during the race.



Eight-year-old Avery Brusck crosses the finish line.

‘GUNPOWDER AND LEAD’

Mother-daughter bear hunt ends on high note

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

You hear a lot of times about father-son hunts, but not too often do you hear stories of mother-daughter hunts.

Recently, on Sept. 22 in Minocqua, Balie Strasburg and her 12-year-old daughter Tess undertook an 11-day bear hunt and endured many ups and downs. Tess sometimes thought she may not get a shot on a black bear she so desperately wanted after many hours of evaluating different stands, pinpointing locations and tracking what times bears would come in and out of bait piles.

One day, the two sat through rain and another day, while sitting in a treestand, they had an unexpected porcupine visitor which got a little too close for comfort. But in the end, the hunt proved to be successful and Balie said Tess has big plans for what she wants to do with the bear she harvested. Meat sticks, she said, was one thing she heard her daughter get excited about before the hunt was even over.

Tess admitted there were times she wasn't sure if she'd be able to get a good shot on a bear. There was one bear she saw that she was going to shoot, but ultimately ended up not getting a shot off.

"I always get excited when my kids do something like this, especially because it's something that we (as a family) are very passionate about," Balie said. "It was one of those moments where you get excited to see animals, but it's amplified because you're doing it with your kids. So ... to see Tess do something that I'm so passionate about, really made my day."

Balie indicated she was very proud of her daughter. She said she thought Tess handled herself "very beautifully in the woods" and went about the hunt in a responsible and respectful way.

"You know, we teach these kids all these different things about being in the woods and gun safety, but watching them follow-through and embody all this stuff, it really means the

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Tess Strasburg takes a picture with the black bear she harvested with her mom on Sunday, Sept. 22, in Minocqua.

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BACK-TO-BACK BUCKS

An early bow-season whitetail comes right after a dandy mule deer

BY TREVOR GREENE | OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Trig Solberg doesn't miss a shot often, and he proved that much recently when he nailed two nice bucks within a week last month.

His first buck came in South Dakota on a Monday when he was hunting mule deer. Later in the week on Saturday, once he returned home to the Northwoods, he put down a 7-year-old whitetail he's seen

on his trail cam from when it was just a young buck.

Solberg expressed satisfaction in the successful hunts happening so closely together.

His hunt for the mule deer was unique in a way considering the firearm used.

Solberg used a Browning Model 1885. See **Solberg**. . . page 16



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Solberg pictured with a 12-point whitetail buck he harvested at the start of the bow season this year. While it's not the biggest buck Solberg has shot during bow season, it was the biggest he's taken with a crossbow.



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Solberg pictured with a mule deer he shot in South Dakota last month with a single-shot Browning Model 1885. The gun is heavy, he said, with an octagon barrel and open sights.

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Solberg

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1885, which is a single-shot rifle with open sights.

He said the week he was hunting was really warm, approximately 80 degrees, and the deer could be seen hanging out in shaded draws.

They stalked the edge of the draws, Solberg said, when he saw the buck he ended up shooting. It was 70 yards out, and he put the open sights on him and was able to get off a good shot.

Solberg is an army veteran and shooting with open sights wasn't that big of a challenge for him. The gun, he said, is heavy, but is also a good one. He noted the octagon barrel it has as well.

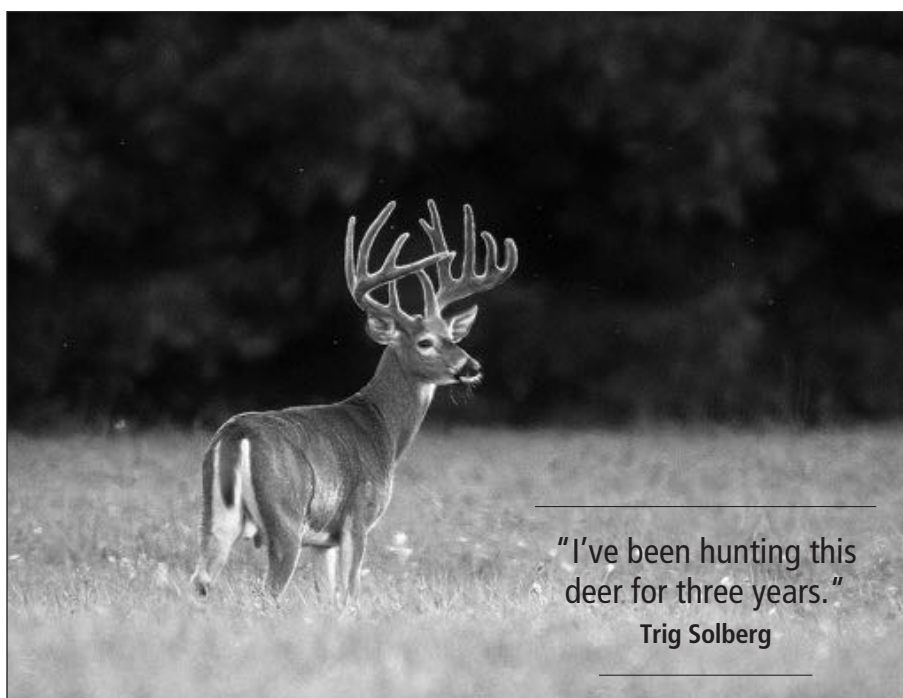
It's a single-shot gun so the shot a person takes with it is that much more important. The fact he was able to harvest a quality deer with that sort of firearm is what made the hunt memorable for him, he indicated.

Solberg used a crossbow for his early-season bow hunt a few days later. That was a longer shot as well, as the deer was over 60 yards out.

Solberg said he's seen that buck since it was 3-years old, but he "finally figured out a way" to harvest him. He expressed surprise at the fact that the buck was able to survive the last few winters.

The deer, Solberg said, came out into a field he was hunting. He said he watched his arrow fly right around 5:40 p.m. and it went right through the heart.

Solberg indicated the 60- to 70-yard shot was pushing the limit for how far he would have been willing



"I've been hunting this deer for three years."
Trig Solberg

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A buck on Solberg's trail cam that he's been hunting the last three years. He said it was a 7-year-old buck and was surprised it made it through the past few winters.

to take the shot with his crossbow. Luckily, he knew he could make the shot because he said he practiced shooting it at 40 and 60 yards.

They moved the ground blind a few different times, Solberg said, and he anticipated a longer shot because of where they were set-up.

"I've been hunting this deer for three years," Solberg said. "But the other times, he wasn't coming out in the field like he did this year. ... I only saw him one time during hunting hours (one other time), but he wined me and it was on a different stand in the woods ... but all the rest of the time, he always came out late

after hunting hours. ... He was smarter than I was until the very end here."

The buck scores within the 170-range and though he's harvested bigger deer, this is the biggest buck Solberg has gotten with a crossbow.

He indicated how appreciative he is of the outdoors and all the opportunities he's had over the years.

For Solberg, nothing beats being out in the woods and being close to nature. He said it really is "something to behold."

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Strasburg

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world to me," Balie said. "Sitting is hard for bears because you're not seeing a whole lot of everything all the time. There's a lot of days where you're seeing a whole lot of nothing. So to stay engaged and follow through is awesome."

Tess has deer hunted once before, but she said she thinks she likes bear hunting better. This was the first time she was able to harvest an animal while hunting.

She said she remembers shaking a lot before taking the shot, as well as her mom.

Balie, Tess said, was vigorously shaking and she thought her mom was having a seizure. She said Balie was undoubtedly more excited than her when they first saw the bear she ended up getting.

"I get very worked up when I'm in the woods and I see animals that are potential for harvest," Balie said. "It's just this feeling that I think a lot of hunters associate with. If you're not getting excited, it's probably not your time being in the woods anymore. But if you are out there and you are ready to harvest and your heart gets pounding and you can't breathe right anymore, it's just a huge adrenaline rush. I get it worse than anybody I know."

While reflecting on the moment right after she took her shot, Tess said she was extremely excited

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and hoped it didn't go too far. "I was kind of worried I wasn't going to find it," she said, noting it was "really easy" finding the bear. "He went like 10 feet from the bait." Tess said she aimed right behind the front shoulder of the bear for a good shot.

Balie reiterated some of the hardships the two had to endure during the 11 days.

"The hardest part was definitely keeping Tess motivated to be out there," she said. "It's not that she didn't want to go, it's just those days that you don't see bears when you're sitting for five-hour stretches and you have nothing coming in. It's really hard to keep the motivation up on a youngster and keep them

wanting to go back. And, you know, that's why it's called hunting."

Class A bear hunting licenses can be tough to get in Wisconsin. Licenses are awarded on what's referred to as a "preference point lottery system." Some hunters go years applying to no avail, and others are lucky enough to get a license more than once.

Hunters are allowed to gift their bear licenses if they aren't able to go or they feel they already got a bear and want to give someone who hasn't a shot.

That was the case in this instance

and Tess was the lucky one to be gifted a license.

Balie said a veteran hunter who they knew wanted to give a young hunter an opportunity.

"Very fortunate for that opportunity, too, because that's a big deal," she said.

Tess took a moment to thank a long list of those who helped her capitalize on her hunt. That list included her mom, Balie, her dad

Travis Strasburg, Lakeland Times publisher and hunting enthusiasts Gregg Walker and Chayce Walker for helping track the bear, and Ken Ollerman for gifting the license.

"You know, we teach these kids all these different things about being in the woods and gun safety, but watching them follow-through and embody all this stuff, it really means the world to me."

Balie Strasburg

"It's like the whole family for us needs a big thank you too, because everybody came out and showed up for Tess with her first bear," Balie added. "Because this is one of those things ... hunting's a big tradition on both sides of our families and this was Tess's first time harvesting something. So she had everybody show up — aunts, uncles, her brother, her cousins, grandparents ... big family event for us."

Tess said she's taking the bear to her parents' taxidermy studio, Strasburg's North Country Taxidermy.

She said she hopes they'll do the work for free. Balie said she'll "might have to work it off in chores."

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Hunting is a big deal for Balie and Travis Strasburg's families. Many family members came out to see their daughter Tess's first bear on Sunday, Sept. 22, in Minocqua. Those pictured, from left, are Al Strasburg ("Papa Al"), Ronda Gross ("Nama Ronda"), Kim Strasburg ("Gramma Kimmie"), Balie Strasburg, brother Casey Strasburg, Tess Strasburg holding the head of her bear, cousin Logan Strasburg, Travis Strasburg, aunt Erin Schoepke, Barry Gross ("Papa Bear"), uncle Jake Strasburg and uncle Russell Schoepke.

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St. Germain proposes room tax increase

Public input sought at hearing

By Fred Williston
SPECIAL TO THE LAKELAND TIMES

The town board of St. Germain voted unanimously during its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26 to advance a proposed plan to raise its room tax. To that end, the board will host a public hearing later this month.

Room tax is charged to out-of-towners who rent lodgings in a municipality. The proceeds are split between the chamber of commerce and the local government.

Currently, St. Germain charges a four and one-half percent room tax. Per state statute, municipalities with a population of fewer than 360,000 may charge up to eight percent.

During last week's meeting, town chairman Tom Christensen shared a spreadsheet of municipalities and their room-tax rates furnished by the State of Wisconsin, which was last updated in December 2023.

"The Wisconsin average — at that time — was 6.27 percent," Christensen said. "The Vilas County average was 4.68. It is out-of-date, but it's the most current statistic that the state has available through the Department of Revenue."

"It does look like a slow process," he said, "But there are plenty of towns and cities and villages that are going to the maximum rate of eight percent."

"We talked about this back in January," town supervisor Brian Cooper said. "And as I recall, the chamber was going to inquire with their members as to any thoughts they might have. And I don't know: has anyone heard from the chamber at all regarding that?"

Angela Foulks is the principal officer of the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce. She was in attendance at the meeting.

"We talked about it at length," she said. "I personally don't have an

opinion about it one way or another, but our lodging members keep telling us that, because they book out a full year in advance...they want to be sure they have enough time to implement it and don't have to go back to their guests that are already booked for summer of 2025 and ask for more tax, or either be liable for it themselves."

"Understandable," Cooper replied. "And I think that when the state decides they're going to raise their sales tax, it just happens on whatever date and you've just got to bite the bullet that one time, and it will only be for one year."

"I don't think you understand how much revenue is on the books for summer of 2025 at this point," Foulks retorted. "Every single property manager out there books 365. Their summers are booked. And that's your third quarter; that's the largest part of our room tax. That's a lot of money for either us to recuperate or for us to go back to our guests and try to get it from them. It's going to be logistically a nightmare."

Town treasurer Jeanna Vogel concurred.

"You're also opening up the potential that if I've made a deposit, now you're telling me you're going to charge me more," she said. "You're breaking your contract with them. They could go elsewhere. When you buy a plane ticket for next year, if the sales tax goes up, it's not like the airline is going to come back at you for it."

"So, basically, there's no good time to change it?" Cooper asked.

"I do think this is a good time to change it," Foulks answered. "Just think about implementing it for 2026."

"I think that's too far out," Cooper said.

"I can understand what you're saying, Angela," Christensen said. "It's going to create a problem. We do need to get it far enough out, I believe, and Jan. 1, 2026 makes sense. I'm good with that date to get it started and get it implemented so

that everyone understands that it is changing."

"My preference would be a Jan. 1 date. It's clean," Vogel added. "By the time we have a public hearing and get this approved and passed, we're going to be well into the fourth quarter. Jan. 1 is the start of that next quarter. That, to me, seems like the appropriate start time. That also gives us time to communicate it."

A major issue facing the town is a total of 74 municipally-owned roads require complete replacement in the immediate future. Costs for the project could range from six to ten million dollars. In an effort to find every available dollar to pay for the new roads, the board also recently proposed a cessation of borrowing money from banks in the short-term. Such a move could potentially save St. Germain somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000 per year in interest payments.

Foulks estimates the room-tax increase might dwarf that number.

"I know there are a lot of municipalities going to eight percent right now," she said. "As a chamber, we wouldn't be opposed to that. That's an extra \$500,000 of revenue."

Christensen then asked Foulks for her assessment of how a jump to the maximum of eight percent might be received by the chamber's lodging-accommodations members.

"We just want to make sure that we stay competitive with our neighboring communities," she answered. "So I think our biggest competitors are going to be the Eagle River and Minocqua areas. Arbor Vitae, Woodruff, the town of Washington are all at five and a half percent. Eagle River proper is at four and a half. So as long as we stay somewhere in that range, I think that's appropriate."

What she wants to avoid, Foulks said, is scaring people off.

"Especially after so many homes changed hands at a higher price," she said. "Rates are really high. Our guests have really been sticker-shocked since COVID, so we're

thinking a smaller increase might be better."

"I think we should just go for the eight percent," Cooper said. "We get it done; we do it; and we don't have to deal with it for a while."

"Talking to the chamber, our main partner in room tax, is pretty easy," Christensen said. "But all of those other people? There are other businesses that are not members of the chamber."

"That's why we have to have a public hearing," Cooper said.

He then made a motion to raise the room-tax rate to eight percent, "With the change effective on October first, 2025, pending public hearing."

"Just so everybody knows, I'll be voting no, just because of the date," Christensen said after the motion was seconded and the board resumed discussion. "I won't support the change with the date at that time."

"That was also my only hesitation," added town supervisor Kalisa Mortag.

Cooper's motion and its second were amended to make the date of implementation January 1, 2026.

Following the public hearing, the board will revisit the matter to deliberate and put the matter to a final vote.

"I would think that everybody that is signed up for room tax should have a notice that goes out about the public hearing and the proposed changes," Christensen instructed Vogel. "That will cover all the chamber members, too."

The motion passed unanimously and the board scheduled a public hearing for Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the St. Germain Community Center.

"I would expect a lot of people are going to show up," Foulks told the board regarding the hearing. "Especially a lot of the mom-and-pops. It's almost doubling the room tax. I think a lot of people are going to have some concerns and want to know what that extra money is going to be used for."

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100 Years Ago

Black Bear Attacks Horse

Bears are becoming a real menace to summer resters on Squirrel Lake. Tuesday evening, a big black bear attacked a horse at John M. Murray's new summer resort located on the end of the lake. Employees at the resort were aroused by the disturbance and found the bear struggling with one of the horses. A severe wound was inflicted on the side of the horse.

This is the second attack made by a bear during the past week, another attack having made Monday evening.

The Murray resort is a new place and is now in the course of construction. In the absence of barns, the livestock and the horses are tied up outside to trees.

The new place is located on a secluded shore of Squirrel Lake

and the surrounding country is very wild. It is not uncommon to see evidence of bear in the country. Three bears have been killed by Indians in this vicinity the past season, one weighing 380 pounds.

A posse of men went into Squirrel Lake country Thursday to give the bear a battle but failed to run into any.

News from The Badger State

Minocqua will soon have good electric service and drinking water. The agreement by which Eagle River will furnish Minocqua with electricity for lighting and power purposes has finally been signed, after having been held up for several months. Minocqua will now turn its attention to sinking a municipal well. Samples of water taken from a depth of 185 feet have been approved by the state health department.



BOW AND ARROW BEAR — C. Furry owner of the Sunset Ridge Resort is pictured above with the 200 pound bear he shot with a 45 lb. test bow at about 60 feet. Furry was hunting in the area near his resort on Lake Shishebogama when he made the kill. Lakeland Times Photo

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The Pioneer Bank, Ladysmith, received a shipment of 100,000 pennies two months ago. The one-cent pieces have drifted out of the bank so that the supply is low again. Officials of the institution believe most of the pennies have been placed in children banks.

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With paving done in 1924, Wisconsin now has 1,840 miles of concrete highways, according to the highway commission. A total of 153 miles of concrete roads has been built this year. About 40 miles of concrete road proposed for this year cannot be built.

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Preparations to log 2,000,000 feet of timber for the Flambeau Land Co. of Ladysmith is being made at Chippewa Falls by Richard Kunsman. The crew will work later this winter on the upper Flambeau River. Lighter timber will be

floated down the river to the mill at Flambeau, while hardwoods to be shipped by rail.

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Contributions for aid of residents left homeless by the Three Lakes tornado are beginning to pour into relief headquarters of the visiting nurse in Rhinelander. Clothing and other supplies are being received, as well as money. It is expected many thousands of dollars will be raised for sufferers. Prominent Rhinelander businessmen are active in the relief work. A large crew of carpenters and other workmen was sent from Three Lakes to assist in reconstruction work.

75 Years Ago

Adolescent Boys Need a Father's Companionship, Most Experts Say

Many a father and his adolescent son have become complete strangers, largely because they see so little of each other and be-

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Queen Nancy Wokral, King Dennis Schmidtke crowning last Friday over the Arbor Vitae-Woodruff 1956 Homecoming activities and victorious game against Crandon, are Dennis Schmidtke, above, crowning his queen, Nancy Wokral. The homecoming activities were touched off last Friday by a parade, thrilling game, and evening dance. Photo by Toburen Studios, Wausau

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Camp Convalescents Learn To Live Again



These men are patients at the Lake Tomahawk state camp near Minocqua, convalescing from tuberculosis, and learning skills which will enable them to earn their livings when they are "graduated" into

the world again. The photo shows a group at work in the well equipped wood-working and sheetmetal shop. A majority of the camp "graduates" find jobs.

—Milwaukee Sentinel Photo

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED OCTOBER 4, 1940

cause the father is so often called in to do the big punishing jobs. Adolescence is the time when a boy needs his father most and when they could both become good friends by sharing their time and their interests, according to child expert Toni Taylor writing in McCall's for September in collaboration with Dr. Alice V. Keliher, of New York University School of Education, she has these suggestions to make to parents:

"A father alone can fulfill some of his son's most pressing needs during adolescence. It is he who provides a "blueprint" of the adult male for his boy. It is he who must understand and acknowledge the conflicts that disturb his son's 'growing up'. And it is he who must help the child to overcome destructive behavior by showing him the reason for it.

Adolescence is a lonely age when the child may feel like a pariah, unable to please adults and is often at odds with his own companions. This feeling of isolation can be relieved immeasurably by a father who remembers the trials of his own adolescence and assures his son that his problems and worries are common to most adolescence.

"This is the time for a father to let his own son know what he believes in, to show him how he earns the family living, to let him go into town with him, see where he works and meet some of his co-workers. To the boy this is being accepted by men and, more im-

portant, by the one man whose respect he most needs.

"A man who perhaps puts aside a pleasurable hobby in the early days of a busy career may now find that it is something he and his son can enjoy together. The boy will be delighted to discover that his father is a whiz at fishing or carpentry. The father may learn that his son, despite the testimony of his report card, learns quickly and well. Most important of all, father and son are likely to discover that they enjoy each other.

"If a boy knows that he will be ridiculed he can reveal some of his inner thoughts and feelings. He can ask what he wants to know about sex: he can tell his father how he feels about girls; he can begin to understand himself.

"A wise father will not tell his son what to think; he will help him to think for himself. And he will be more impressed by direct contact with his boy's activities, inquiring mind, than by his grades in arithmetic.

"And a wise mother will do everything she can to promote a rich contact between her husband and son. She will not only discuss the boys progress with his father, she will see that her husband has a chance to judge for himself. By taking a fair share of their son's discipline on her own shoulders, by being alert and sensitive to the needs of each other, she will discover that her value to both is deeper than she may

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have thought possible."

50 Years Ago

Moose Sightings in Lakeland Area Sunday

It's fairly certain that moose—possibly a bull and a cow— were sighted in the Manitowish Waters area last Sun., Sept. 29.

Chet Bowinski, area DNR game manager, said that he's received reports of moose sightings from several persons. He spent several hours Monday in the area looking for tracks, but came up with a blank.

"But judging from persons who reported the half-dozen sightings, I'd say that there was a moose or two in the area last Sunday," he noted.

Several persons took pictures of the animals and have promised to provide Botswinski with photos as soon as they are developed.

The game manager said that moose have been sighted in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan this summer, but no one apparently knows where they're coming from.

Botswinski said that northern Minnesota has a pretty good moose population and it's possi-

ble that some have wandered into Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula.

One of those who saw the bull moose with a full rack was Louis Wroblewski, a Stevens Point barber who has a cottage near the channel between Spider and Island Lakes in Manitowish Waters.

Wroblewski saw the moose cross the Malcolm Lawrey resort property, go to the shore, then swim across the channel. He took pictures. As did three nearby fishermen.

Woman's Touch Added to Police Department

"Minocqua Police Department," the female voice answers when the phone rings at the local police station.

The lady in blue, complete with silver badge, is Ms. Nancy Stewart, clerk-matron for the Minocqua Police Department. Many people have become familiar with Nancy during the last two summers when she was a meter maid for the Minocqua police. Beginning Sept. 16, however, Nancy joined the police staff full time as a clerk-matron.

The hiring of a women for this position was made possible through federal Manpower Act funds. The funds are funneled from the Comprehensive Em-



"CHOW TIME" at the big Jamboree held recently in Torpy Park. Part of the 400 picnickers being served by the Jaycees with the

able assistance of John O'Leary's committee. Were you there?

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ployment Training Act (CETA) Title II to the state Manpower Council, which then distributes it to the counties. Oneida County this year received \$61,000. The Town of Minocqua was allocated over \$6,000 of this money to hire an additional person for the police department staff. It is a three-year federal program, but is funded one year at a time.

The idea behind hiring a clerk-matron for the Minocqua Police Department is that it frees another officer to be out in the field. Before, one officer had to remain in the building to man the desk and the phone.

Nancy now answers the phone, types, files and helps out with written reports. Before, an officer had to perform these tasks whenever they found the time.

When the need arises, she also accompanies women offenders to jail. "Our filing system is now more up to date," comments Sgt. Arnold Graven, which helps the office to run more smoothly.

Nancy, 21, is originally from Racine, but has been vacationing here since she was 4 years old, spending time at her grandparents home on Big Arbor

Vitae Lake. She attended college at UW-Stevens Point and UW-LaCrosse before starting her job as a meter maid in the summer of '73. She studied sociology and physical education in school, but never thought she would wind up in police work.

"When I became a meter maid I thought it would be a good way to spend the summer," says Nancy. She found she enjoyed the work and is now thinking in terms of becoming a police officer someday.

After walking around all summer checking meters, Nancy says the hardest part of her new job is having to sit behind a desk— but she's not complaining.

25 Years Ago

NL Students Help Decorate National Christmas Tree

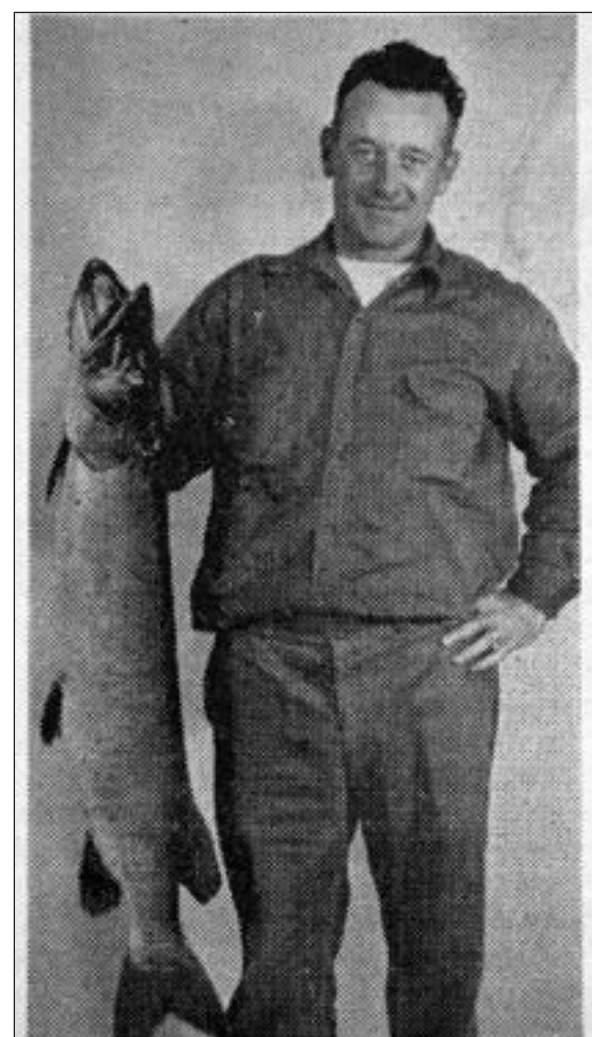
This was the "Year of the Miner" at North Lakeland Elementary Schools Indoor Education sessions at the Lakeland Discovery Center.

Interspersed with the typical outdoor activities—plant identification, camping and survival skills, cooking, canoeing and photography—the students learned about the history and of the lore of mining in this region.

Another project unique to this years program was the creation of natural ornaments to be shipped to Washington D.C., and used to decorate the "Millenium Tree" to be displayed during the final holiday season of the twentieth century.

The 70-foot tree was selected to come from nearby Forest County by the U.S. Forest Service, and citizens of Wisconsin have been invited to provide 5,000 hand-crafted ornaments. Natural materials from this area were provided to the students to create their original designs. They will be sent to Hayward for delivery to the nation's capital.

The North Lakeland students are now look-



Glen Hower, Jr., of Duluth, with 23 pound, 43½ inch muskie he and his wife caught last Saturday in Lake Kawaguesaga. Mr. and Mrs. Hower and their daughter were visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hower, Sr., who own Hower's Resort on Lake Kawaguesaga. Vic's Photo

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ing forward to seeing the tree on television, with their ornaments as part of the decorations.

The students enjoyed special programs presented by Critterman and the Wolfman, and also folk singer Tom Pease from Amherst.

LdF Students Honor Their Grandparents

If one wanted to see pride and respect and love shining in the eyes of their students and their grandparents, one only had to be at the Lac du Flambeau Elementary School last Friday.

It was a regular "love in" as students from the third, fourth and fifth grades honored their grandparents.

They celebrated

"Grandparents Day" to show their appreciation for that special relationship between generations, and to let them know that they cared about those at home.

And the generation gap was apparent as the children in the fifth grade took the letters of the word grandparents to tell them what they mean in their lives.

Their comments ranged from "good cooks" and "great bingo player" for the "G", to "ancient" and "awesome" for the "A."

Following the brief program that included songs by the third graders, the students and the grandparents shared refreshment in the cafeteria.

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MISS KATHY KNIPPEL of Lac du Flambeau looks over the check which she received as fifth place winner in a National Art contest, ending in August. Kathy contributed an original fashion design to the contest which was sponsored by an art school in Minneapolis. She is now majoring in art at Wisconsin State college, Superior after being awarded a tuition scholarship.

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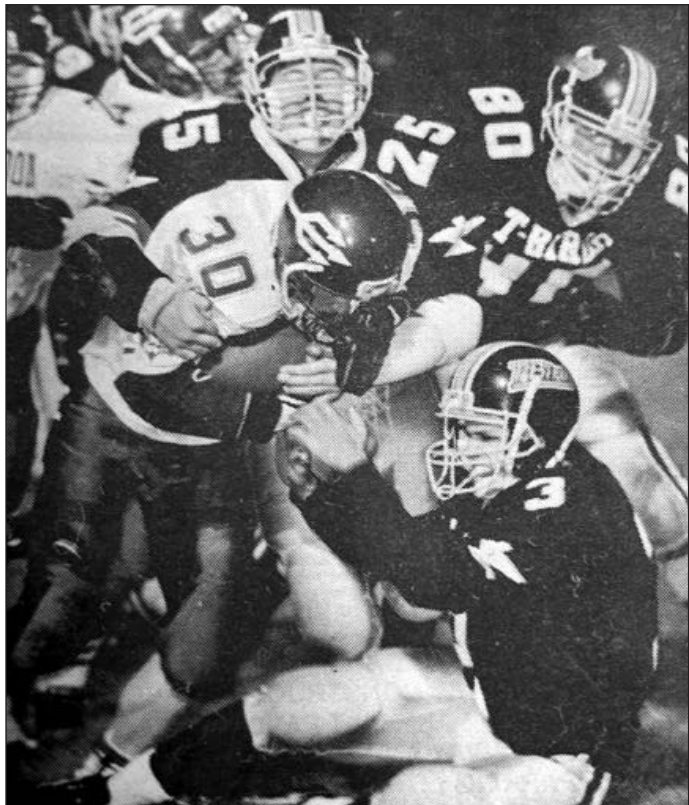
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Above: Peter Kovachik helps the T-Birds prepare for tonight's game.

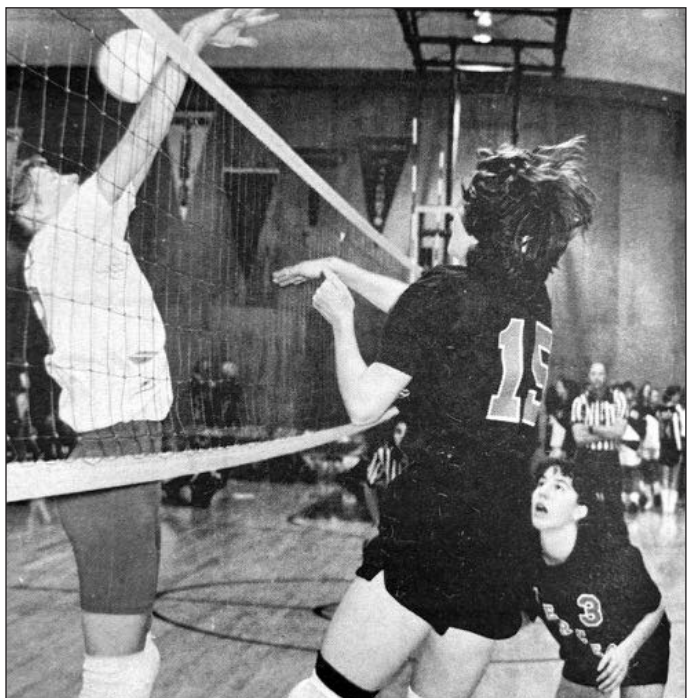
Below: Tom Safford (3) tries to strip the ball from Ironwood's Dan Baross (30) while Jeremy Miller (25) rides Baross to the ground.



Above: Lakeland senior running back Doug Petrusha heads around the left side of the line as Craig Schueman and another lineman create an opening.

Left: Lakeland's number three singles player Echo Jacobi defeated Phillips' Erika Willet, 6-4 and 6-4 Thursday, but the T-Birds lost the contest 3-4.

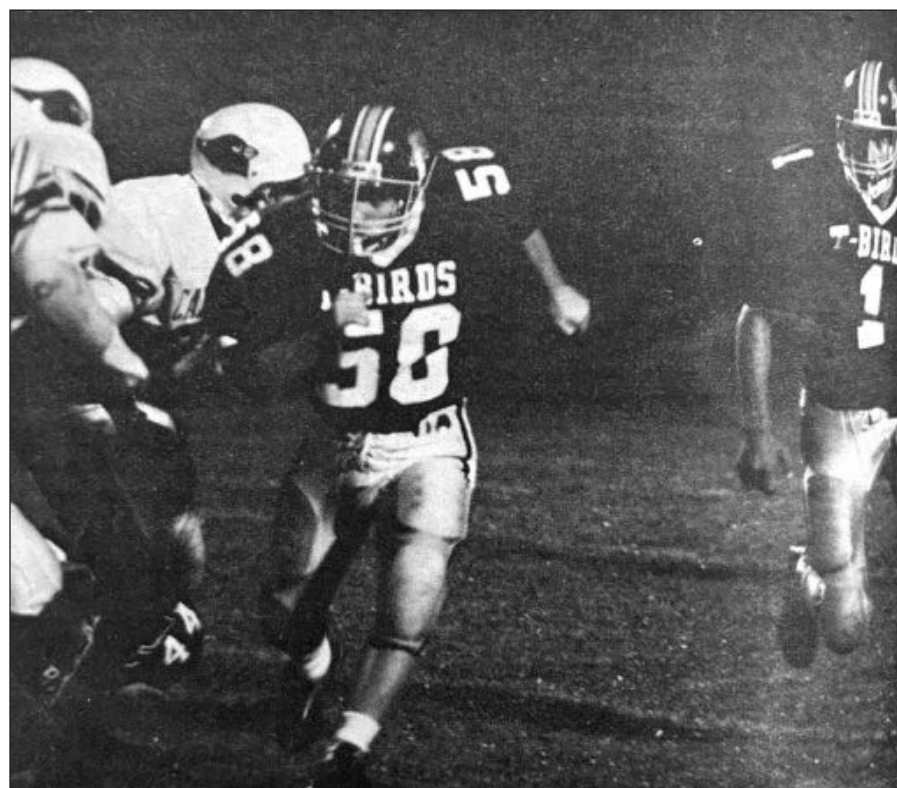
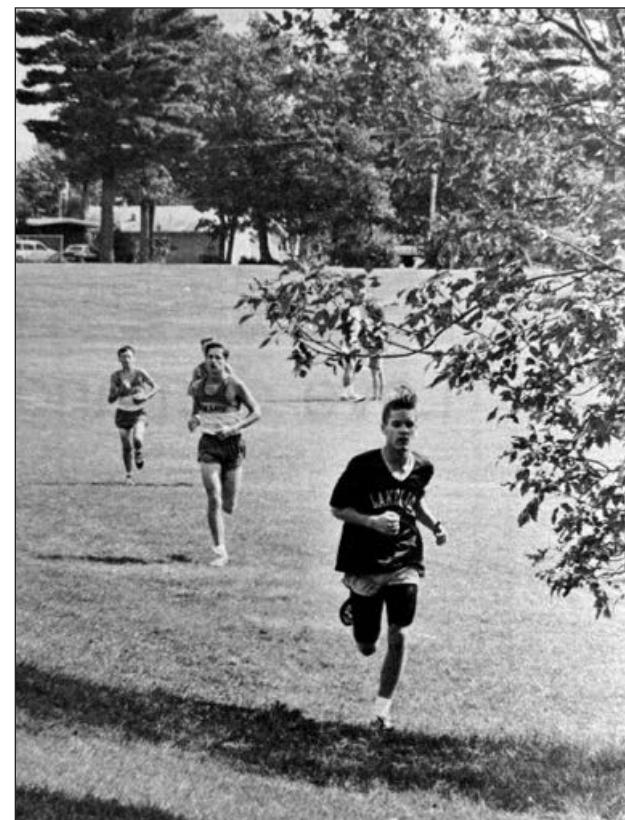
Below: Lakeland sophomore Chris Hill (dark jersey) placed 15th Tuesday at the first of three Lumberjack Conference cross country meets with a time of 18 minutes and three seconds. The T-Birds placed second behind Phillips. Hill is shown competing earlier in the season against Rice Lake at Minocqua.



Left: Mercer sophomore Shawn Terry (15) sneaks a spike past a Merrill defender while teammate Suzanne Ponik (3) looks on.

Below, left: Lakeland's Tara Goll won all four of her matches against a Wakefield, Mich., opponent Thursday in number two singles by scores of 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 and 6-3.

Below, right: Lakeland's Jay Szot (58) leads the way for Shane Tilley (1) during Lakeland's 51-14 win over Park Falls Friday.



Trish like a
GIRL

Attending
 writing
 workshops



By Beckie Gaskill
 OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

As I write this, I am coming to the end of two week-long writing summits. Both were held online, with a somewhat different format. One, the Writing Brave Summit, held live sessions, which were pre-recorded, but the presenter in each session joined the group in the chat during the presentation, which I thought was a neat add-on feature. It allowed attendees to talk to the presenters in real time while listening to their session presentation.

The other summit, entitled simply the Storyteller's Summit, featured pre-recorded sessions that were available all day, so a person could log in to the Summit's daily activity page and view any or all of the sessions at any time during that day. The daily sessions, though, were only open for a 4-hour period.

I should mention that the Storyteller Summit focused on fiction writing almost completely and the Writing Brave Summit included some sessions on fiction and others on memoir writing. I have an interest in both, so I tried to attend all of the sessions. They will be open again for the weekend, and I will likely spend some time either going back through a few of them or taking in a few that I just did not have the time to get to.

I suppose this was as good of a week as any for the transmission on my truck to go out. It was easier to stay home and attend these summits without having the option to go anywhere. And, I will also have ample opportunity to focus on some of that writing while my truck is in the shop getting a brand new, sparkly transmission. Okay, it will probably not be sparkly, but I have to make it sound fun somehow.

In the Writing Brave Summit, we actually got together as a group on Zoom, I think the highest number I saw during the hour was 288 people, and wrote for the better part of an hour. It sounded strange at first, but it was cool to see the different people who were obviously writing by hand,

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TRUMPETER HARMONY

A family of trumpeter swans gather together on an island of the Vista Flowage on Saturday, Sept. 28, in Manitowish Waters.

Wolf conflicts up from last year

Depredation
 and abatement
 payments do not
 cover total costs

By Beckie Gaskill
 OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

This year Wisconsin hunters, farmers and residents of the northern half of the state have seen more wolf conflicts than in almost any year. According to Laurie Groskopf from Wisconsin Wolf Facts, this year has already seen the third highest number of reported conflicts. The only two years where more conflicts were reported were years when the wolf had been removed from the endangered species list. Groskopf said people are more apt to report conflicts when wolves are delisted because they are more confident that something will actually be done about the issue. There have been cases in the Northwoods, even in the past year, where possible wolf conflicts have been talked about on social media, but have not been reported to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It may be that some do not want to go through the hassle of making a formal report when they feel little will be done to create a safer space for their families or pets regardless of that report.

2024 totals so far

In 2024, the state has already had 89 wolf conflict reports as of this writing, with the DNR sending out press releases on almost a daily basis, most of which are regarding hunting dogs, as bear season is in full swing. Still, however, livestock are being harassed and depredated, as are family pets.

Of those 89 conflicts, 57 have involved livestock. Nine incidents involved pets and 21 involved hunting dogs. Groskopf said she expected that figure could be as high as double from this date, with one more week of hunters with dogs after bears. Two conflicts so far have been listed as safety concerns. In all of last year, there was only one.

Wolf shot in Oneida County

As most are aware by now, one recent incident, not included in these numbers as of yet, ended with a 19-year-old hunter shooting a wolf that charged his duck blind. The wolf was a member of a pack that had surrounded Chase Melton and his two cousins, ages 13 and 14. The threat left Melton with no choice but to defend himself, he said. The DNR has investigated the incident, calling it a justified shooting, and sent the matter on to the federal level. More information about the incident will be available when the case is closed at that level.

Other incidents

Other events in the Northwoods have included another that was fairly well publicized. Denise Coron of Woodruff had let her dogs out one morning as she normally did at 6:30 a.m. A wolf came from around her house, grabbed her chihuahua and ran off into the woods. The dog was no more than 15 feet from Coron at the time. She said she ran after the wolf, screaming at it to let her dog go, but to no avail. This incident was investigated by Dave Ruid of USDA Wildlife Services and was confirmed as a wolf depredation.

Another incident in the Northwoods happened in Arbor Vitae in February. In this instance, the owner of the hunting dogs being threatened by the wolf was able to

get the wolf to back off by yelling at it and making a commotion. The wolf was hesitant, however. The owner of the dogs, Nick Krueger, said the wolf would only move away a few feet at a time as he approached. Eventually the wolf did leave the scene. This incident was reported to the DNR and was investigated by Wildlife Services as well. Due to the proximity to Krueger's home, he said he was told the incident would be listed as a threat to a pet as well as to human safety. However, when the report was released, it only listed threat to a pet.

In the town of Fifield, there has been a farm with long-standing issues with a pack of wolves. The farmer there said these wolves have often displayed what he called "bold and human-habituated behavior." The complainant in the May wolf incident report said that he employs several people who are cognitively and/or physically impaired and he worried for those employees, as well as his own family members. Employees have seen wolves within 6-8 feet of them and in the main driveway. The wolves have not shied away from the lights, noise and activity of the farm or the farming equipment.

Another wolf-cause depredation and harassment was reported as far south as Merrill. This depredation happened sometime during the night of Jun 7, 2024. The complainant said he checked on his cows the night of June 7 and saw he had a cow due to freshen, or begin producing milk, but upon checking the herd the next day, he found the calf, which did not make it. He later found the cow injured, and reported the incident.

Luke Irish of USDA Wildlife Serv-

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INCREASING YOUR ODDS LOCATING BUCKS



Dale Streubel

SPECIAL TO THE LAKELAND TIMES

The current trend for many archery hunters is to minimize the amount of time hunting during the season, due to a busier lifestyle involving several other priorities.

Therefore, they simply condense their time off to hunt during the peak breeding time, which traditionally involves the last week of October into the first two weeks in November.

Consequently, this time of year I receive many questions regarding various ideas relating to locating bucks during the “feeding frenzy,” with only minimal time available for them to hunt due to their busy lifestyle, etc.

It sounds very similar to a person that is only able to fish on a one-week vacation and dreams of landing a 50-inch musky in one week.

First, we are speaking about locating a buck that exists in thousands of wooded acres and having only a limited amount of time to succeed.

Now granted, many hunters will do their homework involving various mapping of areas and utilizing the experience they have acquired while locating bucks in other types of habitats.

You must remember that time is of the essence when all you have to work with is a two-week vacation.

Personally, if I was venturing into a big woods scenario with limited time available and during the breeding season, I would try my hardest to find a family of does “core area.” I don’t mean locating one or two does bedded on a hillside which may represent a more unstable situation.

You must find a heavily used trail with various sizes of deer tracks meaning a diverse family



Dale Streubel’s trail cam photo of a buck checking a licking branch.

of does. Then, follow the trail back to their bedding area. Sometimes you will know that you reached their core area, by simply bumping them out temporarily and remember, the more does together the better.

The simple logic is the fact that they will be going into heat, which means the scent that will be given off by several does will invariably attract a possibility of several bucks from many areas, which consequently will offer you the opportunity of locating bucks without having to wander all over the woods trying to locate a bucks scrape area or bedding area.

By locating several does in one area offers the hunter a longer period that the does will be in heat, meaning each one on different days. Therefore, the scent will linger for a longer pe-

riod, which increases your chances that a strange buck in the area will become attracted.

You must remember that the does are very family orientated, meaning several age classes born from the same gene pool may live in the same area most of their lives. Keep in mind that some does may leave temporarily to find a better choice of boyfriends, but eventually they will return. That is why it is imperative that you locate an area that holds more than one doe,

With all of this said, we as hunters all have our own philosophies and tactics when it comes to locating deer, but there are times when a second opinion might just solidify what you thought all along.

Good luck!

Any questions, email streubedale@gmail.com.



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Wear your life jacket, avoid overloading your boat and share your hunting plan with someone else before you leave.

Waterfowl hunters: boat safely this season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds waterfowl hunters to follow best boating safety practices as they hit the water this season.

Wisconsin has had 12 boating accident deaths so far this year, according to DNR records. It’s important for hunters to follow these safety tips to prevent boating accidents and deaths.

Always wear your life jacket

One of the most critical safety measures is wearing a life jacket. As water temperatures drop, the risk of hypothermia increases significantly. Life jackets keep you afloat and conserve your energy, allowing you to stay warm and increase your chances of survival.

Avoid overloading your boat

Overloading your boat can lead to instability and increase the risk of capsizing. Ensure the boat is not carrying more weight than it is designed to handle. This includes all passengers, gear, a hunting dog and any estimated harvested waterfowl. Distribute weight evenly and avoid sudden movements that could destabilize the boat.

“Remember, a balanced boat is a stable boat, and a life jacket is your best defense against unexpected mishaps,” said Lt. Darren Kuhn, DNR boating law administrator. “Prioritize safety so you can focus on the thrill of the hunt and the beauty of nature.”

Additional safety tips

Check the weather: always check the weather forecast. Severe weather? Don’t go.

Transport firearms safely: when transporting firearms by boat, take extra precautions to make sure they are unloaded and secured so they won’t go overboard.

See and be seen: ensure your boat has the proper lighting for visibility, especially during low-light conditions when navigating in darkness or fog.

Inform someone: give your hunting plan to someone on land. Include expected return time and location.

For a complete guide to regulations and law changes, reference the 2024 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations booklet.

DNR Wolf tracking program classes offered this fall

By Beckie Gaskill

OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is once again offering their carnivore tracking classes to individuals interested in volunteering for their snow tracking surveys. The DNR has used volunteer trackers for many years. Prior to the pandemic, a wolf ecology and tracking class was available only in person, but now classes are also available online or in person through the DNR. Other entities such as the Timber Wolf Alliance, the Timber Wolf Information Network and Northland College have also offered classes in ecology and tracking, which often include field-based portions of the class.

According to the DNR website, volunteer trackers have been used since 1995. Now, with the virtual training option, people have even more

opportunity to learn more about wolves. Even if a person does not necessarily want to become a volunteer tracker, they can attend one of these trainings to learn more about wolf ecology, management and carnivore tracking.

For those looking for a virtual learning option, there are eight in-depth training modules that will open on Nov. 1 and be available until March 30. Those interested in becoming a volunteer tracker must complete all eight of these modules. Once those are completed, the volunteer then takes a test and then registers to take a live online “refresher” training course which is offered through the Zoom platform.

The first of the eight training modules covers the history of wolves in Wisconsin. It goes back to before European settlers came to what is now Wisconsin and gives at-

tendees a look into the relationship between Native Americans and wolves. It also covers the years of bounty hunting and brings the conversation all the way to the present day.

The next module covers the ecology and biology of wolves. This lesson includes information on reproduction, pack structures, diet and distinguishing characteristics of wolves.

The third lesson covers management of the species in the state. There is discussion of the laws that govern management, Tribal treaty rights in the Ceded Territory, measures taken to protect livestock and other animals are presented. A brief overview of hunting and trapping of wolves in the state is also covered in this lesson.

The fourth lesson is an overview of the tracking pro-

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October hunting and trapping seasons

Oct. 5

- Gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities (select properties only)
- Youth deer hunt

Oct. 12

- Duck (Open Water Zone)
- Elk

Oct. 19

- Bobcat (Period 1, hunting and trapping)
- Bobwhite quail (opens at 9 a.m.)
- Cottontail rabbit (Southern Zone)
- Coyote (trapping only)
- Fisher (trapping only)
- Fox (hunting and trapping)
- Hungarian partridge (opens at 9 a.m., closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)
- Mink (Northern Zone, trapping only)
- Muskrat (Northern Zone, trapping only)
- Pheasant (opens at 9 a.m.)
- Raccoon (Resident, hunting and trapping)
- Ruffed grouse (Zone B)

Oct. 26

- Mink (Central Zone, trapping only)
- Muskrat (Central Zone, trapping only)

NORTHWOODS YARD & GARDEN

Compost yard waste this fall

With the arrival of October, yard and garden clean-up becomes a priority this month. This includes end of season dead vegetable and flowering annual plants and then piles of leaves from the trees. Composting is an excellent way to deal with this accumulating yard waste!

Compost is an outstanding soil amendment for any garden or landscape soil. Compost is partially decomposed organic matter, which in soil terminology, is called humus. Humus is a vital part of the soil matrix. It helps loosen up clay soils for root growth and improved drainage. Likewise, organic matter benefits sandy soils by holding water and nutrients for plants.

The basic rules of composting are simple. Mix brown plant material, such as leaves and dead plants, with green material, such as grass clippings or green leaves from live plants. Chopping or

shredding materials speeds up the process by providing more surface area for microbes to work. Provide some air by turning the pile and keep the moisture level close to that of a wrung-out sponge. Various compost bin structures can be purchased or constructed, or just make a stand-alone pile.

Those basic rules are for what is often called hot or fast composting. The idea is to create ideal conditions for aerobic bacteria to convert raw materials into finished compost quickly, which also generates heat. For this to work efficiently, you need about equal amounts of both green (high nitrogen) and brown (high carbon) materials, along with a little maintenance. Basic care involves turning, monitoring moisture levels, and adjusting materials to keep the process going smoothly.

Having aerobic bacteria function at an elevated level is the key to composting. A proper balance between moisture and air is required, and too much or too little of either

can cause problems. If kept too wet, anaerobic bacteria thrive and piles start to smell. If it is too dry, bacteria numbers stay low, and decomposition is quite slow. Keeping the pile covered is one way to control moisture levels.

Fast composting not a good fit for your garden situation? An alternative is slow composting. As the name implies, the process is slower, but the result is still useful compost. This method is a good fit for lower amounts of yard waste

being generated, but also suitable for fall when lots of brown materials are available but green materials are scarce. Materials are put in a pile and slowly decompose, as there is little turning or attention to adding moisture or adjusting materials.

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the lake
where you live

FISHING SEPTEMBER

September 28

Until I owned property here I could almost count my autumn fishing outings on the fingers of one hand. My vacation days were limited, I used up most of them in summer and at Christmas, and the stars seldom aligned so that I could make one last trip to the northern lakes.



Ted Rulseh
COLUMNIST

So in September, when I managed to get out, I didn't know my way around the water. Autumn fishing isn't the same as in May and through the summer, and so I struggled with where to fish and what to offer as enticements.

Now that I live on Birch Lake, September is my favorite month. And in the past 15 years (can it really be that many?) I have learned a few things.

There's something great about needing to take along a jacket. On an otherwise warm evening, things cool down considerably once the sun is gone. There's a bracing tang to that autumn air, infused with the scent of fallen leaves.

The loons look different. During my first Up North fall outing (not on Birch Lake), this strange bird popped up a few yards from the boat, its feathers white with a mix of gray and muted brown. I wasn't fooled for long; the size, the body shape and the long, sharp bill told me it was a loon in winter clothing.

The fish prefer real food to imitations. Expert anglers may disagree, but in my experience minnows are the ticket for fall pike, walleyes and smallmouth bass. I came to prefer walleye suckers, about four to six inches long, fished beneath a bobber. There have been days when I set out with two dozen in a bucket, they were gone in an hour, and every single one got hit.

Leaves flowing on water behave differently. Aspen, birch and most oak leaves tend to lie flat. Many maple leaves become thinner and curl up after they fall onto the lake. A breeze can blow them around like little sailboats with unkempt canvas.

Ducks pay visits. The residents that raised broods on the lake are gone, but travelers from the north appear, some in small groups bee-lining overhead, some skidding down for a rest break or a meal. My favorites include little grebes that frenetically dive and surface as if hopped up on some stimulant, and the occasional pintail with a call described by Cornell Labs as "similar to a wheezy trainlike whistle." Binoculars are good to have on hand to identify the migrants.

The colors are gorgeous, and also fleeting. Maples on the Birch Lake shoreline light up in yellows, oranges and reds, the oaks in more earthy tones. They contrast brilliantly with the green of the tamaracks, pines and spruces. The color builds and blazes to a crescendo and then quite rapidly fades to brown.

And for me that's pretty much the end of autumn fishing. There can be good days in October, but the weather turns cold, the wind acquires a bite, and it's just not pleasant being out on the water, especially if the fish are in a neutral mood. It's time to put the rods away and charge the ice auger to await December.

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Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund helps fish and wildlife

Donations can be made with license purchases

By **Beckie Gaskill**
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The Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund is an endowment offering grant funding to natural resources projects across the state in perpetuity.

National Resources Foundation (NRF) Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund committee members are currently working on selecting grant winners for the program from a list of well-deserving applicants. This endowment provides a permanent source of funding for projects on the state's public lands.

When applying for hunting and fishing licenses on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website, users are asked whether or not they would like to contribute to the Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund, but many hunters and anglers may not know what that fund is. This fund is used to support the state's 1.5 million acres of publicly owned forests, savannas, wetlands, grasslands and waterways.

The Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund, or more commonly known as just Cherish, is a public/private partnership between the NRF and the DNR. The fund was made possible by bi-partisan legislation.

The fund was established in 2012 to create permanent funding and support for public natural spaces such as forests, meadows and waterways. These spaces are enjoyed by many including hikers, bikers, birders, hunters and anglers.

Funding through this

program allows grantees the opportunity to complete projects that protect, improve or restore habitat for native species of wildlife and plants across the state. Grants through the endowment fund support projects by disbursing investment interest earned. This means, for every \$1 million in the endowment, \$45,000 can go toward restoration or protection projects as well as habitat management projects.

"The Cherish Wisconsin Outdoor Fund is fortified by investments from citizens like you," The NRF website states. "Every dollar you donate to Cherish is protected forever in the endowment funds, and the interest earned on your dollar is invested back into the lands you love here in Wisconsin ensuring that the 1.5 million acres of publicly-owned forests, savannas, grasslands, wetlands, streams and lakes are cared for — today, and for generations to come. This is what makes donating to Cherish different than to some other causes. One donation will keep doing great work forever, because only the interest will be used for granting purposes." While this year's grant

recipients have not yet been announced, the NRF website does list past grant award winners. For instance, in 2023, the Waterloo Wildlife Area and Prairie in Jefferson County received \$19,800. Invasive species were encroaching on a high-quality remnant prairie there. Wet prairies are fairly rare, and this particular one had been identified as a top priority. The site is said to be home of several species of conservation concern such as the upland sandpiper. The grant will help control species such as reed canary grass and giant rag weed.

A Portage County project at the Leola and Buena Vista Wildlife Areas also received funding last year of \$21,313. These wildlife areas are home to many grassland birds that are listed as species of greatest conservation need. The grant money would help remove woody vegetation that is moving in on the grasslands in these wildlife areas. The planned project would improve 350 acres of grassland habitat used by the greater prairie chicken. Over 70 percent of Wisconsin's prairie chicken population can

be found at Buena Vista.

The third project funded last year was at Baraboo Hills in Sauk County. That project, too, received \$21,313 in funding from Cherish to improve a declining oak ecosystem. The project would consist of removing maple trees that have started to populate the area and replacing them with oak trees. Acorns from oak trees, of course, are important food sources for species such as bear and white tailed deer. Improving the hunting experience in this area was one of the intended outcomes.

A quick run through the list of the projects funded shows that many of those projects listed take place in the southern part of the state. When asked why that was, NRF executive director David Clutter said he felt many in the north did not have much familiarity with the NRF in general or with the Cherish Fund. Although people see it on the DNR website when they check out after purchasing licenses, he said, it did not give the true affect of the fund on the state's natural resources. He said NRF was putting a plan in place to do more outreach in the northern part of the state in the hopes that those with natural resource projects in the north, too, could benefit from funding through the Cherish program.

For more information on the Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund, see the NRF website at wisconservation.org/cherish.

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Boom Lake anglers register impressive weights at Rod Gaskill Memorial Bass Tournament

Major changes announced for 2025 tournament

By Beckie Gaskill
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The Rod Gaskill Memorial Bass Tournament saw attendance dip a bit this year, but almost 40 anglers still took to Boom Lake in the hopes of bringing in the heaviest five bass of the day. Gaskill was an avid bass angler that moved to the area from Las Vegas, Nevada in the mid 1990s. At the time, bass fishing was not nearly as popular as it is now, but there was some interest and Gaskill, with a core group of other anglers, created the Hodag Bassmasters, which would become a B.A.S.S.-affiliated club. Each year the club held the Hodag Bassmasters Boom Lake Open in August. After Gaskill lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 2018, organizers got the idea to bring that tournament back, which was last held in 2014, and name the tournament after him.

Changes next year

This year the decision was made to change the date in an attempt to attract more anglers. However, next year, the tournament will return to its normal third weekend in August, but with an exciting twist. The Boom Lake Open had always cut off the tournament anglers at the McNaughton Bridge. The feeling was that the resource above that bridge was special, and not something that should have a lot of tournament pressure. For that reason, the Rod Gaskill Memorial Tournament also does not allow anglers to boat north of that bridge.

This year organizers came up with a twist that many anglers said they would enjoy. Next year the event will return to a two-day tournament, as the Boom Lake Open used to be.

On day one, all teams will launch and weigh in at the Hodag Park boat landing, as they always have. The first day of the tournament will look very similar to the current Rod Gaskill Memorial Tournament. Places will be awarded based on how many teams compete, with one place per every five boats being paid out at the end of day one. Part of that purse will be held back for the overall finishers at the end of the two-day event.

On day two, the top 10 teams will be easing off from the McNaughton Bridge with the opportunity to go north of that bridge if they so choose. The caveat will be that anglers north of the bridge must adhere to a slow-no-wake speed. They will be taking off one hour earlier than the rest of the field, and weighing in two hours earlier. First and second place will be paid out of the purse of those who fished above the bridge that day.

The rest of the teams who choose to compete on day two will compete on the same tournament waters as day one — anything south of the McNaughton Bridge, and will be taking off and weighing in at the Hodag Park landing. Day two results will be determined just as day one results were, with one place for every five boats that compete on day two. Overall winners will be paid out based on a points system with likely first through third place being paid out.

This tournament will also see the return of food and beverages being sold as well as bucket raffles. Tournament organizers are working with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, and the proceeds of this tournament will go toward the scholarship program the federation has. Gaskill was a strong proponent of getting the next generation into the outdoors, and the scholarship program, which benefits students who are going into the natural resources field, felt like a good fit, they said.

2024 results

The day started out cool and cloudy, and anglers could feel fall in the air as they took off from Hodag Park in the morning. There is always a decision to be made with this tournament, or any tournament on this body of water. Should a team head up river, meaning a long no wake that eats time out of the fishing day? Or should they stay down on the lake, which means more fishing time, but which may not bring as big of a bag?

For many years of the Boom Lake Open, tournaments had been won up the river as well as down on the lake. In the last several years, however, it has seemed, in order to win the tournament, a team would have to go up the river. For the last two years, however, the lake has been proving itself to be a player in the game again, with tournaments won in both the Wisconsin Bass Team Trail and



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Wayne Dezotell (right) and Rex Hilgart won the 2024 Rod Gaskill Memorial Bass Tournament with 18.90 pounds.



Gary Slagle (right) and Tom Hagge took second on Boom Lake with 16.29 pounds of largemouth.



Chase Vaughn (right) and Tyler Jesse took third place in the tournament with 16.17 pounds.

Upper Midwest Bass Challenge Series events by teams who stayed on the lake.

One twist with this tournament, that factors into the decision for teams is the three Dash for Cash hours. Dash for Cash used to be popular decades ago, and organizers brought it back for this event. In the 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock and noon hours, if a team believes they have the biggest fish to be brought in during that hour, they can come in and weigh that fish. That fish cannot be weighed for any other hour, and must remain as part of the team's limit for the day. The team to bring in the heaviest fish each hour wins \$100. Most of the teams fishing up river will not make the trip back down to weigh a big fish, but on occasion one does. This year, however, all three hours were won by anglers who stayed on the lake for at least part of the day.

Two of the hours were taken by the same team, Rex

Hilgart and Wayne Dezotell, a pair that had fished the Boom Lake Open many times and knew Gaskill well. They brought in a fish just over four pounds for the 9 o'clock hour and one just under four pounds to win the noon hour. The team of Chet Netzel, who is one of the tournament organizers, and Mike O'Shaughnessy brought in a 3.19-pound smallmouth to win the 10 o'clock hour.

The fish cooperated with most teams during the tournament with only four teams not bringing a limit of fish to the scales. Only one team did not weigh any fish at the end of the day.

Denny and Terry Strasser wound up with big smallmouth of the day with a 4.22-pound bronze back. Gary Slagle, long-time Boom Lake Open angler, was teamed up with Tom Hagge this year and Slagle was able to boat the biggest largemouth of the day at 4.54 pounds.

Chase Vaughn and Tyler Jesse, who were also Boom Lake Open regulars, took third place at the end of the day with a mixed bag weighing in at 16.17 pounds.

Second place was taken by Slagle and Hagge. Their big largemouth anchored their five fish limit of largemouth, weighing in at 16.29 pounds.

Hilgart and Dezotell wound up with a solid first place finish. They, too, had all largemouth and spent the day fishing on the lake rather than heading up river. They had 18.90 pounds

in four fish.

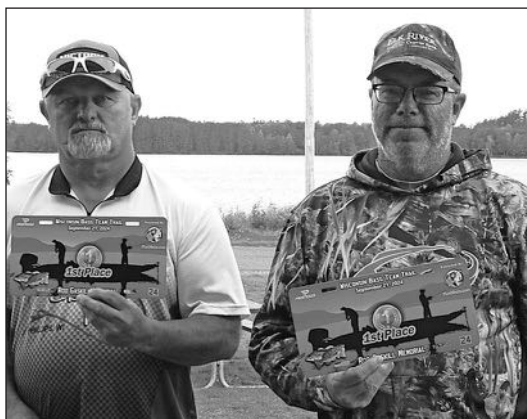
"When we took off this morning, I said, Rod, this one's for you," Dezotell said. Both Dezotell and Hilgart said it was the best day they had ever had on Boom Lake.

Overall, 19 teams brought in 86 fish, with an almost even split of largemouth and smallmouth. That was an average of 4.5 fish per team.

All totaled, the fish weighed in weighed 233.26 pounds. This put the average fish at 2.71 pounds and a team average of 12.27 pounds.

While all tournaments seem to bring together what anglers call "fishing family," this tournament in particular brings together a great group of anglers, most of whom have fond memories and fun stories of fishing with Gaskill and fishing the Open back in the day. The tournament is open to any team whose boat meets minimum tournament requirements and with at least \$300,000 in liability insurance on their boat. More information on next year's Rod Gaskill Memorial Bass Tournament will be added to the Wisconsin Bass Team Trail website wisconsinbassteamtrail.com in the coming weeks. Entry forms for the 2025 event will be available after Jan. 1, 2025. Take off order for day one of the tournament will be determined by the order in which entries are received.

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Gary Slagle (right) and Tom Hagge wound up with big largemouth of the day on Boom Lake with a 4.54-pound fish.



Big smallmouth of the day was brought in by Terry (left) and Denny Strasser. It weighed in at 4.33 pounds.



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Bobby Sheldon brought in the largest musky of the Hodag Musky Challenge at 46.25 inches long.

112 teams compete in Shoeder's RV & Marine Hodag Musky Challenge

By **Beckie Gaskill**
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Musky anglers fishing the Shoeder's RV & Marine Hodag Musky Challenge can choose from many lakes around the Rhinelander area. Boom Lake and the Wisconsin River, The Moens Chain, Pelican Lake, Lake George, Crescent Lake, Bearskin Lake, Lake Julia and the Sugar Camp Chain are all available for teams to fish. Top prize in the two-day tournament is \$10,000. There are also monetary prizes for the largest musky, the largest northern and there is one random winner from all of the winners of largest fish on each lake.

This year the tournament drew 112 boats and paid out over \$22,000 in prize

money, according to one of the tournament organizers, Nancy Sattler. The tournament, she said, also raised over \$16,000 for area non-profit agencies.

Dan Gropengiser and Jarrod Haenel boated three muskies on Bearskin Lake that were 36.5, 40, and 41.5 inches long. This duo won the event in 2019 also.

Second place went to Craig Lemmer and Bobby Sheldon with two fish from the Moen Lake Chain. They also had the largest fish registered of the tournament at 46.25 inches.

Third Place went to brothers Derek Bartz and Travis Bartz, who also had three fish from Bearskin.

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Conflicts

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ices investigated this complaint. He said he investigated the calf and noted "heavy consumption." The ribs were heavily chewed and most of the muscle tissue and viscera were consumed, he reported. The ears and tongue were also consumed. While the cow was up and moving and Irish could not get exact tooth spacing of the bites, he said due to the extent of the injuries, he expected the attack would lead to the cow dying as well.

Mild winter could play a part in increased attacks

The extremely mild winter may have something to do with the increase in wolf-related conflicts this year, according to Groskopf and DNR biologists. Severe winters favor predators like wolves, as deep snow hinders movement of white tailed deer. When there is little snow cover, such as this past winter of 2023-24, deer have the ability to move around well, often being able to escape a wolf attack. This means wolves will come out of winter needing to find other sources of food. As wolves come close to human-inhabited

places, especially in years such as this, conflicts can become more frequent.

Depredation and abatement program

Those who experience depredation issues with pets and livestock are entitled to compensation from the Damage, Abatement and Claims Program. However, even a cursory look at the depredation reimbursements asked for by farmers, ranchers, hunters and pet owners will show that the value of many of these animals killed by wolves far outweighs the \$2,500 maximum per animal offered in the program. So far since the inception of the program in 1985, over \$3.8 million in payment have been made through 2023.

Also, the program does not take into account the effects of wolf harassment on livestock. Cattle that are stressed often are nervous and constantly on edge, do not eat as they should and lose weight. Cows often do not produce as much milk. Even the stress of the farmer or rancher, who may also have a real concern for their children and their families, are not taken into account by this program.

In cases that are

not deemed to be a human safety threat, as most of them are not, non-lethal abatement such as scare lighting and fladry are offered in an attempt to keep predators away. However, it has been shown that wolves become accustomed to these deterrents in most cases and will come back to a place they have previously found a fairly easy meal.

Reporting incidents

The DNR said swift reporting to USDA Wildlife Services of wolf-involved conflicts are critical for the col-

lection of evidence and quick implementation of conflict resolution options. In northern Wisconsin, those who have experienced a wolf-related conflict should call 1-800-228-1368 to report those conflicts. More information about wolves, wolf conflicts, caution areas and other wolf-related information can be found on the DNR website dnr.wi.gov by inputting the search term "wolf conflicts."

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The Swainson's Thrush breeds across the Canadian boreal forest and migrates south through Wisconsin in good numbers. Look for their olive-brown upperparts and buff eye ring, or listen from dusk to dawn for their single-noted flight call that sounds like a spring peeper. Swainson's Thrushes love water sources and the fruits of native plants but are especially vulnerable to collisions with windows.

Simple steps to help birds

October is a peak fall migration month for the majority of Wisconsin's songbirds. Help make their journey safe with some simple but important actions.

Prevent window collisions

By applying decals or screens to windows (no more than 4 inches apart), you can help birds avoid collisions. At night, dim interior and exterior lights and close blinds to minimize light pollution that disorients birds.

Provide fresh water

A pond, water garden, fountain or even a shallow, regularly cleaned dish of water will get lots of bird use, especially if the water is dripping, moving or otherwise making a sound.

Add native plants

Fall is a great time to add native plants to your landscaping. Consider adding native grasses, like big bluestem, to your garden as an annual food source for migrating birds. Native trees, like serviceberry, dogwoods, and paper birch, also provide critical food and habitat for birds. Visit the DNR's Plant Native Plants webpage for more information.

Source local firewood this fall

Help protect state's forests during Firewood Awareness Month

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges Wisconsinites and state visitors to think twice before giving invasive species or harmful hitchhikers a ride in their firewood this fall.

Ahead of National Firewood Awareness Month in October, help the DNR prevent the spread of invasive pests and harmful insects by making smart firewood choices. Tree-killing hitchhikers often lurk on or inside firewood. These include the spongy moth, emerald ash borer, the fungus that causes oak wilt and many other invasive insects and fungi.

Your firewood choices are important, and with good practice, you can help slow the spread of these tree-killing pests and diseases.

When untreated firewood is transported away from the tree where it was harvested, those pests and fungi can later emerge to attack trees at the new location. This can happen whether that new location is in the next town or hundreds of miles away.

This fall, the risk of spreading spongy moth on firewood remains high. Although infestation



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A shed inside Mirror Lake State Park offers bundles of local firewood for sale. All staffed state parks with campgrounds offer firewood for sale.

rates in 2024 were not as high as the record-setting summer of 2023, many areas in the state still saw high caterpillar numbers. That means increased numbers of egg masses and an elevated risk of spreading those egg masses to less-infested areas through firewood.

Wisconsin has laws to help prevent the movement of spongy moth, focusing on the risk posed by firewood.

- A state spongy moth quarantine prohibits the movement of firewood and other products that can carry spongy moth eggs to counties on and near Wisconsin's western border or other states where the pest is not established.

- Uncertified firewood from more than 10 miles away is prohibited from entering state parks, state forests or other DNR prop-

erties. The DNR's Firewood Rules and Resources webpage explains firewood regulations.

- County, federal and private campgrounds may have similar firewood restrictions. If moving firewood to or through tribal properties in Wisconsin, contact the tribe and follow its policy on allowable firewood.

The Don't Move Firewood website urges people to "buy local, burn local." That means purchasing firewood for your camping trip on-site instead of bringing it from home or picking it up along the way. It's also strongly recommended that campers leave any unused firewood behind. It's not worth bringing a pest home to infest your property.

The same guidelines stand for those who use wood to heat their cabin or home. Closer is better. You don't want to put the trees on your property at risk from hitchhiking insects or fungi.

However, firewood that has been treatment-certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is safe and legal to take anywhere in the state.

All staffed state parks and forests with campgrounds offer local firewood for sale, and firewood is often available for purchase privately nearby. To find local firewood sellers and vendors of certified firewood, visit the Firewood Scout website.

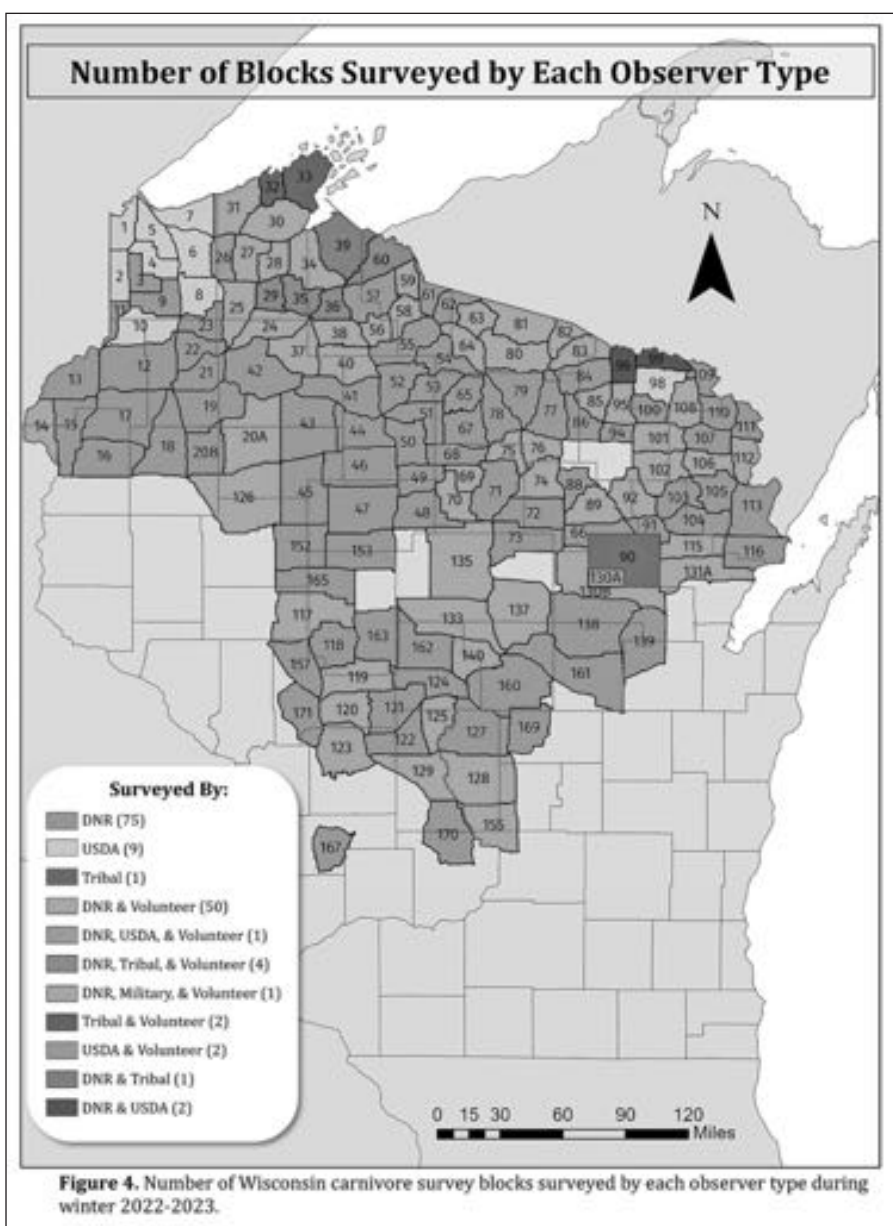
Bat Fest at the North Lakeland Discovery Center Oct. 19

On Saturday, Oct. 19, come to the North Lakeland Discovery Center for Bat Fest! The event goes from 4 to 7 p.m. and offers a celebration of the critters of the night.

This is a free event that features a live bat chat, educational nocturnal animal activities, a walk through the bat cave, critter crafts, candlelit stroll and more!

There will be food for purchase in the discovery center's Historic YCC Lodge from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.discoverycenter.net for more information.



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Wolf range within the state is broken down into tracking blocks. Volunteers help both DNR and USDA to track wolves in most of those blocks.

Classes

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gram. Students will learn the techniques used to monitor wolves and how they can help with that monitoring.

The fifth lesson gives the attendee the basics of tracking. Measuring tracks, gait patterns and foot patterns are all covered in this lesson.

Lesson six covers tracking of carnivores. These are broken down into three groups: canids, felids and mustelids. This helps the attendee to learn to identify other animal tracks they may find in the woods while looking for wolf tracks.

The last two lessons cover creating a tracking survey and attendees have the opportunity to go through guided examples of maps and the data sheets they would fill out in the field. The tracking app is covered in the last module. Attendees will learn about the app, how to use it, and about all of its functionality.

There are two refresher trainings scheduled for November: Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. These are for

returning trackers who are looking for a refresher as well as those who have taken the online class, passed the test and would like to get involved in the tracking program. The in-person class this year will take place at the George Mead State Wildlife Area from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Those interested in learning more can find more information and sign up for classes at the DNR website dnr.wi.gov and input "wolf tracking" in the search bar.

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Wolf tracking classes for 2024

**Nov. 1, 2024 -
March 30, 2025**

Online prerecorded modules

Nov. 7

Refresher training via Zoom
6 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 14

In-person training
George Mead State Wildlife Area
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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others who were typing on their computers, and just to watch people's facial expressions and such.

One thing that hour did was make everyone write for that hour. It is super easy to think the laundry needs to be done, or I'll just pop in the kitchen quick and start prepping things for dinner, or think the carpet in the living room, for whatever reason, needs to be vacuumed immediately, but of course I should dust first, and as long as I'm doing that I better clean the windows, and it's no sense in making the living room look good without doing a deep clean of the kitchen, which has to include reorganizing the cupboards — you see where I am going with this. It is easy to sit down to write, and never really get to that task. Sometimes the hardest thing about writing is getting your butt in the chair. This hour of the symposium made that happen. While that was on only the second day of the Writing Brave Summit, it was the beginning of the third day of the Storyteller's Summit. I was already thinking about my series of novels that I am working on, all with the same main character, Laura Weber. She becomes an amateur sleuth, with each novel set in one of the four seasons, but I did not have a super strong motivation for her to get involved in any of these escapades. In the book "Secrets on the Bottom," the book opens with her finding a body in a submerged car while out fishing (shocker that she would love fishing, I know). It slips, however, that the person was handcuffed to the steering wheel, meaning what she originally thought was an accident was obviously something more nefarious.

I originally thought that was motivation enough for her to want to get to the bottom of how this guy wound up in a 1980s Chevette in the first place, but then in the lake, and handcuffed to the steering wheel. She discovered this, so I thought that would be motivation enough for her — and perhaps it is, for this book. But what about the others? What was driving her to have to solve these things?

What I uncovered in that hour of writing was that Laura Weber's dad had been killed in a convenience store robbery when she was 10. They had just left her practice for a school Christmas play and were heading home to watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas." They stopped at the convenience store for ice cream and snacks. Laura had fallen asleep in the car, and only woke up when she heard gun shots. The shooter was never found or pros-

ecuted, although there were several suspects.

Of course she blames herself for this. If she had not fallen asleep, she would have somehow magically saved the day, at least in her 10-year-old mind.

Once I had written that part of her backstory, then I knew she had a rock solid motive to want to right the wrongs of the world.

I think that is the way every fiction writer's mind works. We sit down and just start writing and then ask ourselves "why?" Why does this person do the things they do? What are their underlying motivations that no one really knows about? Even though Laura moved to this small town to help her aunt run an antiques shop after her uncle passed, even her aunt has no idea that she blames herself for what happened at that convenience store all those years ago.

One of the things that really stuck with me from a session later that day was one of the authors had a great way to look at every part of every piece of writing.

"No, how did it really happen?" She asked. She told us to look at every line or every scene of our novel and ask ourselves that. Is the original way I wrote this scene how it really happened? Or did something else happen?

The first draft of a novel is really word-vomit, at least that's what many writers call it. We write like the wind, just to get the ideas down on paper. I am one of those who always leaves the first draft alone for at least a month before heading back to it. When I do get back to it, every time, I find there are some things that just do not fit. Maybe scenes need to be in a different order; maybe the pacing is off in part of the story; maybe some of it does not even fit. But I love the idea of asking how it really happened, and I am going to use that in my revising from now on. I already know, even after sending the first installment out to a few beta readers, that I want to rework the ending. It is believable enough, I think, but Laura plays a very small part in saving herself at the end, or coming to the conclusion of what happened. She is actually in more danger than she knows, but I will leave that spoiler hidden. Suffice it to say I know the last chapter needs some big work. It is good as it is, but it could definitely be better.

Summits and workshops on writing always get a person fired up to write, and my fiction writing has been lagging lately, so I was happy I took the time to attend these two. It was even good to learn more about writing memoir, as well. I have an outline and a good start on a memoir piece centered around my late husband Rod's fight with pancreatic cancer and all of the things we went through, the hard times and the good times — and yes there were good times. But it has been difficult to sit and write about those days. The memoir pieces of this summit resonated with me that way, and maybe they helped, and I will get all of those words on the page one day. Either way, these summits have geared me up for a fall and winter season of writing once again. I will not be participating in National Novel Writing Month this year after the dumpster fire of issues they went through last year, but many of us have moved onto servers on Discord where we continue to write and to pursue those authorly dreams, so that is where I will be, with my laptop and a huge, steaming cup of Early Grey tea.

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9th Annual Boulder Junction Lions Club Walleye Classic scheduled for Oct. 5-6

The Boulder Junction Lions Club will host their 9th Annual Walleye Classic on Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6, on fourteen Boulder Junction lakes: Allequash, Escanaba, Big Muskellunge, Little John, Clear, Island, Trout, Wild Rice, Boulder, Little Crooked, High, Fishtrap, or White Sand (Boulder Junction).

The tournament will begin with orientation at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Boulder Junction

Community Center. Coffee and donuts will be served and anglers will pick-up their registration materials for Saturday fishing, which is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday fishing continues from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a fish fry dinner at Gooch's 2 Bar & Grill at 5 p.m. The prize awards and raffle drawing will start at 6 p.m.

The cost to participate is \$150 per two-person team which includes the fish fry dinner for each

registered angler. Raffle tickets are six for \$5.

This is a catch and release tournament. Awards will be given to the teams catching the most total inches of walleye, based on 10 teams registering.

- First-place prize is \$300 per team.
- Second-place prize is \$200 per team.
- Third-place prize is \$100 per team.

Note: these prizes are based on a 10-team regis-

tration. Prorated if less than 10.

Proceeds from the tournament will support the Boulder Junction Lions Club local programs. To read the rules or download the registration form, go to boulderjct.org/events/boulder-junction-lions-club-walleye-classic/.

For more information, contact tournament director Bob Bertch at maccoa@centurytel.net or 715-892-2366.

RUMP ROAST RUN



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The Lakeland Rotary Rump Roast Run was held during Beef-A-Rama on Saturday, Sept. 28, in Minocqua.



Runners at the start of the race.



Gina Saverio at the start of the race.



Richard Pleet crosses the finish line.



Cynthia Michael nears the finish line.



Ross Backenkeller during the race.



Missy Meerstein during the race.



Chris Pacheco, left, and Teo Miralda cross the trestle.



Cindy Fitpold crosses the finish line.



Judy Jurries, left, and Kim Olson, right, cross the finish line.



Alicia Underhill crosses the finish line.

Homecoming football

LUHS football hosts Antigo tonight

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It's Homecoming week. The Lakeland football team is seeking to snap a three-game losing streak tonight. The Red Robins of Antigo (4-2, 2-2 GNC) come to town to take on Lakeland (3-3, 1-3). "Defensively, we see a team that plays a 5-2 Cover 0 look on the outside that is bringing seven players to the box and playing man coverage on the edge," coach Dan

Barutha said. "Offensively, we see a team with a good quarterback that throws some RPOs (run-pass options) and pull their guards as they're still Wing-T based. On special teams, we see a team with good kick coverage ability and some speed in their return game."

Lakeland and Antigo share three common opponents so far this season — Medford, Merrill and Rhinelander. The Red Robins lost to Medford 12-46 and Merrill 0-31. Antigo beat Rhinelander 28-20 last Friday.

In their win over Rhinelander, Antigo rushed for 179 yards and threw for 100 more. It starts with senior



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Elijah Ewald returns a kickoff inside Merrill territory in the first half Saturday, Sept. 28 at Jay Stadium in Merrill.



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Mitch Mleko wraps up Merrill's Carson Brooks in the first half Saturday, Sept. 28 at Jay Stadium in Merrill.

quarterback Colton Thomae.

Thomae threw for 100 yards on 7/16 passing and two touchdowns last Friday. He also ran it 15 times for 85 yards.

On the season, Thomae has completed 41/106 passes for 558 yards and five touchdowns with five interceptions. He's also ran it 90 times for 443 yards and five more touchdowns. He leads Antigo in attempts and rushing yards.

"Antigo will overload formations to run their senior QB Colton Thomae," Barutha said. "When that occurs, they're trying to create lever-

age and advantageous blocking angles for him to scoot through to gash defenses. They will create matchups they like for him to throw the ball on the edge and push the ball downfield a bit. He can scramble and has a good arm and has been able to make some solid plays this year in key situations for their offense."

Antigo has three running backs with 150 or more rushing yards. Michael Hagerty leads those backs with 62 attempts for 326 yards. He averages 5.3 yards per carry, but hasn't scored this season. Grant Praslowicz totals 31

carries for 163 yards and two touchdowns. Jayson Arrowood adds 153 yards and three touchdowns.

Antigo's Ethan Buchman caught two touchdown passes in the win over Rhinelander. He leads the team with three touchdown catches.

Tight end Ayden Kaiser leads all of Antigo's receivers with 157 yards. He's scored a touchdown and averages 22.4 yards per reception.

Defensively, the Red Robins forced three Hodag

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Antigo repeat

Lakeland volleyball falls to Red Robins for second time this season

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It was déjà vu for the Lakeland volleyball team when Antigo won again inside the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse on Tuesday.

The Red Robins beat the Thunderbirds 3-1 (25-16, 25-21, 18-25, 25-20). Antigo also won 3-1 over Lakeland on Sept. 21 during the first Great Northern Conference Meet.

The Thunderbirds,

who hadn't played in a week, improved on a few things from their first matchup with Antigo. In the end, it wasn't enough.

"I didn't like that it felt like a repeat, but we did improve on a lot of things we talked about seeing them again — covering the campfire zone, covering our corners so that was really good to see," coach Taylor Bruhl said. "This time, we couldn't execute at the net."

Lakeland fell behind 4-0 in the first set and never recovered. The Red Robins had a couple of kills early on.

Both teams traded off points for a stretch in the first set. For Lakeland, they got kills from Cale Quade, Sloane Tim-

merman, Marlee Strasburg and Stina Peterson. The sets were made from Tayiah Bauman and Allyson Seaberg with one assist by Peterson. Kieran Petrie made three passes that resulted in kills.

With Antigo up 15-11, Lakeland took their first timeout. The Thunderbirds stayed in range of Antigo. Petrie passed it to Bauman who assisted an Ava Evenhouse kill.

The Red Robins proceeded to go on a 5-1 run with a couple of Red Robin kills. They led 22-14 with the Thunderbirds calling their second timeout.

Antigo would go on to win the first set 25-16.

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Lexi Gindorff puts down a kill in the fourth set against Antigo Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse in Minocqua. Gindorff led the Thunderbirds with eight kills.

Lady Thunderbirds close regular season with win

Lakeland hosts subsectionals on Monday at 9 a.m.

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The Lakeland girls' tennis team had one final tune-up before the subsectional meet. They cruised to a sweep on Tuesday.

The Thunderbirds defeated non-conference Merrill 7-0 at the Lakeland Union High School tennis courts in Minocqua.

"We had one more opening in our schedule for a match so Merrill was available," coach Tom Oestreich said. "It's a nice tune-up heading into the subsectional meet."

Sarah Barton won 6-0, 6-3 over Emily Frahm at No. 1 singles. Barton used a drop shot for a point in the second set.

Kristina Ouimette/Ali Timmerman took down Jenna Maluege/Sarah Rell 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles. Ouimette hit a couple of aces and Timmerman sent a groundstroke over the net that resulted in a Merrill unforced error.

Norah Strasburg was one of the first off the court. At No. 2 singles, she beat Rose Dornbrack 6-1, 6-0. Strasburg sent a backhanded, crosscourt groundstroke for a point and had at least one ace in the first set.

Ellie Baker looked to rebound after a first-round loss at last week's conference tournament. She found victory on Tuesday.

"I was kind of like trying to bring myself back into a whole mental mindset because I lost my first round at conference, and it totally threw me off," Baker said. "Just being

able to use today ... to get back into the sport, to get back out of my head was great instead of having to go into subsectionals just totally worked up."

Baker beat Kaytlyn Hulke 6-1, 6-1. One of Baker's points in the first set came via a winner.

"I really just wanted to kind of let go of what happened because I got so worked up and frustrated, and so I really wanted to work on my serves because when I was playing at conference, that just wasn't going well, and I just wanted to work on being consistent instead of constantly trying to just hammer it back at her and just get a good shot," Baker said.

Baker is enjoying the team chemistry in her final campaign.

"I love it," she said. "This is probably one of the best dynamics I have ever been a part of. We're all so close, and we're such a family, and everyone supports everyone. It's just great to be here, and I'm so happy to be a part of this great team — so set up to go places. I just appreciate everyone being here, working hard, putting in the effort."

Lila Biller/Alyssa Erickson, No. 2 doubles, didn't drop a game and won 6-0, 6-0 over Korina Kraegenbrink and Grace Hoock 6-0, 6-0. Biller ran the back of the court before hitting a winner. Erickson gained a point at the net.

Chance Jacobs/Elise Lamers won 6-0, 6-0 as well at No. 3 doubles. They defeated Parker Wagenaar/Johanna Dahlke.

Sierra Wallace beat Claire Hintz at No. 3 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-3. Wallace, the last one off the court, outlasted Hintz at the end.

With both players hitting back-and-forth groundstrokes late in set two, Wallace got the final point she needed to clinch the team sweep.

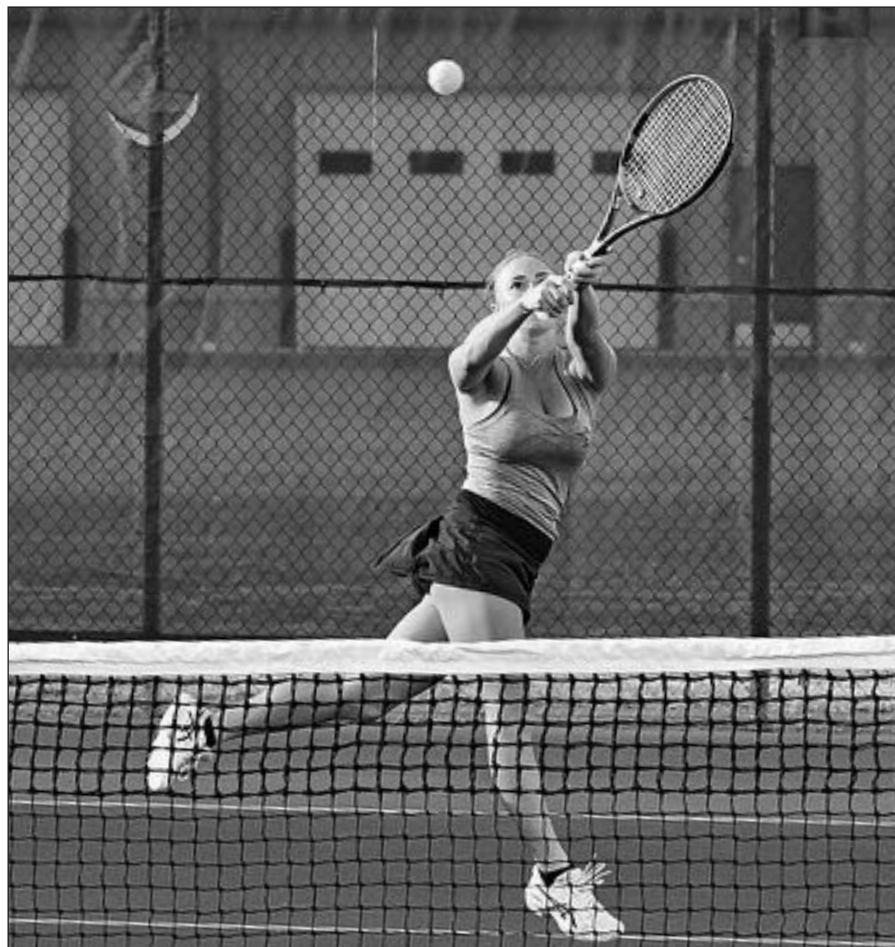
Up next, the Thunderbirds (17-2, 7-0 GNC) host a Division 2 subsectional meet on Monday, Oct. 7 starting at 9 a.m.

"I'm super excited," Baker said. "I'm super excited it's a home match because I know a lot of us just live off the students coming out and watching and cheering us on, and I know I'm going in trying to avenge myself (and) be like, 'OK, I need to improve, I need to be better.' I think everyone's super pumped. I feel like ... what happened last year was a ton of us were in the mindset of like, 'OK, it's conference, the season's coming to the end.' And I know for me at least and for a lot of girls, everybody has this mindset of like, 'OK, season's done Oct. 25. State, then we're done.' We're all kind of like, 'We're halfway through. Let's keep going, and let's just push on, and we're going to pull through.'"

Lakeland will also host a Division 2 sectional meet on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m.

"I think the big thing at practice is stay focused on playing consistent tennis," Oestreich said. "Mentally making sure everybody involved is all in because this team can definitely make it to state as a team. Staying focused, staying at our level of hitting, and hopefully all will go well. Our work is not done."

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Norah Strasburg hits a backhanded, crosscourt groundstroke for a point in her No. 2 singles match against Merrill Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Lakeland Union High School tennis courts in Minocqua.



Ellie Baker hits a winner in her match against Merrill at No. 4 singles Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Lakeland Union High School tennis courts in Minocqua.

Kingsford hands Lakeland boys' soccer first loss in regulation

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A challenging non-conference, out-of-state game put the Thunderbirds to the test on Tuesday.

Kingsford, Mich. defeated Lakeland 4-1. It was Lakeland's first loss in regulation this season.

"We've been playing them every year at least once since I became coach, and they're a very consistently strong team," coach Ihor Myshchychshyn said. "Over the years sometimes the conference can (be) stronger, lower, weaker, but when we go against them, it's expected to be a measure for us — where do we stand and looking back this season, our defense has not been challenged even against Eagle River. There

were some challenges but not steadily enough. It's nice to play someone like Kingsford. Between them and Marquette (Mich.), two strong teams (that are) nice to play."

The Flivvers used three first-half goals to take a commanding 3-0 lead at halftime.

"Kingsford was strong, solid team. I think they were undefeated and seeded number one," Myshchychshyn said. "This was their last game going into postseason seeded number one. They are solid team. But also, especially in the first half, we didn't come out strong. We made a lot of mistakes, especially in the back."

The Flivvers gave the Thunderbirds the challenge they needed.

"It was probably 60/40 with them having a little bit of an upper hand but not tremendously,"

Myshchychshyn said about possession. "Another challenge, (their) forward, No. 10 who was a senior, very stronger, athletic and fast. We had to address our defense a little differently, more of a defensive side. Many of the games we've played so far, our defense was more coached to support our offensive plays in the back. Very beneficial game for us because sooner or later ... we'll run into strong teams like this so this was something I think boys will benefit from."

The Thunderbirds got a Lincoln Friedley goal in the second half to cut the deficit to 3-1. Lakeland was held to six shots, three on target.

"Lincoln basically came from left wing of the left side of the field into the center and was able to drive a very decent ball in, good ball, kept low, and it slipped right through the keeper's legs right in," Myshchychshyn said. "At that point, the game in the second half shifted more our way. You could almost feel like something was coming so I'm glad he was able to step up and finish this one."

Kingsford used their size and speed to score one more in the second half. They used the through ball a couple times.

"They played a lot on long balls through," Myshchychshyn said. "We pushed high, and it created extra room behind our defense for the ball, and so

they benefited and scored. They scored at least three of their goals very similar by high ball over defensive line and players run. They had pretty good timing on that. It must be a good part of their game because they knew what they were doing."

The four goals allowed was a season high for the Thunderbirds.

Lakeland returned to conference play on Thursday against Mosinee. Coverage of this game will be in the Tuesday, Oct. 8 edition of *The Lakeland Times*.

Up next, the Thunderbirds (9-1-2, 4-0-1-1) play at Rhinelander on Tuesday, Oct. 8 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Mercer volleyball stays undefeated in conference

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The Mercer volleyball team stay undefeated in conference with a road win on

Tuesday.

The Tigers defeated Drummond 3-0 (25-19, 25-13, 25-12) for their fifth Northern Lights Conference win.

“It wasn’t our best

night,” coach Robyn Schoeneman said. “We seemed rather flat after playing as well as we did this weekend. We had to step it up if we wanted to win —

the second and third sets were much better.” Mercer played Hurley in another road conference match on Thursday. Coverage of this game will be in the

Tuesday, Oct. 8 edition of *The Lakeland Times*.

Up next, the Tigers (18-8, 5-0 Northern Lights) take part in the Hurley Fall Classic to-

morrow beginning at 10 a.m.

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Buck Rut Run on Oct. 20

The Buck Rut Run returns on Sunday, Oct. 20. This 5K trail run, in its 29th edition, utilizes the trail system at Minocqua Winter Park. Online registration (\$30 adult/\$25 ages 1-18) is open at <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Minocqua/BuckRutRun> until midnight on Oct. 19. Race day registration (\$40 all ages) will be open at Minocqua Winter Park from 8:30-9:45 a.m. The race begins at 10 a.m. To be guaranteed a T-shirt in your size, please register

by midnight on Sunday. A limited number of Buck Rut Run T-shirts will available on a first come, first serve basis with pre-registration. All participants will receive a custom bib and post-race snacks. Awards will given to the

overall winners in the Male and Female Divisions, as well as the top male and female in the following age groups – 10 and Under, 11-13, 14-18, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-plus.

All proceeds support Minocqua Winter Park and the Lakeland Union High School cross country program. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Minocqua/BuckRutRun> or send an email to fitz@tandhtiming.com.

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fumbles and intercepted a pass.

Middle linebacker Hagerty leads the team with 37 total tackles. He also has four tackles for a loss.

Outside linebacker Levi Binviere has contributed 32 total tackles with four tackles for a loss and three sacks.

Lakeland comes into today’s game on a three-game losing streak. It’s their first losing streak of at least three games since they opened last season 0-4.

Merrill beat the Thunderbirds 18-12 on Saturday. It was Lakeland’s first loss in conference play to someone

other than Mosinee or Medford since 2021.

The Thunderbirds have seen three different quarterbacks play during the losing streak. Deklan McQuade has missed the last two games with injury.

Brooks Lenz started the last two games. He was 4/11 with 76 yards and his first-career touchdown pass before getting injured last week.

Freshman Gabe Karch finished the game against Merrill. He completed one pass in three attempts for 32 yards with an interception.

As of Tuesday morning, it was unknown who would start at quarterback against Antigo.

“We will have a better idea about availability, health and more as we go throughout the

week so that is tough to answer at this time,” Barutha said. “As new information becomes available, we will make the best decisions as an offensive staff regarding how we want to play anyone who steps under center for us.”

Evan Zoch contributed to Lakeland’s offensive attack against the Bluejays with two total touchdowns — one rushing and receiving. He caught three passes for 90 yards.

Noah Bruckner ran it 14 times for 70 yards before getting injured Saturday. Senior Sevren LaBarge came up with his first interception of the season defensively.

The Thunderbirds have been hindered with injuries. Coming off a short week doesn’t make things easier.

“A short week is always

tough and injuries certainly do not help that cause,” Barutha said. “We are doing everything we can from a coaching staff standpoint to keep our guys healthy while still properly preparing to play a good opponent this Friday. It is important for us to get a lot of players reps at positions throughout the week, as we always do, to make sure they’re prepared for Friday night’s game all while doing the best we can to keep them fresh going into Friday.”

Lakeland has won each of the last four games played against Antigo dating back to 2019. The 2021 game was canceled due to COVID-19 within Antigo’s program.

To top things off, tonight is the Homecoming football game.

“Homecoming is a great tradition because it brings people back to the area, school and our program,” Barutha said. “Alumni coming back is always a great thing, and it is tremendous to see our former players coming back and catching up with them. The week’s festivities for our players are always exciting and there’s a lot of energy and enthusiasm around the school. It’s definitely a fun week each year to be a part of.”

Kickoff between Lakeland and Antigo is set for 7 p.m. at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua.

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This time, Lakeland got off to a fast start in the second set. They had their first lead of the match when they scored the first point. A Peterson ace put Lakeland up 4-1.

Antigo went on a 5-2 run to tie the second set at 6-6. Tristin Arlen set Mya Burt for a kill during this run. Arlen is one of the main cogs in Antigo’s offense.

“(Tristin) makes everyone a viable hitting option which is hard,” Bruhl said. “Great for her, she’s an excellent player, but she can speed up the tempo, she can dump in the campfire, and it’s hard to read her hands because she is just so gentle with the ball.”

Lakeland hung in the game with a Bryn Warchol assist to a Lexi Gindorff kill. Karlin Williams contributed an ace. The Thunderbirds also took advantage of six Antigo service errors in the second set.

Once again, a little Antigo run put Lakeland several points behind. The Red Robins blocked two Petrie attacks. Arlen assisted a Lily Muraski kill. The Thunderbirds couldn’t match Antigo’s offensive play.

“We were definitely lack of energy,” Bruhl said. “We were playing a little flat and a little too reactive. I think we were overthinking things instead of just going for the ball.”

The Thunderbirds made a run to get back into it. Down 14-19, Lakeland went on a mini 5-2 run. Williams-Seaberg-Evenhouse gained a



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Kieran Petrie dives for an attempted dig in the fourth set against Antigo Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse in Minocqua.

point. Evenhouse then powered down another kill. Then it was Greta Johnson to Seaberg to Gindorff for a kill.

A rally went Antigo’s way when Strasburg hit the ball out of bounds. Lakeland couldn’t bounce back, and Antigo took the second set 25-21.

Lakeland found their offensive attack and avoided the sweep, getting themselves back into the match in the third set.

Antigo led by as many as six points, up 13-7. The Thunderbirds proceeded to go on an 8-2 run to tie the match at 15-15.

A set by Seaberg to Evenhouse resulted in an attack that was blocked out. Petrie

picked up an ace and Evenhouse blocked an Antigo attack.

Petrie to Seaberg to Timmerman resulted in two Lakeland points. Johnson secured an ace, and Strasburg picked up a kill with the assist from Seaberg.

Lakeland finished on a 10-3 run. In that run, Bauman bumped the ball to Quade for a kill. Lakeland then blocked the attack of Antigo’s Sydnie Heinzen.

Gindorff gave the Thunderbirds a boost in the third set. She made a pass to Bauman who assisted a Quade kill. Then, a Williams saving dig ended with a Gindorff kill.

Gindorff finished the set with another kill. She led

Lakeland with eight kills.

“Aggressive mindset. We put Lexi in, and she got us some firepower on the outside,” Bruhl said. “That was a good change of events to get the ball rolling on that attack side.”

The Thunderbirds won set three 25-18, but still trailed Antigo 1-2 in the match.

Lakeland had to dig themselves out of another hole in the fourth set, down by as many as five points at 1-6.

Johnson to Bauman to Peterson ended with a point. Then, Gindorff put down back-to-back kills — one assisted by Bauman and another by Seaberg.

The Thunderbirds started to pick up Antigo’s attack

with plenty of digs and passes. Williams led Lakeland with 10 digs, followed by Johnson with eight.

Down 9-13, the Thunderbirds went on a 9-3 run to take an 18-16 lead. Bauman set Quade for three straight kills. Peterson had a solo block before a Williams ace.

Lakeland took a timeout after a couple of Red Robin points. The Thunderbirds went right back to scoring with two more Gindorff kills.

The Thunderbirds and Red Robins got into another long rally. The rally went Antigo’s way again with a block. Then, Muraski delivered an ace to tie the fourth set at 18-18.

“We haven’t seen those long rallies yet. That was a first for us tonight, and yeah, I also felt like we were on the losing side of that,” Bruhl said. “Maybe a little bit of mental focus, a little bit of stamina, just trying to minimize our errors when it does keep going on and on.”

Lakeland came back with a Bauman to Quade point. Quade was second on the Thunderbirds with seven kills. Antigo also had a kill.

A service error by Antigo gave Lakeland a 20-19 lead. Petrie then had her own service error to tie it back at 20-20.

A 5-0 Red Robins run ended the set and match.

Up next, the Thunderbirds (13-7, 3-4 GNC) take on conference-leading Mosinee (7-0 GNC) on Tuesday, Oct. 8 in Mosinee. The match begins at 7 p.m.

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SENIORS AND SOPHOMORES WIN POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

The Seniors took on the Juniors before the Sophomores played the Freshmen in two Powder Puff football games during Homecoming week Monday, Sept. 30 at Incredible-Bank Field in Minocqua. First, the Seniors beat the Juniors 24-10. Then, the Sophomores beat the Freshmen 12-6.

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Sophomore Malia Newport throws a pass.



Senior Bobbi Lee gets by juniors Marlee Strasburg, left, and Lexi Gindorff for a touchdown catch.



Freshman Nora Metzger returns an interception for a touchdown.



Junior Tayiah Bauman attempts a pass with senior Cale Quade rushing.



Senior Kristina Quimette catches a touchdown pass in the end zone.



Sophomore Summer Smith carries the football.














Junior Marlee Strasburg makes a juggling catch in front of senior Ellie Warren before scoring a touchdown.



Freshman Abigail Marohn holds up a flag after the play.

Lakeland Times FOOTBALL PREDICTION BOARD

										
LAST WEEK'S GAME OVERALL	10 - 6 42 - 22	8 - 8 39 - 25	8 - 8 38 - 26	8 - 8 37 - 27	9 - 7 37 - 27	8 - 8 36 - 28	10 - 6 36 - 28	6 - 10 34 - 30	8 - 8 33 - 31	9 - 7 29 - 35
Tampa Bay @ Atlanta	Tampa Bay	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Tampa Bay	Atlanta	Atlanta	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Atlanta
NY Jets @ Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	NY Jets
Carolina @ Chicago	Carolina	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Baltimore @ Cincinnati	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Miami @ New England	Miami	New England	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	New England	New England	New England	New England
Cleveland @ Washington	Washington	Cleveland	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Cleveland	Washington	Washington
Indianapolis @ Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Buffalo @ Houston	Houston	Buffalo	Buffalo	Houston	Houston	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Houston	Buffalo
Las Vegas @ Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Las Vegas	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Las Vegas
Arizona @ San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Green Bay @ LA Rams	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
NY Giants @ Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Dallas @ Pittsburgh	Dallas	Dallas	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Dallas
New Orleans @ Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	New Orleans	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City

Lakeland girls' basketball travel team signup

Grades 4-8

WHO: All fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls interested in playing competitive basketball and who LIVE in the Lakeland Union School District, OR attend school in the Lakeland Union School District.

WHAT: Compete against

teams from Northern and Central Wisconsin. Develop basketball skills in a competitive and energetic setting and learn how to be a good teammate, on and off the floor.

COST: \$75 for grades four, five and six. \$100 for grades seven and eight. New uniforms are available for purchase. Uniform tops

are \$35 and are necessary to compete in tournaments. Uniform shorts are \$35 and are not required. Black shorts may be worn as an option.

SCHEDULE: Practices times/locations will vary per grade level. Practices are usually during the week, and will average 90 minutes. Tournaments are on

Saturdays and consist of three games. Most teams will average one-two practices weekly and four-six tournaments. Grade level coaches will communicate team schedule.

START DATE: Players and parents will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeland Union High School Commons on Monday, Oct. 21. Schedules

will be handed out at that time. Uniforms will be available to try on for correct sizes. All players are welcome to attend a skills session after the meeting concludes.

To see the form or if you have questions, call Melissa Ouimette at 716-612-6126 or email her at msouimette@gmail.com.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

WOODRUFF LANES

North Country Girls Wednesday, Sept. 25

High Game
Kristin Dixon 215
Ronda Gross 201
Robin Vanderschaegen 185

High Series
Kristin Dixon 575
Sonya Deja 512
Carrel Coffen 508

Team High Game
Robins Team 683
Furry Kids Grooming 629
The Originals 575

Team High Series
Robins Team 1885

Standings as of Sept. 25

Team	W-L
Robins Team	22-6
Total Image	17-11
The Originals	15-13
Furry Kids Grooming	10-18
Lakeland Monument	9-19

ISLAND CITY LANES

Tuesday Commercial Tuesday, Oct. 1

Scratch Game
John Huber 279
Paul Johnson 256
Trevor Madura 247
Steve Daniel 246

Scratch Series
John Huber 759
Paul Johnson 713
Steve Daniel 665

Scott Ward 629

Team Scratch Game
Enercon Industries 679
Triple D's 665
Team 8 586

Team Scratch Series
Triple D's 1963
Enercon Industries 1929
Team 8 1745

Standings as of Oct. 1

Team	W-L
Island City Lanes	21-7
Speed Queen/Wizard Sleeve	19-9
Triple D's	17-11
Team 8	14½-13½
Daniel Boys	13½-14½
Enercon Industries	13-15
Whitman's	7-21
Whitman's Revenge	7-21

FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Oct. 1

Team	GNC	Ovr
Medford	4-0	5-1
Mosinee	3-1	4-2
Antigo	2-2	4-2
Merrill	2-2	4-2
Wausau East	2-2	3-3
Lakeland	1-3	3-3
Rhineland	1-3	3-3
Tomahawk	1-3	2-4

Friday's Games
Antigo at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Medford at Tomahawk, 7 p.m.
Mosinee at Rhineland, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Game
Merrill at Wausau East, 1 p.m.

SOCCER

PREP BOYS' SOCCER

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Oct. 1

Team	Pts.	W-L-SW-SL	Overall W-L-T
Lakeland	15	4-0-1-1	9-1-2
N'land Pines	14	4-1-1-0	7-2-3
Mosinee	10	3-2-0-1	4-6-2
Rhineland	7	2-2-0-1	3-6-1
Antigo	3	1-5-0-0	3-10-0
Medford	2	0-4-1-0	0-8-2

Monday's Games
Mosinee 3, Medford 1
Northland Pines 3, Washburn 0 (NC)

Tuesday's Games
Antigo 3, Northland Lutheran 1 (NC)
Kingsford, Mich. 4, Lakeland 1 (NC)
Waupaca 2, Medford 0 (NC)

Thursday's Games
Rhineland at Antigo, late
Northland Pines at Medford, late
Mosinee at Lakeland, late

Tuesday, Oct. 8
Northland Pines at Mosinee, 6 p.m.
Lakeland at Rhineland, 7 p.m.
Antigo at Medford, 7 p.m.

Lakeland at Kingsford, Mich. Tuesday, Oct. 1
Lakeland 0 1 — 1
Kingsford, Mich. 3 1 — 4
First Half: 1, King, N/A. 2, King, N/A. 3, King, N/A.
Second Half: 1, Lak, Lincoln Fridley (N/A), N/A. 4, King, N/A.

TEAM STATS

	Lak	King
Shots (on goal)	6 (3)	N/A

Fouls N/A N/A
Offsides N/A N/A
Yellow Cards N/A N/A
Corners 2 1

SWIMMING

PREP GIRLS' SWIMMING

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Oct. 1

Team	GNC
Colby/Abbotsford	4-0
Rhineland	4-0
Medford	3-1
Lakeland	2-2
Antigo	1-3
Ladysmith Co-op	1-3
Tomahawk	1-3
Mosinee	0-4

Thursday's Meets
Medford at Colby/Abbotsford, late
Rhineland at Tomahawk, late
Ladysmith at Antigo, late
Lakeland at Mosinee, late

Thursday, Oct. 10
Medford at Ladysmith, 5:30 p.m.
Tomahawk at Colby/Abbotsford, 5:30 p.m.
Mosinee at Rhineland, 5:30 p.m.
Antigo at Lakeland, 5:30 p.m.

Team	W-L	Dual	Meet	Pts
Lakeland	7-0	42-7	29	113
Wausau Newman	6-1	37-12	23	97
Pacelli	5-2	35-14	26	96
Medford	4-3	29-20	13	71
Rhineland	3-4	27-22	10	64
Mar. Columbus	1-6	12-37	4	28
Antigo	2-5	10-39	0	20
Phillips	0-7	4-45	0	8

Tuesday's Matches
Wisconsin Rapids 5, Rhineland 2 (NC)
Lakeland 7, Merrill 0 (NC)
Medford 5, D.C. Everest 2 (NC)

Monday, Oct. 7
WIAA Division 1 Subsectionals
Medford at Rhineland, 9:30 a.m.
WIAA Division 2 Subsectionals
Antigo, Marshfield Columbus, Pacelli, Phillips, Wausau Newman, at Lakeland, 9 a.m.

Merrill at Lakeland Tuesday, Oct. 1
Lakeland 7, Merrill 0
Singles: 1, Sarah Barton, Lak, def. Emily Frahm 6-0, 6-3. 2, Norah Strasburg, Lak, def. Rose Dornbrack 6-1, 6-0. 3, Sierra Wallace, Lak, def. Claire Hintz 6-2, 6-3. 4, Ellie Baker, Lak, def. Kaytlyn Hulke 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: 1, Ali Timmerman/Kristina Ouimette, Lak, def. Jenna Mal-luege/Sarah Rell 6-1, 6-3. 2, Lila Biller/Alyssa Erickson, Lak, def. Korina Kraegenbrink/Grace Hoock 6-0, 6-0. 3, Chance Jacobs/Elise Lamers, Lak, def. Parker Wagenaar/Johanna Dahlke 6-0, 6-0.

VOLLEYBALL

PREP VOLLEYBALL

GNC Standings as of Tuesday, Oct. 1

Team	GNC	Ovr
Mosinee	7-0	18-8
Medford	5-1	15-9
Antigo	5-2	18-8
Lakeland	3-4	13-7
Tomahawk	2-5	9-15
Rhineland	2-5	11-21
Northland Pines	0-7	9-15

Tuesday's Matches
Mosinee 3, Tomahawk 0
Rhineland 3, Northland Pines 1
Antigo 3, Lakeland 1
Wausau East 3, Medford 1 (NC)

Thursday's Matches
Mosinee at Antigo, late
Medford at Rhineland, late
Northland Pines at Tomahawk, late

Saturday's Matches
Mosinee at Edgar Quad (NC), 9 a.m.
Medford at Eau Claire Memorial Invite (NC), 9 a.m.

Antigo at Lakeland Tuesday, Oct. 1
Antigo def. Lakeland 3-1

Set 1: Antigo W 25-16
Set 2: Antigo W 25-21
Set 3: Lakeland W 25-18
Set 4: Antigo 25-20

Individual Stats
Kills: Lexi Gindorff (8)
Digs: Karlin Williams (10)
Aces: Williams, Greta Johnson (2)
Blocks: Ava Evenhouse (7)

HEALTH

Don't let child passenger safety take the back seat

In 2023, a child under 13 was injured or killed in a driving-related crash every five hours in Wisconsin. Proper seat belt and car seat usage can save children's lives.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's September Law of the Month is child passenger safety, to help families and caregivers keep their precious cargo out of harm's way.

"Making sure children are as secure as possible on the road should always be a top priority," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "That means buckling up every trip, selecting the right car or booster seat for the child's size and age, and ensuring it's installed correctly."

When a car seat is installed and used correctly, it can reduce the risk of death in a crash by as much as 71 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Protect children with the right seat as they grow

Approximately half of all car seats are not correctly installed, according to data from NHTSA. Choosing the

right car seat for the child's age and size and following the installation instructions in the car seat manual and vehicle owner's manual will help keep your child safe.

According to Wisconsin state law, children must ride in a:

- Rear-facing car seat until they are one year old and weigh 20 pounds.
- Forward-facing car seat with a harness until they are four years old and weigh 40 pounds.
- Booster seat until they are eight years old, or weigh 80 pounds or are 4'9".

Moving children to the next type of car seat before they're ready leaves them vulnerable in a crash. More car seat safety recommendations for various ages and sizes are available online.

Once the car seat is installed, be sure the child is safely secured with the harness every trip.

Wisconsin's seat belt safety laws

About 8 percent of Wisconsin motorists do not wear a seat belt, while approximately 50 percent of motorist fatalities in Wisconsin are unbelted.

Seat belt use is required by law in Wisconsin for all vehicle drivers and passengers, including children. It is also one of the best preventions against serious harm in the event of a crash.

"Lead by example to keep everyone safe on the road," Carnahan said. "Set the expectation that everyone should put their seat belt on as soon as they get in the vehicle."

WisDOT encourages people of all ages to promise to protect themselves and others on the roads by always wearing a seat belt and taking the Buckle Up Phone Down pledge.

Free resources

The Wisconsin State Patrol is hosting open house events throughout the state in October. Certified car seat technicians will be on-site at many of these events offering car seat safety guidance. Visit the Wisconsin State Patrol's Facebook page for dates and locations.

Additional resources are available for parents on the Safe Kids Wisconsin and NHTSA websites, including frequently asked questions, car seat tips and videos.

Sharps and prescription medication disposal event Oct. 26

Dispose of your medical sharps on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Oneida County Solid Waste Department (7450 County Highway K, Rhinelander) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sharps must be packaged safely and will only be accepted at the Oneida County Solid Waste Department.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, it is important to never put sharp medical items in the trash, recycling or medication collection drop boxes. Medical sharps (such as needles, syringes and lancets) pose a risk for injury and exposure to diseases for anyone who comes in contact with them. It is important to properly package and dispose of all sharps. For more information on safe disposal of household sharps, go to dnr.wi.gov/topic/Health-Waste/HouseholdSharps.html.

In addition, locations throughout Oneida County will be accepting unused or expired medications on this date during the statewide Prescription Drug Take

Back Day. Drug disposal is confidential.

Drug Take Back locations include (open Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.):

- Rhinelander Police Department.
- Three Lakes Police Department.
- Minocqua Police Department.
- Oneida County Solid Waste Department.

Unused medications create unnecessary risk. Properly disposing of prescription painkillers helps keep them out of the hands of youth. You should never flush or drain your unused prescriptions medications.

Together, we can help prevent prescription painkiller abuse and addiction. To find more drug disposal locations in your area, go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/index.htm.

For more information on the Medication and Sharps Take Back Day Event, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111.

Northwoods Community Issues and Responses Summit Oct. 12

The Northwoods Community Issues and Responses Summit: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Action, will be held Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.

The summit will host a panel discussion about important concerns shared in the Northwoods including: housing, child care, mental health and substance use. Participants will have an opportunity to learn what we can do to make our communities better and stronger.

Panelists include:

- Robin Mainhardt, early childhood program coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.
- Jenny Chiamulera, community health specialist, Oneida County Health Department.
- Abbey Dall Lukowski, executive director, NATH Frederick Place.
- Kristin Bonamo, executive director, NAMI Northern Lakes

"We are a diverse community in ways that differ from urban areas. Organizations are already making a difference in improving inclusion and cohesion of our communities. Hearing more about these organizations, the issues and answers strengthens us all" said League of Women Voters of the Northwoods president and summit organizer Jane Banning.

Required registration is free and open to the public. Visit www.northwoodsledi.org to register.

The summit is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Northwoods, Northwoods JEDI, WXPR Public Radio and ArtStart.

Whooping cough cases increasing locally and across Wisconsin

Oneida County and counties across the state are seeing an increase in whooping cough (pertussis) cases in both adults and children. The Oneida County Health Department has reported 4 cases since July 16, 2024. In a typical year the agency usually sees just one case, if any, per year.

What are the symptoms?

Early symptoms are similar to other respiratory illnesses. People can experience a runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, occasional cough and low grade fever. Whooping cough can then progress to a more serious cough that can interrupt breathing, eating and sleeping. Such a coughing spell often ends with a loud "whooping" sound on inhalation, giving the illness its name. These symptoms may persist for several weeks or months and can vary with age.

What should I do if I think I have it?

If you or someone you know shows symptoms of whooping cough, contact your health care provider particularly if high risk individuals are affected. Those at high risk include infants under one year old, adolescents between 10 and 20 years of age, pregnant people — especially in the third trimester, people who have a chronic respiratory illness, and all those not vaccinated against pertussis — regardless of age.

How can I prevent it?

You can prevent whooping cough (pertussis) by frequent, thorough hand washing, covering all coughs, staying home when sick or feverish and ensuring you and your family are up to date with vaccines. It is still possible to contract whooping cough even if vaccinated, although the likelihood is reduced

and symptoms will typically be milder.

Vaccines to protect against pertussis are available through your provider, some pharmacies, and Oneida County Health Department. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111.

Where can I learn more?

Interested in learning more? Check out these resources for additional information about whooping cough (pertussis):

- www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/pertussis.htm
- www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html
- www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/whooping-cough/symptoms-causes/syc-20378973
- www.lung.org/blog/whooping-cough

Preventing the spread of respiratory viruses when sick

While COVID-19 still poses a serious threat to high-risk groups, it now has similar health impacts to other respiratory viruses. To help protect yourself and others, the CDC has released new, unified guidance for all respiratory viruses.

What to do if you're sick

If you have symptoms of a respiratory virus (fever, cough, fatigue, runny nose, etc.) stay home and away from others (including people you live with who are not sick).

- You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true: your symptoms are getting better overall, and you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).
- Even after you start feeling better, take added precaution over the next five days, such as taking additional steps for cleaner air, hygiene, masks, physical distancing, and/or test-

ing when you will be around other people indoors.

Keep in mind that you may still be able to spread the virus that made you sick, even if you are feeling better. You are likely to be less contagious at this time, depending on factors like how long you were sick or how sick you were.

If you develop a fever or you start to feel worse after you have gone back to normal activities, stay home and away from others again until, for at least 24 hours, both are true: your symptoms are improving overall, and you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Then take added precaution for the next five days.

How can I prevent getting sick?

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and

teach children proper handwashing techniques.

- Clean frequently touched surfaces, like doorknobs and countertops.
- Get vaccinated to protect against serious illness.

Flu and COVID vaccines are currently being offered at Oneida County Health Department. No appointments needed!

Walk in any time 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional vaccine clinics will be held throughout the community; check out the Oneida County Facebook page, Instagram @oneidacountyhealthdept, website (www.oneidacountypublichealth.org), or call 715-369-6111 for details.

For RSV and pneumococcal vaccinations, please call the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111 to make an appointment.



Welcome to Worship in the Lakeland Area

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Lakeland area clergy are reminded that any changes in church schedules must be submitted to the Times office no later than Monday noon prior to the following week's edition in order to be included in that edition.

New Christian-Based RadioStation, 24 hrs-Radio 74 International 88.7 FM

Sponsored by Lakeland 7th Day Adventist Promoting the Family with Spiritual programming including Christian music, childrens stories, bible studies. For more information, call Joe Hotchkiss at 715-356-1345 or the church at 715-358-9983

Greek Orthodox Mission

Working on the Chicago Arch Diocese to start a Mission here in the Northwoods. All Orthodox Christians are welcome! Contact Peter Liakopoulos 262-215-7602

Arbor Vitae Eternal Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

Member of the Illinois Lutheran Conference (ILC) Mark E. Latsch, Pastor 715-356-6431 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Call for location and directions.

Peace Lutheran Church (LC-MS)

Pastor Jon Rathjen 10868 Old Hwy. 51 N. Arbor Vitae, WI 54568 715-358-8338 www.peacearborvitae.org Worship—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Boulder Junction Community Church Of Boulder Junction

10445 Main Street 715-385-2146 Nathan Keisler, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM Bible Study Sunday 11 AM & Wednesday 10 AM Services available on You Tube & Facebook Available on the church website with a link to the Facebook page Visit us on the web at: www.comchbj.org

St. Anne Catholic Church

Fr. Showri Jojappa Pasala, Parochial Administrator 715-385-2390 Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod) Rev. Kevin Hoogland 715-385-2267 www.trinityboulderjunction.net Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday Coffee, Fellowship and Bible Study following worship every Sunday

Conover Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church

715-479-4966 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Conover Evangelical Free Church

info@conoverefc.com conoverefc.com 715-479-4327 Lead Pastor - Dr. Andrew Schwenk Associate Pastor - Jeff Hendrychs Worship: Sunday 9:30am Children's Church during part of service; Fellowship following service AWANA Kickoff! - Sept. 28, 5:30pm @ CEFC Registration, Bar-B-Q, Puppet Show club starts at 6 AWANA - Wed. 6:00pm October-April Youth Group - Wed. 6:30pm Men's Basketball - Monday 6:30pm Men's Breakfast - Third Saturday 7:30am Ladies Breakfast - Fourth Saturday 8:30am Women's Bible Study - Thursday 6:30pm Summer Bible Study Series

Harshaw Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

a member congregation of the LCMS 9160 Lakewood Road, Harshaw 715-282-5550 Rev. David J. Sutton, Pastor 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Weekly Office Hours Thur. 11-4:30 8:25am Daily Devotions with Pastor at www.facebook.com/groups/dailydevotionswithpastorsuttonopen

Lac du Flambeau Baha'i Faith

P.O. Box 937 For Time and Place 715-588-3560 Weekly "Fireside" Discussions

Community Presbyterian Church

715-588-7150, Hwy. 47 The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. 10:00 a.m. Worship, Communion 1st Sunday www.ldfchurch.com

Bible Baptist Church

Hwy. 47 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church

650 Old Abe Rd., Hwy 47 588-3148, stanthony@verizon.net Fr. Maria Joseph Kodignati, Parochial Administrator Schedule Saturday 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. mass Sunday 9:30 a.m. mass Wednesday 8:00 a.m. mass Friday 8:00 a.m. mass

Lake Tomahawk Lake Tomahawk Bible Church

715-277-2520 Phone 6706 WI -47, Lake Tomahawk, WI Service time: 9:30 AM Sunday morning website: www.laketombiblechurch.com

Bait N Tackle Fellowship

Raymond F Sloan Community Center 7246 Main Street, Lake Tomahawk Sunday Evenings 6:30 PM Baitntacklefellowship.com

The Third Order of St. Francis

Evening Prayer Liturgy - Sunday, 7 p.m. For location and schedule of other programs, write or call: Br. Rodd Umlauf, T.O.F. P.O. Box 173 Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539 e-mail - Br.Rodd@yahoo.com ph. (715)-277-4474

Manitowish Waters Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

193 Hwy 51 South, Manitowish Waters 715-543-8428, email: queenofpeace@centurytel.net Fr. Maria Joseph Kodignati, Parochial Administrator 715-588-3148 Schedule Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Mass 5:15 p.m. Confessions Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Manitowish Waters Community Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church of U.S.A. Hwy. 51, One Block South of "W" Church phone 715-543-2998 www.mwopc.org Pastor Eric Peterson Worship: 9:30 a.m. Service Communion 1st Sunday of each month

Mercer Faith Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod 2 blocks east of Hwy. 51 on Co. J 715-476-2626 Church Sunday worship, 1 p.m. Communion is offered every Sunday. Bible studies are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 12:00 noon. Web page: wizardone.wixsite.com/faithlutheranmercerc Everyone is welcome to come and worship with us!

St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

Fr. Maria Joseph Kodignati, Parochial Administrator 715-476-2697 Reconciliation Sunday Mass 11 a.m. Tuesday Mass 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

On Hwy. J, 2 blocks east of Hwy. 51 Pastor Ero Teichmiller 715-476-9135 http://www.mercerumc.org Virtual Worship via Zoom. Sunday, 9:30am. Email pierponm@hotmail.com or call 715-776-3993.

Zion Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Synod (WELS) 1 mile south of Mercer on Hwy. 51 (next to the water tower) Tim Johnson, pastor 715-776-0313 or 715-476-0013 Bible Class at 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Minocqua Ascension Lutheran Church, ELCA

7937 Hwy 51 South, Minocqua, WI 715-356-4426 www.ascensionminocqua.org Rev. Pete Warmanen, Lead Pastor Rev. Sherry Van Lishout, Assoc. Pastor Sunday Worship Schedule 8:00 am & 10:00 am

We also livestream the 10:00 worship service on YouTube www.ascensionminocqua.org

The church is handicapped accessible. You are welcome here!

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA

(on Hwy. 51, Near Paul Bunyan's) P.O. Box 63, Minocqua, WI 54548 715-358-0067 Maxine Gray, Pastor Website: www.calvalrylakeland.org celc2@calvalryelc.org In Person Worship on Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM. Online continues on Facebook and YouTube at Calvary Lutheran - Minocqua. Campground Services Memorial Day to Labor Day at Indian Shores at 9:00 AM and Clear Lake at 10:00 AM.

Eaglebrook Church

Pastor Steven Rowe A nondenominational evangelical church 1025 Margaret Street in Woodruff next to Nimsgerm Funeral Home (the former Catholic church) Sunday Service: 10:00-11:30 am Children's Sunday School available each week

Foundation Church

Just east of corner of Hwys. 47 & J on J Pastor Milton Mazariegos 715-356-7385 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Study 6 p.m. Kids / Youth / Adults Kids Church and Nursery Call church for details foundationchurchwg.com find us on Facebook: foundationchurchwg

Minocqua (ctd.) Lakeland Seventh Day Adventist

10940 Hwy. 70 W., 4 miles west of Minocqua Jeanmark A'Kessler (740) 708-6824 cell Saturday Services: Worship 9:00 a.m. Sabbath School 10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information call 715-358-9983

Rock of Ages Evangelical Lutheran Church - LCMS

10441 Hwy. 70 West, Minocqua 3 miles West of Hwy. 51 Pastor Brian Liermann 715-356-3848 Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Bible Class 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. Monday Worship 6 p.m. (Mem. Day thru Labor Day) Ladies Guild 10 a.m. (2nd Wed) (Call the Church office for more info) St. Andrew's Orthodox Chapel Contact: Rev. Vladimir Lecko, 715-358-7885; email: vrelado@charter.net

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

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Stephen Luchterhand, Pastor 715-356-2255 www.trinityminocqua.org 1 mile east of Hwy. 51 on "J" Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. Monday worship at 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning Bible class and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. You can also worship with us online at www.trinityminocqua.org. For additional information, please check out our Facebook page or call the church office.

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Presque Isle St. Rita's Catholic Church

Fr. Showri Jojappa Pasala, Parochial Administrator 715-385-2390 Year Round: Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. (May 29-Sept. 1)

Rhineland The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

780 Iverson St., Rhineland 715-362-7830 Sunday Schedule: Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Elders Quorum & Relief Society 12:10 p.m. Northwoods Grace Fellowship Goodwill Store Community Rm. 2181 Lincoln Street, Rhineland 715-439-4287 Bible Study: Wednesdays at 5:30 Free Bible Correspondence Courses Available www.northwoodsgrace.com

North Country Vineyard Church

130 South Stevens St., Rhineland 715-369-7589 Sunday Schedule: Sunday Worship Service 10 am Coffee bar opens at 9:30 am Nursery & Children's Church ages 6 months - 5th grade

Sayner Sayner Community Church

(Christian, Non Denominated) 2995 Plum Lake Drive, Sayner, WI 54560 email: saynercommunitychurch@gmail.com Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church NALC/ALC

2903 State Hwy 155, Sayner, 54560 715-542-3701 www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org email: secretary@sotlsayner.com Church School: Wednesdays 4 p.m. Worship Services: Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. Germain Northlife Church

Pastors: Josh Reese, Tom Kammel, David Ceballos, Aaron Anderson 6065 Hwy. 70 East, St. Germain 715-479-2173, info@northlifewisconsin.com northlifewisconsin.com Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Nursery and children's church at second service Wednesday Night Church, 6:30 p.m. Classes for all ages during the school year.

Community United Church of Christ

Hwy. 155, 1 blk. N. of Hwy. 70 715-542-3114 Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Building is handicap accessible Church School Wed. 3:15 p.m.

Three Lakes Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church

1614 Hwy. 32, P.O. Box 687 Three Lakes, WI 54562 715-546-2000 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday Bible School 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Rev. Allen Montgomery 6948 E. School St. • P.O. Box 216 Three Lakes, WI 54562 Saturday Worship 4:00 p.m. Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Winchester Living Hope Church

1 block north of corner of Hwys. W & O John Nuce, Pastor 906-932-0235 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Woodruff Church of Christ

1111 First Ave. (Hwy. 47 S.) P.O. Box 1100, Woodruff 715-356-4828 Sunday Worship Assembly 10:00 a.m.

Faith Evangelical Free Church

9035 Blumenstein Rd., Woodruff Pastors: Rick Goff, Randy Quade, and Steve Stepec 715-356-4311; secretary@faithwoodruff.com www.faihwodruff.com 9:00 am Worship, Nursery & Kids Ministry (no Nursery or Kids Ministry) Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend Call for information about our youth programs for school-aged kids.

Holy Family Catholic Church

Holy Family Catholic Church 8950 County Highway J Woodruff, WI 54568 715-356-6284 www.holyfamilywoodruff.org Fr. Jerry Hagen Pastor Worship Schedule Sat., 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. All are Welcome! Reconciliation Saturday - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm See website for more information: www.holyfamilywoodruff.org Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/holyfamilywoodruff

Woodruff Baptist Church

3 blocks E. of Hwy. 51 on 3rd & Cedar Sts. Scott Smith, Pastor 715-356-5015 or 892-2095 E-mail: woodruffbaptist@yahoo.com Web: woodruffbaptistchurch.org Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m. (December - April) Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (May - December) Wednesday Evening Service & Prayer 6:30 p.m.

Northwoods Unitarian - Universalist Fellowship

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Woodruff Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

8656 Hwy. 47 South, Woodruff 715-356-2249 Midweek Meeting Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Weekend Meeting Sunday 9:30 a.m.



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staying all day, they came and went. But when people left, more people showed up.

“Of course the event always draws thousands and thousands of people, but it seemed

Westfahl said she felt the warm weather was the cause for the high turnover, which wasn't necessarily a bad thing because people kept on coming.

“So I think it was a different feel this year because we had so many people coming and going,” she said. “But the vibe of the

event was definitely summer fun and people really enjoying the things that they were doing while they were there.”

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Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau president and CEO

like this year people weren't staying for the whole day, but we were capturing people all throughout the day,” she said. “Like there were four buses coming from LUHS (Lakeland Union High School), and every time those buses came, they would unload an entire bus of people and then they would also pick up an entire bus of people. So the parking spaces were constantly turning over.”

While Westfahl thinks this year broke records for the amount of people that flooded the streets of Minocqua, she acknowledged the numbers are still to be determined.

“The hardest thing to do is to average out how many folks come to this event,” she said. “I mean, on average, we see 15 to 20,000, but, like I said, that's when people are really sort of sitting during the day ... and

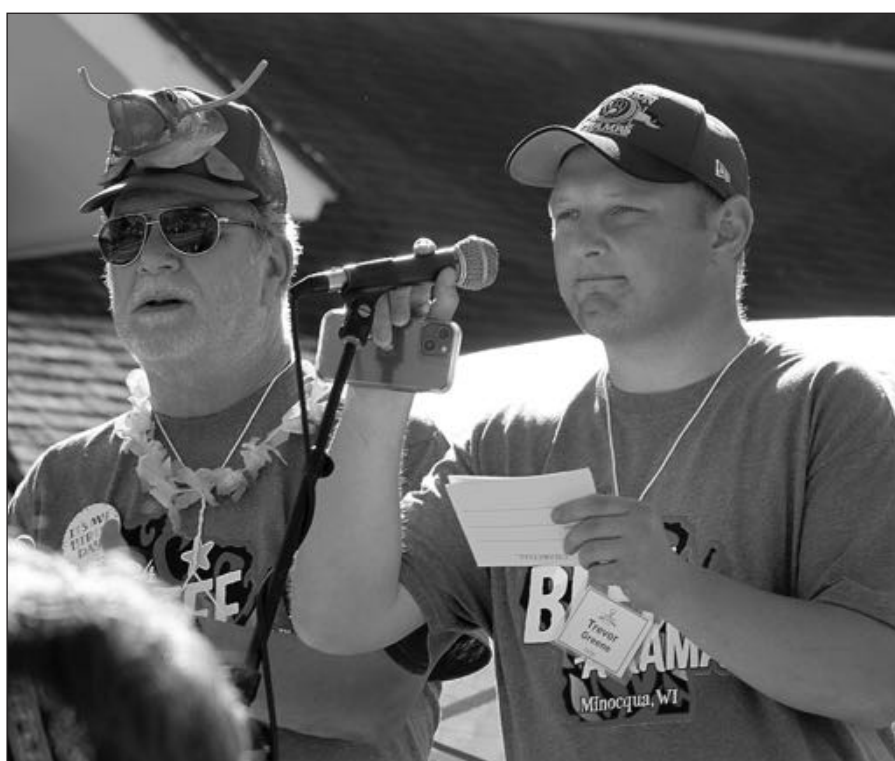
that's about as much as we can hold in our parking lot spaces, but this year, because of that turnover, I would say that we definitely approached that number. We had way higher than we normally have.”

A good gauge of how many people Beef-A-Rama sees can be measured by how fast each of the three beef sandwich stations run out of food.

Westfahl said this year was the fastest the Cross Country Cruisers sold all of its shredded beef, the Lions Club sold all of its shaved prime rib and the Lakeland Rotary sold all of its beef brisket. She said many people indicated they came to try all three.

The Cross Country Cruisers and the Lions Club sold-out of sandwiches by approximately 2:30 p.m. and the Rotary sold-out by approximately 5:30 p.m., according to Westfahl.

According to data collected by Let's Minocqua, people viewing the Beef-A-Rama website jumped considerably in the month of September, with 32,181 people. That was also a significant increase from the amount of times the website was viewed the same time last year, with 17,547 people.



KATE REICHL/LAKELAND TIMES

Lakeland Times assistant editor Trevor Greene announces the winners in the charcoal category of the beef roasting competition with fellow judge Mike Michalak, left, at Beef-A-Rama on Saturday, Sept. 28, in Minocqua.

As far as how the Rump Roast Run went, Westfahl said she thinks the Rotary sponsored runs — which include a 5K, 10K and one-mile “Calf Mile” — are back to pre-COVID numbers.

“I think festival-going is back well within where it used to be,” she said.

Speaking to the roasting competition, Westfahl said it was “fantastic.”

The winners were “all very deserving,” said Westfahl, who presented awards for first, second and third place

in each of the three categories; gas, charcoal and wood fire/smoked.

“These people definitely take this competition seriously and want to hang that trophy on their wall,” she said. “The beef, everything I heard from all the people that were tasting, all the different judges, said the beef roasts were superb (and) it was really hard to decide ... and that is across all categories. So that went really, really well and our roasters are just getting better and better as the years go by.”

The pride roasters take in their beef is what Westfahl said she loves most about the event's signature competition.

One roasting competition judge who stole the show, at least among his fellow judges, was Luke Zahm, chef and owner of the Driftless Café and also host of the PBS television show “Wisconsin Foodie.” Zahm, as well, took part in “Top Chef,” when the show came to Wisconsin recently.

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Firebird Foundation vice president Joe Hein slices the team's charcoal cooked roast for judges during Beef-A-Rama's roasting competition.

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Driftless Café owner and chef Luke Zahm, who helped judge the beef roasting competition, interviews fellow judge Mike Michalak of 97.3 WHDG Hodag Country for a future episode of “Wisconsin Foodie.” Zahm, while announcing the winners for the wood fire/smoked category, said he hitch-hiked onto the island and proceeded to thank the husband and wife he was able to hitch that ride with.

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“We are extremely fortunate to have Luke and his production crew be a part of this event this year,” Westfahl said. “They’re going to be producing a whole show on Beef-A-Rama and the experience he had as being a judge. And I think it’s just going to open so many other eyes to the fun, quirkiness of northern Wisconsin in late September and it may

just draw some folks that we haven’t seen before.”

Looking ahead to next year, the state’s preeminent beef event will be in its 60th year.

Westfahl said the planning for that milestone had already started before the 59th got underway. A concept for the logo of Beef-A-Rama’s 60th has already begun being crafted too, she said.

There will be a “wrap-up meeting” at the town offices near the end of the month, Westfahl said. She described that meeting as a “strategic

planning session” which will not only review this year’s event, but also focus on “what the next 60 years will bring” and what the event should look like in the next five to 10 years down the road.

“Obviously there’s some questions about who can be there, what can be seen, what can be done, you know, is this family-friendly enough? Do we need to expand? Do we need to shrink? You know, there’s a lot of those conversations that still need to happen about what the longevity (of the event looks like),” Westfahl said. “Because 60 years of doing anything is a lot, and there’s only so many people in this town and we’re trying to avoid like festival-fatigue. And, so, there’s going to be a lot of discussion moving forward like how do we make this event sustainable well into the future and be impactful for all of the communities.”

2024 Beef Roasting Competition winners

- Charcoal:**
- 1st place: JJ’s Acres.
 - 2nd place: Minocqua Gun Club.
 - 3rd place: J. Christy’s.
- Gas:**
- 1st place: Lakeland ATV/UTV Club.
 - 2nd place: American Pond Hockey.
 - 3rd place: Lakeland Area Ducks Unlimited.
- Wood fire/smoked:**
- 1st place: 2 Smoking Dudes.
 - 2nd place: Sallet’s Northwoods Outfitters.
 - 3rd place: Redman Realty Group.
- Best snack:**
- 1st place: Northstar Restoration Services with Rootbeer.
 - 2nd place: Reed Building, LLC with Candied Bacon.
 - 3rd place: Aquatic Plant Management with Tasty Milfoil Treats.
- Best dressed stall:**
- 1st place: Bruce Smith.
 - 2nd place: JJ’s Acres, Inc.
 - 3rd place: Northstar Restoration Services.

Rump Roast Run results

There were 505 participants in the 5K race, 80 participants in the 10K race and 77 participants in the one-mile “Calf-Mile” race.

- 5K:**
- 1st place male: Axel Treinen with a time of 17 minutes and 29 seconds.
 - 2nd place male: Samuel Langheim with a time of 19 minutes and 23 seconds.
 - 3rd place male: Ben Van Male with a time of 19 minutes and 49 seconds.
 - 1st place female: Emerson Rubo with a time of 21 minutes and 40 seconds.
 - 2nd place female: Laurel Parins with a time of 22 minutes and 44 seconds.
 - 3rd place female: Karen Olsen with a time of 23 minutes and 40 seconds.
- 10K:**
- 1st place male: Sean Sketch with a time of 36 minutes and 20 seconds.
 - 2nd place male: John Fisher with a time of 40 minutes and 34 seconds.
 - 3rd place male: Brad O’Neil with a time of 41 minutes and 54 seconds.
 - 1st place female: Joselyn Janz with a time of 47 minutes and 18 seconds.
 - 2nd place female: Emily Higgins with a time of 48 minutes and 6 seconds.
 - 3rd place: Grace Gravgert with a time of 49 minutes and 12 seconds.
- One-mile “Calf Mile”:**
- 1st place male: Hadler Van Male with a time of 6 minutes and 30 seconds.
 - 2nd place male: Reis Schreiner with a time of 6 minutes and 39 seconds.
 - 3rd place male: Finn Paetow with a time of 6 minutes and 40 seconds.
 - 1st place: Sydney Gawlik with a time of 7 minutes and 3 seconds.
 - 2nd place: Clara VanPelt with a time of 7 minutes and 9 seconds.
 - 3rd place: Sophia Yelton with a time of 7 minutes and 30 seconds.
- Trevor Greene may be reached via email at trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com.*

Citizens

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tained by ICE does not mean they are not detained at all.

ICE’s non-detained docket includes “aliens released from detention with final deportation orders, as well as aliens who have been released and are waiting for an immigration court hearing.”

Some are likely in jail or in prison in other jurisdictions for other crimes, while ICE says some are simply not prioritized for detention — meaning they are not likely in detention at all — while the agency cannot locate many others. Many have lived in the country for decades, predating the Biden-Harris administration.

It’s not clear, then, just how many are in the country and not detained.

That said, clearly many are. In the September 25 letter to Gonzales, Lechleitner said the current system does in fact pose a threat to Americans.

“U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recognizes the importance of its relationships with its law enforcement partners to carry out its mission,” Lechleitner wrote. “In recent years, however, as you know, some jurisdictions have reduced their cooperation with ICE, to include refusal to honor ICE detainer requests, even for noncitizens who have been convicted of serious felonies and pose an ongoing threat to public safety.”

Those specific concerns aside, Lechleitner said DHS was successfully securing the border.

“Despite the challenges of operating within a broken immigration system, and in the face of an enormous workload and consistently lim-

ited funding, DHS continues to enforce the law to secure our borders,” he wrote. “We are removing and returning record numbers of migrants who are unable to establish a legal basis to remain in the United States, and prioritizing for removal those who present national security and public safety risks, and recent border crossers.”

From mid-May 2023 through the end of July 2024, DHS removed or returned more than 893,600 people, including more than 138,300 individuals in family units, Lechleitner wrote.

“The majority of all individuals encountered at the Southwest Border over the past three years have been removed, returned, or expelled,” he wrote.

Lechleitner further said that ICE’s detention determinations must follow guidelines.

“First, ICE is bound by statutory requirements not to release certain noncitizens from ICE custody during the pendency of removal proceedings and notes that most noncitizens who are convicted of homicide are typically not eligible for release from ICE custody under §236(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act,” he wrote. “Second and in limited circumstances when 6(c) does not apply, ICE officers may use their discretion in making custody determinations and release noncitizens with conditions. ICE custody determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and take into account the individual case circumstances, primarily considering risk of flight, national security threat, and threat to public safety.”

ICE takes other factors into consideration as well, Lechleitner wrote, including when a noncitizen has a serious medical condition, is the primary caregiver of minor children, or

other humanitarian considerations.

The March letter

Gonzales’s March 13 letter to Homeland Security was co-signed by 22 other representatives. In it, the lawmakers wrote that they had serious concerns with sanctuary cities’ policies that shield criminal illegal aliens from federal law enforcement.

“We are especially concerned by the willful failure of sanctuary cities to hold criminal noncitizens in custody after federal law enforcement has issued detainers for their arrest,” they wrote. “This refusal has on various occasions led to the release of violent offenders into American communities, posing a direct threat to public safety. We are asking you to take aggressive action to end the abuse of our nation’s border laws and discourage sanctuary cities from providing safe harbor to violent criminals who have entered our country illegally.”

The lawmakers were armed with plenty of examples.

“In September 2022, an identified MS-13 gang member with multiple criminal charges was convicted for illegally possessing an unregistered firearm,” they wrote. “Shortly after, the Montgomery County Detention Center released him from custody despite a detainer being issued against him. It was not until months later that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) finally arrested him.”

More recently, Gonzales and his colleagues wrote, the nation was devastated by the horrific death of Laken Riley, a nursing student from Augusta University, who they said was murdered by an illegal alien from Venezuela.

“Laken’s perpetrator had previously been arrested in New York City, only to be released by local au-

thorities despite a detainer being issued against him,” they wrote.

Those were just a few examples, Gonzales and the lawmakers observed.

“Due to your administration’s unlawful abuse of catch-and-release policies, criminal aliens are being set free onto our streets, only to be protected by sanctuary cities that have no regard for our federal laws,” they wrote. “Your administration has recently called for localities across the country to cooperate with ICE in turning over criminal noncitizens for deportation. We urge you to act on these demands and ensure that sanctuary cities cooperate — our national security depends on it.”

The lawmakers also wanted a number of questions answered, including the number of noncitizen immigrants charged by a municipality as well as the number of noncitizens who had been convicted of a crime and released into communities.

“For fiscal years 2021-2024 to date, how many immigration detainers have been issued but were declined by local jurisdictions?” the lawmakers asked. “Among the number of detainers issued for the same fiscal period, how many individuals were eventually apprehended by deportation officers after they were released into communities?”

Finally, the lawmakers asked, what policies or initiatives does the Department of Homeland Security, or the Department of Justice currently have in place to encourage immigration enforcement cooperation with state and local jurisdictions?

They wanted an answer by March 22. They got some of them in September.

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Fluoride

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“However, scientific evidence has increasingly identified a link between fluoride exposure and adverse cognitive effects in children (reduced IQ),” he wrote. “Accordingly, plaintiffs exercised their power under the Amended TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) and petitioned the EPA to consider whether fluoride in drinking water presents an unreasonable risk of injury to human health.”

The EPA denied any association, Chen observed, “notwithstanding the growing and robust body of evidence indicating an association between fluoride intake and cognitive impairment in children.”

The decision marks a huge blow to the EPA, public health agencies, and the American Dental Association (ADA), all of which have long praised the benefits of water fluoridation. In 2015, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) proclaimed community water fluoridation to be “one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century.”

It was anything but, says Stuart Cooper, the executive director of Fluoride Action Network (FAN), after the ruling. FAN was a principal in the lawsuit, as was Moms Against Fluoride and Food & Water Watch, along with individual parents and children.

“Communities are currently adding this neurotoxin to the public water supplies voluntarily,” Cooper wrote on the FAN website. “The harm is needlessly self-inflicted, but this also means the solution is simple: ban the use of fluoridation chemicals.”

Cooper said he expected an appeal of the decision or foot-dragging by the EPA in writing a new rule.

“In our view, attempts by the EPA to appeal or delay this ruling will only result in harm to hundreds of thousands of additional children, particularly those whose families are unable to afford expensive reverse osmosis or distillation filtration of their tap water,” he wrote.

But, Cooper said, policymakers at the local and state level do not need to wait to take action because the federal government doesn’t mandate fluoridation, and thus local and state decision makers can take action immediately.

“The public didn’t sign up to have a chemical added to public drinking water that could adversely affect the brain,” he wrote.

“And while a cavity can easily be filled, damage to the brain is permanent, and the consequences are life-long. There are no second chances when it comes to impaired brain development.”

The decision

In the decision, Chen wrote that there was little dispute as to whether fluoride poses a hazard to human health.

“Indeed, EPA’s own expert agrees that fluoride is hazardous at some level of exposure,” he wrote. “And ample evidence establishes that a mother’s exposure to fluoride during pregnancy is associated with IQ decrements in her offspring.”

Still, the EPA balked at any hint of public health danger.

“Notwithstanding recognition by EPA’s expert that fluoride is hazardous, the EPA points to technicalities at various steps of the risk evaluation to conclude that fluoride does not present an unreasonable risk,” Chen wrote. “Primarily, the EPA argues the hazard level and the precise relationship between dosage and response at lower exposure levels are not entirely clear.”

Chen did not find those arguments persuasive.

“Importantly, the chemical at issue need not be found hazardous at the exposure level to establish that a risk is present under Amended TSCA,” he wrote. “Instead, the EPA requires that a margin exist between the hazard level and exposure level to ensure safety; if there is an insufficient margin then the chemical poses a risk.”

And under that test the current standard fails, Chen found.

“The trial evidence in this case establishes that even if there is some uncertainty as to the precise level at which fluoride becomes hazardous (hazard level), under even the most conservative estimates of this level, there is not enough of a margin between the accepted hazard level and the actual human exposure levels to find that fluoride is safe,” he wrote. “Simply put, the risk to health at exposure levels in United States drinking water is sufficiently high to trigger regulatory response by the EPA under Amended TSCA.”

That evidence concluded that a 1-point drop in IQ of a child is to be expected for each 0.28 mg/L of fluoride in a pregnant mother’s urine.

“This is highly concerning, because maternal urinary fluoride levels for pregnant mothers in the United States range from 0.8 mg/L at the median and 1.89 mg/L depending upon the degree of exposure,” he wrote. “Not only is there an insuffi-

cient margin between the hazard level and these exposure levels, for many, the exposure levels exceed the hazard level of 0.28 mg/L.”

To be sure, Chen observed, the EPA challenged whether the 0.28 mg/L hazard level as measured in maternal urinary fluoride was appropriate for the risk evaluation, arguing that the hazard and exposure levels should not be expressed in maternal urinary fluoride because that metric reflects total fluoride exposure, not just exposure resulting from drinking fluoridated water from one’s community. Fluoride may also be ingested through tea, fish, toothpaste, and commercial food and beverages made with

fluoridated water, Chen acknowledged.

“Nonetheless, the risk analysis should consider the additive effect of the chemical under the subjected condition of use (here, fluoridated community drinking water), especially where, as here, the fluoridated drinking water is a significant (and likely primary) contributor to aggregate exposure to fluoride,” he wrote. “Indeed, the Amended TSCA expressly contemplates that the aggregate exposure to a chemical will be considered when conducting a risk assessment. In this sense, maternal urinary fluoride is not just an acceptable metric, it is highly useful in assessing the real-world end result of exposure from drinking fluoridated water along with other sources.”

In sum, Chen found, there was substantial and scientifically credible evidence establishing that fluoride poses a risk to human health.

“[I]t is associated with a reduction in the IQ of children and is hazardous at dosages that are far too close to fluoride levels in the drinking water of the United States,” he said. “And this risk is unreasonable under Amended TSCA. Reduced IQ poses serious harm. Studies have linked IQ decrements of even one or two points to e.g., reduced educational attainment, employment status, productivity, and earned wages.”

Indeed, Chen stressed, the EPA recognizes that reduction of IQ poses a serious community health issue. Moreover, highly

susceptible populations are impacted, a number Chen said far exceeded the population size the EPA has looked to in determining whether regulatory action is warranted in other risk evaluations (i.e., 500 people or less).

“The size of the affected population is vast,” he wrote. “Approximately 200 million Americans have fluoride intentionally added to their drinking water at a concentration of 0.7 mg/L. Other Americans are indirectly exposed to fluoridated water through consumption of commercial beverages and food manufactured with fluoridated water.”

Not to mention pregnant women and their

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Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERK
FOR HOURS OR APPOINTMENT**

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office:
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office:
Friday, November 1, 2024

TOWN/CITY CLERKS

Town of Arbor Vitae
Emily Biertzer
10675 Big Arbor Vitae Drive
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568
715-356-3120
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
11/01/2024 9am-5pm

Town of Boulder Junction
Daniel Driscoll
PO Box 616
5392 Park Street
Boulder Junction, WI 54512
715-385-2220
Monday-Thursday 9:30am-3:30pm
11/01/2024 9:30am-5pm

Town of Cloverland
Tracy Schilling
PO Box 1565
5860 Perch Lake Road
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-3434
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-11:30am
11/01/2024 BY APPT ONLY

Town of Conover
Kendra Lederer
PO Box 115
4665 HWY K East
Conover, WI 54519
715-479-8688
Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
11/01/2024 BY APPOINTMENT

Town of Lac du Flambeau
Sue Schoonover
PO Box 68
109 Old Abe Road
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538
715-588-3358
Monday & Wednesday 9am-noon
Tuesday & Thursday noon-3pm
11/01/2024 9am-5pm

Town of Land O’Lakes

Lynn Jolin
PO Box 660
4331 HWY B
Land O’Lakes, WI 54540
715-547-3255
Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
11/01/2024 9am-5pm

Town of Lincoln

Shelly Sauvola
PO Box 9
1205 Sundstein Road
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-7000
Monday - Friday 9am-3pm
11/01/2024 9am-5pm

Town of Manitowish Waters

Dana Hilbert
PO Box 267
5733 Airport Road
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
715-543-8400
Monday-Friday 10am-1pm

11/01/24 1-5pm BY APPT ONLY

Town of Phelps

Sheryl Ward
PO Box 157
4495 Town Hall Road
Phelps, WI 54554
715-545-2270
Tuesday & Thursday Noon-5pm
11/01/2024 9am-5pm

Town of Plum Lake

Jane Rosewicz
PO Box 280
8755 Lake Street
Sayner, WI 54560
715-542-4531
Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm
Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm

11/01/2024 BY APPOINTMENT

Town of Presque Isle

Kim Prout
8306 School Loop Road
Presque Isle, WI 54557
715-686-2473
Monday-Thursday 10am-noon
11/01/2024 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Town of St. Germain

June Vogel
PO Box 7
St Germain Community Center
545 Hwy 155 Room 5
St. Germain, WI 54558
715-891-0699

BY APPOINTMENT

Town of Washington

Nancy Sobralski
2301 Town Hall Road
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-8886

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Town of Winchester

Joan Wainio
7228 CTH W
Winchester, WI 54557
715-686-2123
OR 715-543-2110
Monday-Friday

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

City of Eagle River

Becky Bolte
PO Box 1269
525 East Maple Street
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-8682
Monday - Friday 8am-4:30pm
11/01/2024 8:30am - 5pm

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on NOVEMBER 5, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will NOT be counted.

KIMBERLY OLKOWSKI-VILAS COUNTY CLERK
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Call for artists: submit work for 2025 Artscape Banner Program

Artwork could be featured throughout downtown Eagle River

The Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) is excited to announce the 2025 Artscape Banner Program and invites talented artists from across the region to submit their original artwork for a chance to be featured on banners that will be displayed throughout downtown Eagle River. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 1.

Since 2007, the Artscape Banner Program has been a cherished tradition, bringing color and creativity to the streets of Eagle River from Memorial Day to Veterans Day every year. This initiative offers artists a unique opportunity to showcase their talents to both the local community and thousands of visitors, while enhancing the vibrant cultural atmosphere of the area.

Key details for artists

- Artists of all ages and abilities are encouraged to submit a piece of artwork (no more than two per artist).
 - Artwork can be in 2D or 3D forms but must be suitable for digital reproduction.
 - Submitted artwork must be in portrait orientation and able to fit a 24" wide x 51" tall banner.
 - Artwork can be submitted digitally as a high-resolution (300 dpi or higher) TIFF, RAW, or JPEG file.
 - Artists can secure a sponsor for their submission, though sponsorship is not required and the design committee still needs to approve all applications.
- This year, we are excited to introduce a new online registration option, making the submission process faster and more convenient for artists. Find

the online application here: forms.gle/Cwxjo8nn51W212uN8.

Submission process

- Applications (prefer online submission but will accept paper apps too) must be received by Nov. 1.
- If submitting artwork digitally, email to both kitty.sookochoff@gmail.com and karen@eagleriverrevitalization.org.
- Drop off your artwork anytime prior to Nov. 1 at the Revitalization Office, 525 E. Maple Street in Eagle River.
- The artwork will be reviewed by the design committee, and put into a gallery for sponsors to make their selections.
- Selected art will be featured on banners displayed throughout Eagle River during the summer of 2025.

Save the date

The 2024 banners will be auctioned off at a special event on Thursday, June 26, 2025, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Veterans Resource Center. This annual auction is an exciting opportunity for artists and community members alike to come together in celebration of local creativity. Also, remember to enter your People's Choice selection of the 2024 banners here: www.eagleriverrevitalization.org/artscapepeopleschoicepoll.

For more information and submission guidelines, please visit www.eagleriverrevitalization.org/artscape or contact the ERRP office at 715-477-0645.

We look forward to celebrating the incredible talents of our Northwoods artists and bringing your creativity to the heart of Eagle River!

Fluoride

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babies, Chen noted.

"Approximately two million pregnant women, and over 300,000 exclusively formula-fed babies are exposed to fluoridated water," he wrote. "The number of pregnant women and formula-fed babies alone who are exposed to water fluoridation each year exceeds entire populations exposed to conditions of use for which EPA has found unreasonable risk; the EPA has found risks unreasonable where the population impacted was less than 500 people."

What's more, Chen wrote, individuals are exposed to fluoride through water intake every day; and the parties did not dispute that frequency of exposure for most people is several times daily, such as through drinking tap water.

"And the duration of exposure to fluoridated water is continuous with its effects long-lasting," he wrote. "To this end, fluoride remains in the body through years; for several years after cessation of fluoride exposure a

woman is likely to release fluoride into blood due to skeletal breakdown."

The scientific literature in the record provides a high level of certainty that a hazard is present, Chen concluded.

"There are uncertainties presented by the underlying data regarding the appropriate point of departure and exposure level to utilize in this risk evaluation," he wrote. "But those uncertainties do not undermine the finding of an unreasonable risk."

What is certain, Chen continued, is that fluoride is associated with negative cognitive impacts.

"There is significant certainty in the data set regarding the association between fluoride and reduced IQ," the judge wrote. "Namely, there is a robust body of evidence finding a statistically significant adverse association between fluoride and IQ. A large majority of the 72 epidemiological studies assessed by the NTP Monograph (United States National Toxicology Program review of available literature) observed this relationship including all but one of the 19 high-quality studies, and literature published after the NTP Monograph cutoff date observed the same relationship — and

countervailing evidence, for various reasons described previously, are of little impact on this repeated, and consistently observed association between fluoride and reduced IQ."

Moreover, Chen wrote, complete consistency among studies is not expected.

"Notably, notwithstanding inherent difficulties in observing this association at lower exposure levels, studies assessing such levels still observed a statistically significant relationship between fluoride and reduced IQ," he wrote. "Again, to put the breadth of evidence supporting this finding in perspective, the EPA has identified a LOAEL (lowest-observed-adverse-effect level) based upon far less in other contexts. For instance, in the EPA's risk evaluation of Methylene, conducted pursuant to Amended TSCA, the EPA used a LOAEL for developmental neurotoxicity derived from the analysis of one study conducted upon mouse pups."

Compare that with six (water fluoride) and nine (urinary fluoride), high-quality, epidemiological studies of human populations, Chen observed: "The scientific literature in the record provides a high level of certainty that

a hazard is present; fluoride is associated with reduced IQ. The qualitative evidence is superior."

In sum, Chen concluded, three factors weigh toward finding the risk unreasonable.

"Namely, the severity of the hazard weighs toward finding the risk unreasonable," he wrote. "The exposure-related considerations and exposure of susceptible populations weighs strongly toward finding the risk unreasonable; millions of susceptible individuals are exposed to fluoride and the exposure is frequent and long-lasting."

The two final factors — confidence in hazard data and overall strength of the evidence and uncertainties — are largely neutral, he acknowledged.

"Because the first three factors weigh strongly toward finding the risk unreasonable and the last two are largely neutral, the totality of the factors establish that the risk is unreasonable under the Amended TSCA," Chen concluded. "The court thus finds that the plaintiffs have established by a preponderance of the evidence that the risk at issue is unreasonable."

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

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PRICE COUNTY ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT LITTLE WILLOW CREEK TOWN OF MINOCQUA ONEIDA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

GENERAL NOTICE

Town of Minocqua (Owner) is requesting Bids for the Price County Road Culvert Replacement project.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com until **Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 2:00 PM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud via a virtual meeting. Bids will be read at Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc., 330 N. 4th Street, Wausau, WI 54403. If you would like to attend the public bid opening virtually, please send a request to jpeter@becherhoppe.com to obtain a link to the virtual meeting before 10:00 AM, on bid opening October 17, 2024.

The Project includes the following Work:

Bids will be received for the proposed improvements which generally consist of removal of the three (3) existing corrugated steel culverts, installation of two (2) Corrugated Steel Aluminum Coated 77x52-Inch Pipe Arches, poured in place concrete masonry end walls, and all ancillary items associated the roadway and stream restoration. Major bid items for this work include:

Item Description	Estimated Qty	Unit
Removal of Existing Culvert Pipes and Related Items	3	LS
¾" Base Aggregate Dense	70	TON
1 1/4" Base Aggregate Dense	140	TON
Concrete Masonry End walls	10	CY
Pipe Arch Corrugated Steel Aluminum Coated 77x52-Inch	84	LF
Vegetated Medium Riprap	27	CY
Active Stream Work	1	LS

OBTAINING THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

Quest CDN, which is also considered to be an Issuing Office. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.becherhoppe.com or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$22.00 by inputting Quest project #9275445. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or infor@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for review of the Bidding Documents is:

Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc.
330 N. 4th Street, Wausau, WI 54403-5417

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays, between the hours of **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

An optional paper set of project documents is available at Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc., 330 N. 4th Street, Wausau, WI 54403-5417, upon payment of a \$100.00 nonrefundable fee. For all mail requests, include a separate \$20.00 nonrefundable mailing fee. Contact us at 715-845-8000 for questions or to arrange a mail request.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held. If you have further questions on the project, please reach out to Matt Graun at (715) 845-0420 or mgraun@becherhoppe.com.

PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY

Potential bidders shall submit a Bidder's Proof of Responsibility to **Town of Minocqua, 415 Menominee Street, Minocqua, WI 54548**, five days prior to the bid opening. The envelope containing the Bidder's Proof of Responsibility shall bear the notation: "Bidder's Proof of Responsibility" on outside of envelope. The Town of Minocqua reserves the right to reject the bid by a contractor when answers in the Proof of Responsibility and financial statement are not satisfactorily sufficient.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT

The work described herein is subject to the provisions of Section 66.0901 and 66.0903 and other applicable sections of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SUBMITTING BIDS

Bids will only be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. For help concerning bidding or plans contact the Quest CDN Customer Service at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

No bids shall be considered unless submitted on the official Bid Form by a qualified bidder. Each bidder must deposit with the BID, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders along with supplemental forms required. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to award the contract(s) in the best interests of the Owner. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the bid opening.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by Authority of:

Owner: **Town of Minocqua**
By: **Mark Pertile**
Title: **Directory of Public Works**
Date: September 27, 2024; October 4, 2024; October 11, 2024
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City, State, Zip: _____

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451 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3365

Wausau District Office
2620 Stewart Ave, #312
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 298-9344



Eagle River to host 44th Annual Cranberry Fest Oct. 5-6

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center invites you to join us for the celebration of the 44th Annual Cranberry Fest — a fun filled family event for all ages with lots of activities to enjoy. Festival Grounds are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6. A free shuttle bus will be available on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take you throughout Eagle River to all the different activities. Shuttle bus will run approximately every 30 minutes depending on traffic.

Activities include:

- The availability of fresh premium, high quality, hand-sorted, select cranberries and craisins for you to purchase and take home to create your own wonderful cranberry flavored foods. (On sale at the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 201 N. Railroad, at the Vilas County Fairgrounds, Highway 70 west, and on the corner of Wall and Railroad streets in downtown Eagle River).

- Tasting Wisconsin's number one fruit crop: cranberries — made into an array of delicious food and drink items such as juice, soda, beer, wine, meatballs, fritters, pies, breads, chutney and more.

- Family entertainment by Bill and Bonnie Stevens at the fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday.

- Pancake breakfast — served on festival grounds in the large food tent from 7 to 10 a.m. Come start your day with your choice of regular or cranberry pancakes, pork sausage and a drink.

- Cranberry Fest Beer and Wine Garden featuring local cranberry beer and wine. Beer sold by the glass and wine sold by the bottle, a sampling flight and by the glass.

- Join us for a tour of a local cranberry marsh and wine tasting. Reservations are requested and tours leave from the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 201 North Railroad Street in Eagle River starting Thursday, Oct. 3 until Oct. 6. Tours are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12 and those 5 and under are free if sitting on a lap. To learn more about scheduled tour times and to make your reservation, call the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 800-359-6315 or 715-479-6400.

- Cranberry Fest features more than 250 arts and crafts vendors who will be showcasing home-created items made by the sellers themselves and what a variety of

items they have. There is something for everyone.

After visiting the festivities on the festival grounds don't forget to enjoy all the activities located in downtown Eagle River.

- Activities Downtown (Saturday only) include an antique and vintage market, farmers market, fresh cranberry and craisin sales, and hot food and beverages.

Also, please note that pets are not allowed at the Vilas County Fairgrounds. Please leave your pets at home — not only for the safety of the public, but most of all for the safety of your pet.

For a complete schedule of activities and for more information, contact the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 800-359-6315 or 715-479-6400 and ask for the Cranberry Country Crier or visit our Cranberry Fest event page.

LEGAL NOTICES

LAKELAND UNION HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE TO FILL SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY (Woodruff J1 Area Seat)

A vacancy of the Lakeland Union High School Board of Education has been created by the resignation of Ms. Pamela Carroll. The LUHS Board will choose a Woodruff J1 Area seat appointee to serve until the April 2025 election of a successor.

Any qualified citizen in the Lakeland Union High School District desiring to fill the School Board vacancy should fill out an Application form and Declaration of Candidacy and remit to Mr. Shawn Umland, School Board President, 9573 State Hwy. 70 West, Minocqua, WI 54548 or email to umlunds@lakelandunion.org.

Please call the District Office at 715-356-5252 ext. 1660 with questions about the vacancy or to request an application packet. The forms may be mailed or emailed upon request.

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TOWN CONSTABLE POSITION

Make a Difference at the Local Level
Town of Presque Isle, Wisconsin

Appointment to fill Unexpired Term

Preserve Liberty – Keep the Peace – Serve the Community

All applicants considered with residency requirement fulfilled. (Presque Isle Residents or persons willing to relocate.)

Attitude is Everything

Position Responsibilities Include:

- Serve unexpired term of now vacant Constable Position
- Enforce Town Ordinances
- Investigate violations of Town Ordinances
- Investigate, identify and refer violations to other Law Enforcement Agencies that would be better served by their jurisdictions.
- Report and document all incidents and interactions with citizens/non-citizens in connection with serve calls and investigations

Please submit a letter of interest and resume by Friday October 11, 2024, to:

Town Clerk of Presque Isle

PO Box 130

Presque Isle, WI 54557

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NOTICE

VACANCY - VILAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS District #5 – Town of Arbor Vitae Wards 2 & 7

The Vilas County Board Chairman is accepting applications for an individual to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Vilas County Supervisor, District #5, comprised of the Town of Arbor Vitae Wards 2 & 7. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.10(3)(e) applicants for this appointment must be a qualified elector and a resident of District #5 for at least 28 days to be eligible to fill this vacancy. Applicants for this position should send a letter expressing interest in the position and a resume to:

Chairman Jerry Burkett

Vilas County Board of Supervisors

District #5 Applications

330 Court Street

Eagle River, WI 54521

Applications postmarked later than Friday, October 18, 2024, will not be considered. Appointment of any applicant by the Vilas County Board Chairman is subject to Vilas County Board ratification.

Kimberly A. Olkowski

Vilas County Clerk

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TYPE A NOTICE

OF REFERENDUM ELECTION November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

"Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution 71, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <https://elections.wi.gov/elections> and also on the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution/sjr71.

A copy also can be obtained from the office of the county clerk, or the Legislative Documents Room at 1 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

DONE in the City of Eagle River,
this 28th day of August, 2024.

/s/Kimberly A. Olkowski

Vilas County Clerk

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HORSEHEAD LAKE REHAB & PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 IS SEEKING BIDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF 2 AERATION SYSTEMS

Scope of work & bidder requirements:

- Perform all required pre season maintenance of 2 aeration systems.
- System 1 is located at 6468 S Bluebird Rd, Lake Tomahawk. It includes 1 cabinet with 4 Gast 0.75 hp rotary vane compressors and 2 cooling fans plus 8 hose type diffusers.
- System 2 is located at 6580 S Bluebird Rd, Lake Tomahawk. It includes 5 cabinets each with 1 SRC 0.75 hp rocking piston compressor and 1 cooling fan plus 15 membrane type diffusers.

The bid is to include:

- All labor, mobilization and normal service parts.
- Provide blower maintenance including: compressor vanes & valves, air filters, etc. as required by the manufacturer.
- Clean diffusers.
- Test run systems to ensure that the compressors, cooling fans and diffusers operate properly.

Bid requirements:

- Bidders are encouraged to inspect the site and examine accessibility prior to bidding.
- Successful bidder to provide certificate of insurance to Horsehead Lake District.
- Previous experience with both types of compressors and diffusers required.

- Bids are due October 15, 2024.
- Work must be completed prior to November 15, 2024.
- Please contact Horsehead Lake Commissioners for additional information and submitting a bid at horseheadlakeprd.chair@gmail.com

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Wabeno Area Players present heart-warming comedy, 'Mom's Gift' Oct. 4-6

October is a great month to attend a feel good, uplifting comedy! The Wabeno Area Players are eager to fill that need! On Friday, Oct. 4, Saturday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m., the Players proudly present "Mom's Gift" at the Nancy Volk Auditorium, at 4325 Branch Street in Wabeno.

This hilarious heartfelt comedy, written by Phil Olson, is set in a suburb of Minneapolis during a Vikings-Packers game. As the game progresses in the den and a birthday party in the dining room, we are introduced to a family with relationships that are a bit dysfunctional. The show opens with "Kat" (Maline Enders), the adult daughter of "Dad" (Josh Jameson), attending his 60th birthday party, by court order, as part of an anger management program to avoid criminal charges. They last saw each other 11 months ago at Mom's funeral. Also attending the party are Kat's younger sister "Brittney" (Katie Esserman), a Hooter's waitress, neighbors "Kevin" (RJ Chickey) and naughty Mrs. Norquist (Linda Harter), and "Trish" (Lori Mattern), who was Mom's nurse for the few weeks before she died.

Aside from Kat's court-ordered therapy, the most unusual thing about the party is that it is also attended by "Mom's Ghost" (Margi Diny).

Mom, who has a wonderful sense of humor even in stressful family times, can only be seen and heard by Kat, who understandably thinks she's losing it.

Mom has been sent to fulfill a "mission" before she can earn her wings, but how she is to do it is a mystery Mom has to figure out. Further surprises are revealed through family secrets.

"Mom's Gift" is influenced by the play, "It's a Wonderful Life," in which Clarence earns his wings. It is filled with witty and hilarious dialogue, concerning numerous family themes. The play is under the direction of Carol Bartlein. Clare Huisman is dialogue assistant. Jan Volk and Vicki Delaski are lighting technicians. Sound technician is Jessica Maass. Dave Zuleger designed and constructed the set. Linda Boatright is the stage manager. Linda Zuleger is the manager of volunteers.

Tickets are available online, at www.wabenoareaplayers.org. Follow the prompts to buy tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning one hour before each show. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Theater doors open 30 minutes before the show. The show is PG-13. Come and enjoy another Wabeno Area Players comedy; it is sure to leave you planning to attending their next production!

Support the Young Entrepreneur Market on Oct. 4 in Eagle River

Celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit of our youth at the Young Entrepreneur Market (YEM!), in conjunction with International Plaidurday, on Friday, Oct. 4, from noon to 3 p.m. at The Square, 229 E. Wall Street.

Join us as we highlight the creativity, innovation and passion of young local business leaders. From handmade jewelry to custom-designed golf balls, farm-fresh organic produce, woodworking crafts and more, the Young Entrepreneur Market offers a variety of one-of-a-kind items and services.

This event features: live music, balloon tying for families, original artwork, henna tattoos, 3D-printed items, homemade baked goods, sugar scrubs and slime, farm-fresh flowers, woodworking crafts and even knife sharpening services!

The YEM! Market provides a platform for the next generation of entrepreneurs, allowing them to showcase their talent, innovation and community spirit. Every purchase you make directly supports these young business leaders, empowering them to pursue their dreams and build their future.

In addition to shopping local, join in the Plaidurday fun by wearing your best plaid and sharing the experience on social media with the hashtags #Plaidurday and #EagleRiverYEM.

Plaidurday is a celebration of unity and community, and there's no better way to celebrate than by supporting these inspiring young minds.

Don't miss out! Support local youth, enjoy the festivities and make this Plaidurday an event to remember. For more information, visit yemeagleriver.com or contact Karen at 715-477-0645.

SIGNS OF AUTISM:

If your baby shows any of these signs, please ask your family practitioner or pediatrician for an immediate evaluation:

- No big smiles or other warm, joyful expressions by 6 months
- No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions by 9 months or thereafter
- No back-and-forth gestures, such as pointing, showing, reaching, or waving by 12 months
- No babbling by 12 months / No words by 16 months
- No two-word meaningful phrases (without imitating) by 24 months
- Any loss of speech or babbling or social skills at any age



HEALTH

Community celebrates 5 years of Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center

On Sept. 25, an open house was held to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center, located within Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. The event attracted community members eager to explore the facility and learn about its vital role in diagnosing and treating tick-borne illnesses.

Attendees had the opportunity to tour the facility and engage with the dedicated staff, including Dr. James Thatcher and nurse practitioner Ashley Johnson, who shared their expertise in managing tick-related health concerns. The team emphasized their commitment to providing comprehensive care and support for

patients affected by these conditions.

"It was amazing," said Dr. Thatcher. "It was an excellent turnout tonight, and it was amazing to see patients and people in the community, employees of the hospital, donors, and other supporters alike, here, all together to celebrate this momentous occasion."

The open house not only showcased the center's achievements over the past five years but also highlighted the importance of community awareness and education regarding tick-borne illnesses. Guests were encouraged to ask questions and learn more about prevention strategies and treatment options.

The event was hosted by the

Howard Young Foundation, which played a significant role in the establishment of the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center, underscoring the collaborative effort to enhance health-care resources in the region.

As the center moves forward, it remains committed to its mission of educating the public and providing high-quality care to those affected by tick-borne illnesses, ensuring that the community stays

informed and healthy.

"We believe the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center is the only one in existence dedicated to tick-borne illness where we treat acute and chronic disease," added Dr. Thatcher. "It's a dream come true and we're hoping that's this is the first of many anniversaries."

For more information about the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center, please visit aspirus.org.



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Certified medical assistant Morgan Setzer gives a tour to members of the community during an open house celebrating five years of the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center at Howard Young Medical Center on Wednesday, Sept. 25, in Woodruff.



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Dr. James Thatcher, director of the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center, addresses members of the community who attended the center's fifth anniversary open house on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. Howard Young Foundation president Erin Biertzer, left, and nurse practitioner Ashley Johnson, who both spoke as well, look on.

Take charge of your health: preventing gynecologic cancers through awareness and screening

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2024, approximately 13,820 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. Despite these alarming numbers, many women remain unaware of the steps they can take to prevent and detect gynecologic cancers early.

During Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month, Aspirus Health is encouraging women to prioritize prevention, stay informed, and take advantage of available screenings.

"Gynecologic cancers affect the reproductive organs, including the ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, cervix, vagina, and vulva," explains Joelle Wennlund, MD, gynecologist with Aspirus Health. "Cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers are closely linked to the HPV virus, making the HPV vaccine a powerful tool for prevention. While it's commonly given to younger women, the vaccine is approved for individuals up to age 45 and may also be appropriate for some older women."

Recognizing early warning signs is vital for early detection of gynecologic cancers. Common symptoms to watch for include pelvic pain, bloating, abnormal uterine bleeding, and unusual discharge.

"For postmenopausal women, any amount of vaginal bleeding, no matter how small, should be evaluated," advises Dr. Wennlund. "Even if it seems insignificant, it could be a sign of something more serious."

This is why routine screenings play an important role in catching cancers early and preventing them from developing. Wennlund emphasizes that "Pap tests and HPV screenings not only detect cancer

but can also identify precancerous changes. Treating these changes early can help prevent cancer from developing."

For patients in the Northwoods, Aspirus offers the Loop Electrosurgical Excisional Procedure (LEEP) to treat precancerous conditions locally, thanks to funding from the Howard Young Foundation.

Aspirus Health encourages women to take proactive steps toward their health by scheduling routine screenings and staying alert to any changes in their bodies. Prevention and early detection can make all the difference in outcomes.

Dr. Wennlund sees patients at Aspirus Woodruff Clinic – Maple Street (715-356-8718). To find a gynecologist in your area, visit www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider.



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Joelle Wennlund, MD, gynecologist with Aspirus Health.

Study shows AFib on rise in younger Americans

Atrial Fibrillation (AFib), a common type of irregular heart rhythm, poses a significant risk of stroke and heart failure, particularly among individuals under 65. Recent research highlights an alarming trend: the rising prevalence of AFib in younger patients.

A study published in *Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology* analyzed data from over 67,000 patients seeking care for AFib, revealing that more than 25 percent were under 65 — far exceeding the previously estimated 2 percent for this age group.

"Atrial fibrillation is a condition where the top two chambers of the heart quiver when they're not functioning properly, making it harder for the rest of the heart to work," explained John Johnkoski, MD, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Aspirus Heart & Lung Surgery. "Factors like obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and sleep apnea are driving the rise in AFib among younger people."

Symptoms of AFib can include dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, or palpitations in the chest. Some individuals may not notice any symptoms at all, underscoring the importance

of early diagnosis and management.

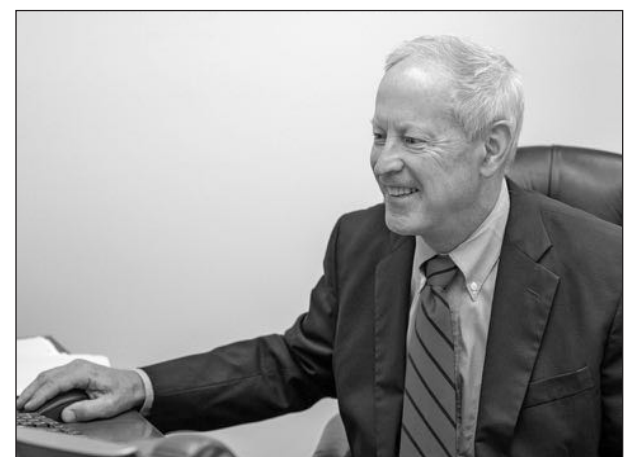
"We're now seeing signs of heart disease in 40-year-olds we previously observed in people in their 50s, highlighting an accelerated aging process," says Dr. Johnkoski, emphasizing the urgency of early intervention. "It's a lot easier to manage and treat AFib when we address it sooner, which can help prevent downstream complications such as stroke, heart attack, and heart failure."

There are several ways to treat atrial fibrillation, depending on the individual's specific situation. Common options include medications, cardioversion, catheter ablation, or minimally invasive surgery such as the Maze

procedure. Additionally, making changes to diet, exercise, and managing stress can help improve symptoms.

No matter what your age, it's important for individuals with AFib to work closely with their doctor to find the best approach for their situation.

The Atrial Fibrillation Clinic at Aspirus Heart Care offers comprehensive care for patients with atrial arrhythmias. The clinic allows patients to see both an electrophysiologist (EP) and cardiothoracic surgeon in the same setting to learn about treatment options. For information regarding referrals, scheduling, or to answer general questions, please call 866-783-6266.



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John Johnkoski, MD, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Aspirus Heart & Lung Surgery.



Left: Restless Anna performs.

Below: Jeremy Poland sings.



MOO-SIC MADNESS

Many bands and singers performed live music during Beef-A-Rama on Saturday, Sept. 28, in Minocqua. PHOTOS BY KATE REICHL/LAKELAND TIMES



Above: Tom Gerard enjoys live music.



Above: IV Play performs.

Left: Bailey Bouscher, left, and Alexis Kallenbach, right, dance along to live music.

Below: From left, Katy Costa, Todd Zander and Rachel Marks sing along to live music.



Above: Hand Picked Bluegrass performs.

Right: Double Barrel performs.



Minocqua Public Library October events

Preschool/Toddler (Ages 0-4)

• New! BabyTime, a program for infants and their caregivers, will take place weekly on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. from Sept. 9 through Dec. 9 in the library's program room. Activities will include lap sit songs and rhymes, simple stories and sensory exploration. Older siblings are welcome to attend too!

• StoryTime is back! Happening Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Sept. 11 through Dec. 11 in the library's program room, StoryTime includes stories, finger plays, flannel boards, songs, and more for children ages 0-4 and their caregivers.

Special October Story-Times:

Oct. 9: Fire Safety Story-Time at Minocqua Fire and Rescue (9589 W. Clawson Drive).

Oct. 16: Trains StoryTime at Minocqua Museum (503 Flambeau Street).

Oct. 23: Teddy Bear StoryTime at the Library. Bring a stuffie to leave at the library for a sleepover if you'd like!

Oct. 30: Halloween Story-Time at the Library. Wear your Halloween costume if you'd like!

• Join Children's Wisconsin staff for Wiggle, Giggle

and Shake on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Children ages 0-4 and their caregivers are invited to sing, dance and play in the library's program room.

Kids and Families (Ages 0-12)

• Homeschool Hangout is back! Homeschool families are invited to play in the Community Gym every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

• Help us celebrate Wisconsin Science Festival by participating in a Bioblitz at Kemp Natural Resources Station! On Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m., we will identify as many plant and animal species as we can and enter data into an app called iNaturalist. We'll tally the results at the end and see what we've identified!

• Families, come to the library Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. for Family Fun Day: Spooky Story Path! Read a Halloween story as you walk through the library, decorate a pumpkin cookie and play with pumpkin spice playdoh and spooky feely boxes!

School-Aged, Tweens, and Teens (Ages 5-18)

• Join us for Club Connect: Everything Owls on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the library's program

room. We'll be making and enjoying owl themed treats and creating some fun owl themed crafts! No need to register to attend.

• Lego Club will meet in the library's program room from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 19. Free build or participate in a fun challenge!

Teens (Ages 13-18)

• Join us in the program room for Review Crew Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. We will be talking about books and movies, enjoying treats and fun activities. The book/movie combo this month is Twilight. Pick up a copy today at the library's front desk.

Teens and Adults (Ages 13+)

• Craft Cafe is Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. in the program room. We'll be making decor for your fall table. Registration is required for this program. Register in person or by calling the library at 715-356-4437.

Adults (Ages 18+)

• Lakeland Area Genealogical Society (LAGS). Second Tuesday of the Month, 1:30 p.m., Oct. 8. Debbie Gurtler, accredited genealogist and family search library expert, will speak on "Where did

you find that? Effective Searches on FamilySearch.org." The video presentation will outline different ways to locate records within FamilySearch.org. As always new members and visitors are welcome to attend.

• New! Cook the Book Club. Second Tuesday of the month, 5:15 p.m., Oct. 8. Join us for Minocqua Public Library's Cookbook Club! A potluck book club that involves eating, conversation, recipe sharing and fun!

• Lit Lovers Book Club. Second Monday of the month, 1 p.m., Oct. 14, First Ladies by Marie Benedict. Our virtual and in-person adult book clubs are free, open to the public, no registration required. Join in anytime! To get email updates about the book clubs and an invite to attend meetings online, send an email to: chultman@minocqualibrary.org.

• Community Bingo! Friday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to noon. Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some prizes at this fun-filled event. Our Bingo caller will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game and there will be plenty of opportunities to win big. Refreshments will be provided!

• Mindfulness. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1:30 p.m. Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present in the moment, cultivating awareness and acceptance of our thoughts, feelings, and surroundings. Join us as Kathy Mitchell guides us through mindfulness skills to live well every day.

• Open Book Club. Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Oct. 28, "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict. Our virtual and in-person adult book clubs are free, open to the public, no registration required. Join in anytime! To get email updates about the book clubs and an invite to attend meetings online, send an email to: chultman@minocqualibrary.org.

All Ages

• Come to the library lawn (directly behind the police station off Milwaukee Street) Friday, Oct. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. for Fall Fest! Pick out and decorate a pumpkin, enjoy caramel apples and drinks provided by The Bottled Bean, play pumpkin games and take a fall-themed photo. Little Sunshines Learning Center will be there with giant bubbles and other kids' activities as well! All ages welcome.

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Race

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November 2021 when Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. In the act, Congress mandated that 10 percent of all new surface transportation funding — over \$37 billion — “shall be expended through small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.”

“The federal DBE program is an affirmative action program that gives preference to certain companies based on race and gender,” WILL stated. “Through this program, the U.S. government finances the American transportation system, including highway construction, with a series of race and gender quotas they call ‘goals.’ In light of the court’s order, WILL’s clients will now be able to compete for contracts on an equal footing, without regard to race and gender.”

The case details

In granting the preliminary injunction, Van Tatenhove wrote that the noble aspirations of the nation’s founding documents represent the most successful experiment in representative democracy the world has ever known.

“But by no means has our American experiment been perfect,” Van Tatenhove wrote. “No one could argue, for example, that our nation has always treated men and women of all backgrounds in this country equally.”

Attempting to cure this imperfect history, Van Tatenhove continued, Congress enacted the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, which requires the Department of Transportation to ensure that a certain portion of federal funds authorized for highway and transit projects be expended with disadvantaged business enterprises.

“To execute this requirement, the Department of Transportation affords certain minority- and women-owned businesses a presumption of disadvantage — a rebuttable presumption — but a presumption, nonetheless,” he wrote. “These presumptions have been employed since the 1980s, but the plaintiffs say enough is enough. The court agrees.”

The judge summarized the government’s main argument, which was that the plaintiff’s injuries were not traceable to a race- or gender-based rebuttable presumption because the entirety of the DBE program is not based

on race or gender.

“The ‘practice of setting goals for DBE participation on some projects . . .’ is facially neutral because the DBE program requires only that qualifying firms be certified as disadvantaged, not that they be owned and run by individuals of a particular race or gender,” the judge wrote, quoting the government’s citations. “In other words, not every DOT contract, even those that have DBE goals, employ the race- or gender-based rebuttable presumption.”

What that means is, the government argued, even if the DBE program’s presumptions were enjoined, the program would still continue to operate with its race- and gender-neutral requirements intact, which include consideration of social and economic disadvantages, business size and structure, ownership, and wealth limits.

“And because the plaintiffs fail to make any showings that they would qualify for the DBE program under its race- and gender-neutral requirements, ‘enjoining the presumptions would leave plaintiffs in exactly the same position and would certainly not redress their stated injury,’” the judge wrote, summarizing the government’s argument.

Pure speculation

In particular, Van Tatenhove observed, the government relied on a previous case, *Cache Valley Electrical Co. v. Utah Department of Transportation*.

“In *Cache Valley*, an electrical subcontractor seeking contracts with the DOT sought to enjoin a predecessor of the DBE program presently at issue,” the judge wrote. “The Tenth Circuit found that the subcontractor had adequately established an injury in fact because the subcontractor was able to point to the two contracts that it lost as a result of the DBE program and showed that it would continue to apply for UDOT electrical subcontracts in the relatively near future.”

However, Van Tatenhove observed, the court reasoned that, even assuming that the subcontractor’s injury was fairly traceable to the DBE program’s rebuttable presumptions, “it would be pure speculation to conclude that invalidating the allegedly unconstitutional preferences would ameliorate plaintiff’s ability to compete in any way.”

The *Cache Valley* court reached its conclusions based on two determinations, Van Tatenhove explained.

“First, that the race- and gender- based pref-

erences are severable from the rest of the DBE program and that the DBE program would remain viable even without those preferences,” he wrote. “In other words, the race- and gender-neutral aspects of the DBE program would still exist in order to foster development in small businesses whose owners have had to overcome social and economic hardship. Thus, ‘the DBE program would continue even absent the disputed presumption, so that small businesses whose owners could prove they were disadvantaged — and thereby qualify as DBEs — would continue to have an advantage over businesses like [plaintiff] that are too large to qualify as DBEs.’”

Second, Van Tatenhove continued, the subcontractor had “adduced no evidence that the elimination of the preferences would result in any meaningful reduction in the number of qualifying DBEs.

“Because those who would have initially gained the race- or gender-based presumption in their favor might still qualify for the DBE program under the race- and gender-neutral criteria, the pool of DBE contractors might still be the same — meaning that the non-DBE plaintiff is still at a disadvantage,” he wrote. “Thus, the subcontractor was unable to establish that a favorable judicial decision striking down the rebuttable presumption would likely improve the terms of competition it faced.”

Having your cake and eating it, too

However, Van Tatenhove concluded, the government’s — and that court’s — arguments were contradictory.

“On the one hand, they contend that enjoining the presumptions would leave the plaintiffs in exactly the same position as with the presumptions and would not redress the plaintiffs’ injury,” he wrote. “This argument relies on *Cache Valley*’s assumption that the absence of the race- and gender-based presumptions from the DBE program would not alter the number or identity of socially and economically disadvantaged individuals eligible to participate in DBE.”

Practically speaking, Van Tatenhove concluded, that assumption would mean that the race- and gender-based presumptions have no effect on the number of DBEs in the DBE program — in other words, the presumptions really do nothing at all.

“On the other hand,

the government contends that the race- and gender-based elements are a necessary remedial measure that serve a compelling interest — that is to say, the rebuttable presumptions really move the ball,” he wrote. “By this logic, the race- and gender-based measures do both nothing and something. The government is trying to have its cake and eat it too.”

Cache Valley held that non-DBE plaintiffs lacked standing because any anticipated redress from a favorable decision would be wholly speculative, Van Tatenhove recalled.

“According to the Tenth Circuit, the lack of evidence showing a meaningful reduction in the number of DBEs is ‘merely hypothesizing that elimination of the presumption would improve its terms of competition,’” he wrote. “But this line of reasoning itself rests on its own hypothesis that the elimination of the rebuttable presumptions has no effect on the number of DBEs. Again, that hypothesis is counter to the government’s own position, which elucidates the necessity of the race- and gender-based elements as a means of remedying past discrimination.”

The DBE program itself calls for the use of race-conscious measures if using purely race-neutral means does not allow a recipient to achieve their contract goals for the year, Van Tatenhove asserted.

“Thus, the race- and gender-based presumption must have some impact on the number of competitors who qualify as DBEs,” he wrote. “If the presumption had no effect, then what would be its point and purpose? The presumptions must have an impact on the number of qualifying DBEs — that is why Congress has previously rejected any amendment to the DBE program that would eliminate the presumption of social and economic disadvantage for certain minority groups and women.”

In all practicality, Van Tatenhove wrote, there exists a finite pool of DOT contracts open for bidding.

“A certain percentage of these contracts must go to DBEs,” he wrote. “Businesses owned by particular racial minorities and women are given a presumption as qualifying as DBEs. Eliminating that presumption would require those minority and women owned businesses to qualify as DBEs through race- and gender-neutral means. They may or may not qualify as DBEs without the presumption,

and it would be quite the stretch to hypothesize that every minority- or woman-owned business would otherwise qualify as a DBE under the program’s neutral criteria.”

Thus, van Tatenhove concluded, it is not “wholly speculative” to conclude that the number of DBEs would be reduced.

“And with less DBEs jockeying for the finite number of contracts available to bid on, the terms of competition for non-DBEs, like the plaintiffs here, inherently improves,” he wrote. “Accordingly, eliminating the race- and gender-based presumptions would redress the injury harming plaintiffs. Because the plaintiffs have established an injury resulting from the denial of equal treatment that is traceable to the DBE’s race- and gender-based presumption and redressable by a favorable decision by this court, the plaintiffs have shown a likelihood of success on standing.”

Gimme more

But that finding alone did not necessarily justify a preliminary

injunction, Van Tatenhove pointed out, merely that the plaintiffs would likely succeed later on the merits of the case. A temporary injunction required more findings.

The first was whether the government could justify an exception to the Fourteenth Amendment’s equal protection guarantees “to all persons . . . without regard to any differences of race, of color, or of nationality . . .”

“Any exception to the constitution’s demand for equal protection must survive strict scrutiny,” he wrote, adding that the government must first show that the racial classification is being employed to further a compelling government interest, and, if there is a compelling government interest, the government must then prove that its use of race is narrowly tailored — in other words, “necessary to achieve that interest.”

The Supreme Court, Van Tatenhove wrote, has identified only two

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LIONS PUMPKIN PATCH CREW

The Lake Tomahawk Lions Club morning crew stands ready to help decorate wooden pumpkins at the Autumn on Main Craft Show on Sept. 21 in Lake Tomahawk. This free event allows children's creativity to flow. Over 150 pumpkins were decorated and over 100 service hours were spent by club members preparing them for decorating. Pictured, front row, from left, Lions Mary Ellen Mazurczak, Bob Petta, Emy Klitzman and Rick Mazurczak. Back row, from left, Lions Kevin Krueger, Kevin Klitzman and Dennis Hirtz.

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compelling interests that permit a resort to race-based government action.

"The first is 'remediating specific, identified instance of past discrimination that violated the constitution or a statute,'" he wrote. "The other is 'avoiding imminent and serious risks to human safety in prisons, such as a race riot.'"

Here, the judge wrote, the government contends it has a compelling interest because the DBE program "targets and seeks to remedy past, intentional discrimination in the transportation industry — discrimination that the government has had a hand in."

That said, Van Tatenhove countered, remedial policies do not always justify preferential treatment based on race. To do so, he cited past cases, the policy must target a specific episode of past discrimination and cannot rest on a "generalized assertion that there has been past discrimination in an entire industry." Second, there must be evidence of intentional

discrimination in the past, and, third, the government must have had a hand in the past discrimination.

"In other words, the government must show that it actively or passively participated in the past discrimination," he wrote.

In this case, Van Tatenhove continued, the government argues that "there is a strong basis in evidence that the DOT DBE program targets specific episodes of past, intentional discrimination in which the government participated and now seeks to remedy."

"In support, the government cites a compelling interest report (which collected over 200 disparity studies, other reports and studies, and congressional testimony) that purports to document the past discrimination and its lingering effects on the ability of DBEs to equally compete for government contracts," he wrote. "The government also provides statistical disparity evidence and anecdotal evidence, along with expert reports, which Congress reviewed before renewing the DBE program, that conducted

regression analyses that eliminate potentially non-discriminatory reasons for the disparities."

Hold the okra, please

Past courts have accepted that type of evidence as sufficient, Van Tatenhove wrote, but other courts have found such data to be too broad.

"Even more recently, a sister court within the Sixth Circuit considering the Small Business Association's Section 8(a) program examined the same exhibits that the government presents here," he wrote. "Applying [another case, *Ultima*], the district court concluded that the government's evidence failed to show a compelling interest for the use of a race-based rebuttable presumption."

Essentially, Van Tatenhove wrote, the sister court reasoned in *Ultima* that the government's evidence did not pass muster because the examples of discrimination contained within the exhibit related too broadly to the federal government's actions in different areas of the national economy.

Van Tatenhove said he felt compelled to

follow that latter line of reasoning.

"While the court is aware that its decision goes down the road less travelled, its compass is controlled by the Sixth Circuit," he wrote. "[That case] elucidates that '[w]hen the government promulgates race-based policies, it must operate with a scalpel. And its cuts must be informed by data that suggest intentional discrimination.' Although other courts have found that the government's imprecise evidence has supported a compelling interest, this court finds, like its sister court in *Ultima*, that the government's proffered proof is too dull of a scalpel."

The court in no way doubts that racial barriers still persist when it comes to the success of minority-owned businesses, Van Tatenhove stressed.

"But the government's evidence here is too broad," he wrote. "It points to societal discrimination against minority-owned businesses generally, but does not offer much evidence of past discrimination against the many groups to whom it grants a preference

via the DOT's DBE program. As [previous case law] explains, the preferences 'for Pakistanis but not Afghans; Japanese but not Iraqis; Hispanics but not Middle Easterners — is not supported by any record evidence at all.'"

The same is true in this case, Van Tatenhove wrote.

"Simply compiling an extensive portfolio of studies that show disparities exist for minority-owned businesses generally speaking does not support a government imposed racial preference for only some of those groups," he wrote. "The government's imprecision is its fatal flaw. If it wants to grant preferences to certain groups, it must specifically show how the Department of Transportation has previously discriminated against those groups. It cannot group all minority owned businesses into one gumbo pot but then try to scoop out only the sausage and not the okra."

Finally, Van Tatenhove found that the race-based rebuttable presumption was not narrowly tailored, no matter what, not least

because it was not tethered to a foreseeable conclusion.

"The DOT's DBE program has been around since the Cold War," he wrote. "It was implemented during the same year that the Space Shuttle Challenger launched its maiden voyage. *Star Wars: Episode VI — Return of the Jedi* was the top grossing domestic movie, and Kenny Rogers's and Dolly Parton's "Islands in the Stream" topped the country music charts for two straight weeks. Is there actually a 'logical end point' for the DBE's racial presumptions?"

Repeated Congressional approval is no cure, Van Tatenhove wrote: "Students for Fair Admissions makes clear that periodic review does not make unconstitutional conduct constitutional."

Finally, Van Tatenhove wrote, the government's gender-based presumptions were based on the same arguments and evidence as its race-based presumptions.

The government also argued that, because the plaintiffs had not identified any contracts with DBE goals that are currently being let, and because of their "lengthy delay" in moving from preliminary relief, there is no imminent harm. The judge disagreed.

"But as the court previously determined, the plaintiffs have provided evidence that they regularly bid on DOT contracts," he wrote. "The plaintiffs do not have a crystal ball to know precisely when contracts with DBE goals will be available to let. But it is not speculative to conclude that those types of contracts will become available. And when they do, the plaintiffs will be at an automatic disadvantage to certain types of competitors."

And so the injunction was issued.

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Food for Kidz

The multi-generational “Food for Kidz” food packaging event will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. at Lakeland Union High School. Volunteers are needed to work two shifts and a clean-up shift. Call Meghan Anderson at 715-614-3816 or Laura Bertch at 715-892-1204.

Donations are also being accepted through Oct. 26. You can mail a check, in any amount, to Food for Kidz, Boulder Junction Lions Club, Attn: Laura Bertch, P.O. Box 61, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, 54512. Checks should be made payable to: Food for Kidz.

Medicare information series

The library invites the community to a monthly Medicare information series with J. Patrick Smothers on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the community center. The program is “Elder Fraud and Prevention.” Many acts of fraud and scams are targeted against people 60 and older. This program is free and open to everyone. For more information, call the library at 715-385-2050.

Flu shots

The Vilas County Health Department will conduct a flu shots clinic at the Boulder Junction Community Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost of the Quadrivalent flu shot (all ages) is \$30. The cost of the high dose flu shot (65 and older) is \$75. These are payable in cash or check. Medicare Part B will be billed. For more information, call 715-479-3656.



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BOULDER JUNCTION

Grief and Loss Seminar

The Community Church of Boulder Junction is sponsoring a “Grief and Loss Seminar” with guest speaker, Cheri Milton, on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the community center. With compassion and positivity, Cheri presents practical information and biblical insight on how to live and cope with the challenges of anxiety, depression, grief and loss.

This is a free program, but an RSVP is required by calling the Community Church at 715-385-2146 or email the church secretary at Secretary@commchbj.org.

Trail clean up

It's time to sharpen your chain saws and join the Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club on Saturday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8:30 a.m. at the Groomer's Shed, next to the town garage on Park Street. Lunch will be provided afterwards. For more information visit the website: boulderjunctionsc.org.

Bat Fest

Celebrate the critters of the night at North Lakeland Discovery Center's “Bat Fest” on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. This is a free event featuring live bat chat, educational bat activities, walk through a bat cave, crafts, a candlelight stroll and more. Visit the website for a detailed schedule, DiscoveryCenter.net.

At the library

The Afternoon Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the library. The selection is “The Heiress” by Rachel Hawkins. To reserve a copy of the book, call the library or visit the library's website. New readers are always welcome.

Mah Jongg is played every Mon-

day at 1 p.m. New players are encouraged to attend.

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The library's fall hours are now in effect. The library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

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The pantry will be open on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. behind the Community Church on Hwy. K. The Clothes Closet is also open for your clothing needs. For more information, call 715-385-2146.

Senior nutrition sites

Senior meals are served at North Lakeland Elementary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays. “Manners Café” is open at 11 a.m. with meals served at 11:15 a.m. For reservations, call Mary Ellen at 715-904-0065 at least 24 hours in advance.

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American Legion Post 318 meat raffle fundraisers

The 318 American Legion will be holding several meat raffles fundraisers. An event will take place Oct. 12 at Legends in St. Germain located at 420 Highway 70. On Oct. 26, there will be an event Happy Daze in Lake Tomahawk.

Both events will begin at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. The meat is provided by Lake Tomahawk meat market. All proceeds go to the various local veterans' organizations.

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A flu and covid shot program will be provided on Monday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sloan Community Center. Vaccines available include high dose (65+ Only), adult (19+) and children (6 months to 18 years old which are free). Payments accepted including; Medicare/Medicare Advantage,

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NEXTGEN ALS Meat Raffle

The NEXTGEN ALS will be holding a meat raffle fundraiser on Oct. 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Shamrock Pub and Eatery. There will be 50/50 Raffle and bucket raffles. This fundraiser will help support research for ALS — Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Lakeland Area Genealogical Society

The Lakeland Area Genealogical Society (LAGS) will meet Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Minocqua Public Library. Debbie Gurtler, accredited genealogist and family search library expert, will speak on “Where did you find that? Effective Searches on Family Search.org.”

The video presentation will outline different ways to locate records within FamilySearch.org. As always new members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Lake Tomahawk Trunk or Treat

Lake Tomahawk's Halloween Trunk or Treat event will take place at the Sloan Community Center, on Nov. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Even though Halloween will have passed, keep the costumes ready for a fun way to celebrate Halloween! Everyone is welcome!

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Musky Area Woodcarvers

Interested in learning to wood carve or have friends who may be interested? This is a great time as the seasons change with more time available. You might be interested in learning a new skill, meeting new friends and having fun.

It doesn't matter if you know how to carve or just curious on what it's all about. Come check us out. Join this friendly group of wood-friendly woodcarvers and burners that meet every Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sloan Community Center. You can also call 715-525-1634 or see our “Musky Area Wood Carvers” Facebook group site for information and see pictures of our carving activities and events.

MANITOWISH WATERS

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Cranberry tours

Tours are held every Friday at 10 a.m. from late August through early October. Join them on the porch at Cranberry Square Farm Market and enjoy an educational video, question and answer session, and free samples. Then head outside to the marshes for an up-close look at this wonderful fruit. A local grower with the Vilas Cranberry Company will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions, please call 715-543-2778

Winman Trails

Winman is incredibly excited to announce that they will be hosting a NICA Adventure Ride in 2024! Taking place Oct. 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., alongside the NICA Race in Rhinelander, this is a great opportunity for riders of all

ages and abilities to experience Winman. For more information, visit their website www.winmantrails.com/events/ or give them a call at 646-543-8784.



Arin Jelmeland
MANITOWISH WATERS

Koller Library

Retirement and investments — learn about putting your savings to work, types of investments, how to take action and more. The folks from Associated Bank will tackle this topic Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m. The event is free and

no registration is required. For a full list of Koller Library events, more information on Koller Library, or general library questions, please call 715-543-2700 or visit kollerlibrary.org.

North Lakeland Discovery Center

Join Darcy Lanz-Sage for Gelli

Printing Workshop on Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., using “leaves” as our subject! In this workshop you will play with the gelli-plate using leaves and subtle textures. We will experiment with different types of acrylic paints on a variety of papers. Participants should gather their own leaves and press them in a heavy book before coming to the workshop. Paints, papers, brayers and texture items will be provided. Darcy will bring a variety of leaves, too! For a full list of Discovery Center's weekly programs, please visit DiscoveryCenter.net.

Northwoods Art Tour

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Northwoods Art Tour on Oct. 11-13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a unique, self-directed studio tour, in the beautiful northwoods counties of Vilas, Oneida, Iron and Lincoln. For more information, please visit www.northwoodsarttour.com.

Food for Kids

Join the “Food for Kidz” event on Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lakeland High School. The food packaging program serving local food pantries, school backpack programs, and children all over the world! They need 600-plus volunteers (300 each session) to package their goal of 300,000 meals! You can visit signup/go/uarBYrS or call Laura Bertch 715-892-1204 or Meghan Anderson at 715-614-3816. “Walk-in” volunteers are also welcome!

More on Manitowish Waters

For a full list of community events, visit ManitowishWaters.org. Our Visitor Center, 5733 Airport Road, Manitowish Waters, is open 24/7. Stop by to pick up a visitors guide, maps, brochures and area information.

TOWN NEWS

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PLUM LAKE/SAYNER/STAR LAKE

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Plum Lake Library news

Interested in learning about a new exercise? Try Asahi Nordic with instructor Naomi Kauppi. Asahi Nordic Exercise will be held at the library today, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. Join us for this gentle stretching, strengthening, and breathing routine. Classes are free but donations are appreciated.

Knit and Stitch Group meets at 3 p.m. every Monday. All skill levels are welcome to join in the comradeship and conversation!

Storytelling Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m.



Emily Koester
PLUM LAKE

Cookbook Club meets at 6 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. Stop by the library to pick a recipe from the month's selected cookbook. At the end of the month, enjoy a community potluck to sample all the recipes selected!

Take a hike in the woods at the beautiful Awassa Trails and enjoy reading a book along the way. Park at the trailhead behind the St Germain Elementary School and walk the 1.4-mile green loop. This project is a partnership with the St Germain Non-Motorized Trails Committee.

Stop by the library for more information on the Smokey Bear Reading

Challenge or the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program. Did you know the library also offers free passes to the Northwoods Children's Museum in Eagle River?

Contact the library at 715-542-2020 for more information or visit plum-lakelibrary.org. All events take place at the library unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming meeting

The next town board meeting is Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The Vilas County Chamber meeting with Jessica Drallmeier is from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 10.

Plum Lake Fire Dept. and Ambulance Service

The Plum Lake Fire Department

and Ambulance Service are volunteer organizations. To find out more information about joining the team or other ways you can help, attend a meeting or contact the fire station at 715-542-3395 or the EMS building at 715-542-2619. The fire department meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EMS meets the third Tuesday of every month. In October, fire meets Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. and EMS meets Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

Contact me

Please reach out to me at emakoester@gmail.com with any Sayner/Star Lake news you would like in the column!

ST. GERMAIN

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Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament

It's not too late to register for the 36th annual Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament, Oct. 5-6. Come tonight to the registration meeting in the St. Germain Community Center, 545 Hwy. 155. Pete Stoltman and Christina Truppe, local guides, will host the regulation meeting, handout door prizes, and give you tips for a successful fishing weekend. All ages of anglers are invited. Two to three anglers per boat. Prizes for the three biggest muskies will be awarded. Visit the website, st-germain.com, to register or contact the Chamber at 715-477-2205

for more information.

Northwoods Art Tour

Oct. 11-13 is the second art tour for 2024. Forty-four artists at 35 studios will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days to share how they make beautiful and unique items. The tour began in 2000 with only four artists. Take a drive and visit with the local artisans from Boulder Junction, Eagle River, Irma, Land O' Lakes, Manitowish Waters, Minocqua, St. Germain and more! Maps are available at the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce or visit the tour's website at www.northwoodsarttour.com.

Start planning for the holidays

November is the time for craft shows. Nov. 9 is the St. Germain Women's Service Club craft show and cookie walk. Purchase gifts for loved ones (or yourself) and cookies to enjoy at home. Soup and sandwiches will be available, too. Santa Claus will visit and horse-drawn sleigh rides will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 30 is a busy day in St. Germain. The Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Marketplace craft show will be at the community center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Jingle Bell 5K Run will start at 2:30 p.m. This year's race is longer and will be timed. Then, at

4:30 p.m., Santa Claus will visit and light the town's Christmas tree.

Additionally, the chamber will host the Red Box Giveaway during the month of December. Simply visit a member's business and complete an entry form. Winners will be drawn before Christmas.

Do you have an upcoming event?

If you have an upcoming event, please contact the chamber. We'd love to help you spread the word. All news must be submitted two weeks in advance. Call 715-477-2205 or send an email to saintgermainchamber@gmail.com.

MERCER

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Fe University

Slated for Oct. 30 through Nov. 3 in Hurley, FeU's "Intermediate Fine Woodworking: Introduction to Pocket Joinery" with Tim Lutgen. This is a followup to "Intermediate to Joinery" class. Learn more and register at feuniversity.org/class/intermediate-fine-woodworking-level-3-introduction-to-pocket-hole-joinery.



Louise Minisan
MERCER

ence not for the faint of heart. You will walk a dimly lit trail, which is filled with themed costume stations that ranged from strange to spooky and some that are terrifying.

Winter Wonderland Arts and Craft Show

Friday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. at the Boulder Junction Community Center. The event will include a variety of vendors, food and pictures with the Grinch. This is held with in conjunction

with Christmas Walk in downtown Boulder Junction. If you have questions, call 715-385-2400. All vendor spots are taken.

Seeing for Lelyn Pie Auction

Thursday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Manitowish Lions and will take place at Little Bohemia. Come and bid on homemade pies from the community to support this family and Lelyn.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Frank B. Koller Memorial Park in Manitowish Waters. It's a spooktacular afternoon of family fun at the

Manitowish Water's Trunk or Treat event. Bring your little ones and have a super time from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinosaur Dimensions

Saturday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Boulder Junction Public Library. You will get the chance to meet realistic dinosaurs up close and personal.

Mercer Lions Blood Bank

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. In just about an hour you can help provide lifesaving opportunities for patients in need. A blood drive will be held at the Mercer Community Center, on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact Louise by calling or texting at 715-776-0561.

Artist in Residence

The friends of the Mercer Public Library have welcomed artist Sandy Winkleman as the library's final Artist in Residence for 2024. The artist will be featured in exhibits and events at the library from October through the end of December 2024. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the library. The event is

free and all are invited. There will be light refreshments served. This artist does a painting technique known as "dotting." There will be two workshops on creating dot art holiday ornaments at the library during her residency, Nov. 30, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both workshops are free, but space is limited and registration is required. Call the library at 715-476-2366 to register.

Mercer Historical Society

General membership meeting, Oct. 9, 6 to 7 p.m. Meeting is at the historical depot and open to all.

22nd Annual Pumpkin Run Rally ATV/UTV

Oct. 10-13. For event information, go to mercerpumpkinrunrally.com.

Animal Spotlight Hour: Bats

Oct. 12, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Admission is free and will take place at the Nature Center at the Discovery Center. All of those questions you may have such as "How does a salamander eat? What's the benefits of bats? or How big is moose scat?" This program is great for all ages. Please register at the Nature Center by Oct. 10.

PRESQUE ISLE

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Halloween spooktacular

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31, 5 to 8 p.m. Outdoor event located at Pipke Park. Trunk or Treat around the pond and walk the haunted trail. Enjoy a fun evening of scares and candy. Food and beverage will be provided.

Olde Time Christmas

Bring the family out to Pipke Park on Dec. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. for this fun Christmas event! There will be horse-drawn sleigh rides around the pond, sledding, ice skating and a spe-

cial visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause. Food and beverage will be available.

Wilderness Veterans Memorial Flame Foundation

Keep The Flame Lit event: join us at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Chicken, pork with wild mushroom sauce or BBQ sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and coffee. Wine and beer will be available. Carry-outs available too. Tickets:

adults \$25, veterans \$20 and children \$10. Purchase at: Northwood serenity (Presque Isle) or call 715-686-2517. Also available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Wilderness Veterans Memorial Flame Foundation!

Winegar Rider UTV/ATV Club

Note time change: the Winegar Riders invite you to join us for our next meeting on Oct. 9, at Lynx Lake Lodge, food will be provided, at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great time and lots of laughs. If you're

considering becoming a member stop by and meet the group. Membership dues are \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family and \$50 for a business. Current members should send their dues for 2024 to P.O.222 Presque Isle, WI 54557.

Presque Isle Community Library

All about Apples on Friday, Oct. 4, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Join local Martha Kelly to learn the best ways to bake and cook with this delicious fall fruit!

Right: Three-year-old Ayden Weiss colors at the Minocqua Public Library tent.

Below: Nine-year-old Millie Lambert feeds a donkey at the petting zoo.



Below: 10-year-old Amelia Roecker slides down the bounce house.



AN UDDER- LY GOOD TIME AT BEEF-A-RAMA

The 59th annual Beef-A-Rama was held on Sept. 28, in downtown Minocqua.

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Above: John Noel, left, and Tony Pucel during the beef-eating contest.

Left: Three-year-old Maxon Gunawan makes a goal at the American Pond Hockey tent.



Below: Jim Phillips judges meat.



Above: Eight-year-old Mackenna Molski explores the Minocqua Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department fire truck.

Right: Will Jeffery prepares meat for judging.

Below: Crowds watch for the Cow Pie Plop.



Above: Harrison Talbot, left, and Sawyer Reed, right, accept the 2nd place Best Snack award on behalf of Reed Building LLC.



ONEIDA COUNTY COURT

The following cases were recently filed or heard in Oneida County Circuit Court from Sept. 24 to Sept. 30:

Scott A. La Plante, 39, Merrill, is charged with an OWI (4th), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$5,000.

Michelle Renee Skinner, 60, Rhinelander, is charged with bail jumping (felony and misdemeanor) and disorderly conduct, status conference on Oct. 1 at 2:00 p.m. and a competency hearing on Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Laura L. Schultz, 40, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of methamphetamines and an OWI (3rd), adjourned initial appearance on Oct. 15 at 10:00 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

Jeffrey J. Bogart, 40, Eagle River, is charged with possession of methamphetamines, bail jumping (misdemeanor), and possession of drug paraphernalia, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 4 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

Stacy L. Ridgeway, 42, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of methamphetamines and an OWI (3rd), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

Ronald S. Schisel, 55, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with an OWI (4th), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 4 at 3:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$3,000.

Eric J. Weber, 45, Rhinelander, is charged with battery/threat to judge/prosecutor/or law enforcement officer (repeater), attempted battery/threat to judge/prosecutor/or law enforcement officer (repeater), strangulation/suffocation (repeater), bail jumping (felony, repeater), resisting/obstructing an officer (repeater), battery (repeater), and disorderly conduct (repeater), adjourned initial appearance on Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$10,000.

Michael Steven Lange, 46, Rhinelander, is

charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of THC, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 11:15 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

Jessica Ann Armstrong, 33, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with retail theft (intentionally taking <=\$500), initial appearance on Sept. 30 at 4:01 a.m.

Georgia Ann Wooldridge, 33, Minocqua, is charged with disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) and battery (domestic abuse), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 4 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Elizabeth Marie Singh, 43, Antigo, is charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Emily Nicole Samuelson, 20, Rhinelander, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Burton Mmichael Giles Polar, 18, Crandon, is charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor) and retail theft (intentionally taking <=\$500), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Hailey Ann Fritz, 25, Rhinelander, is charged with retail theft (intentionally taking <=\$500), initial appearance on Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Jonelle M. Allen, 32, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with retail theft (intentionally taking <=\$500), initial appearance on Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Bryon Ernest Childers Jr., 42, Rhinelander, is charged with bail jumping (misdemeanor), adjourned initial appearance on Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Nicole Kelly Nelson, 31, Oshkosh, is charged with battery (domestic abuse, infliction of physical pain or injury), criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse, threat), adjourned initial appearance on Nov.

11 at 3:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$650.

Lily M. Eternicka, 21, Rhinelander, is charged with an OWI (2nd), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,000.

Michael John Luker, 33, Rhinelander, is charged with a hit and run, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

Noah Kalob Juedes, 36, Rhinelander, is charged with the misuse of a 911 system, intake on Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Lily Mae Eternicka, 21, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of THC, status conference on Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Richard M. Lego, 55, Wausau, is charged with operating a motorboat within 100 feet of the dock, intake on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Clarence A. Grissom, 56, Rhinelander, is charged with open burning, intake on Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Gary L. Churkey, 25, Mosinee, is charged with operating a motorboat within 100 feet of the dock, intake on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Jeremy John Vogel, 47, Fort Atkinson, is charged with hunting with an improper license (R), intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Joseph John Dallapiazza, 37, Weston, is charged with hunting migratory game birds without being enrolled in HIP, intake on Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Andrew Austin Lindner, 45, Rhinelander, is charged with hunting without required approval (R), intake on Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Deklan Carrick McQuade, 16, Woodruff, is charged with operating a personal watercraft (12-15 years old) and violating the right angle boat approach rule, intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Michael John Luker, 33, Rhinelander, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, status conference on Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m.

MINOCQUA POLICE REPORT

Sept. 9

6:04 p.m. Dispatch received a report of chickens going onto the caller's property from a neighbor's property on State Highway 47 near Denise Drive. The reporting party was advised this was a zoning issue and the county zoning department was made aware of the situation.

Sept. 10

5:06 p.m. Dispatch received a call reporting a drunk driver southbound on U.S. Highway 51 coming from Vilas County. The person was found at a Woodruff bar and fled from officers in his vehicle. The vehicle was pulled over on Hwy. 47 near the intersection of Cedar Street and a traffic stop conducted on the individual who was arrested for a fourth offense of operating while intoxicated (OWI), operating a motor vehicle after revocation of his driver's license, failure to install an ignition interlock device (IID), resisting arrest and obstructing an officer and possession of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

Sept. 11

10:28 p.m. 911 call from a residence on Brunner's Point Road. Individual told police they had accidentally called 911 while attempting to do something with their phone.

Sept. 12

8:46 a.m. The school resource officer (SRO) at Lakeland Union High School warned a driver about passing a school bus that had its red lights activated near the high school.

12:58 p.m. Accidental 911 call received by dispatch from a residence on West Milwaukee Street.

Sept. 16

10:17 a.m. The student resource officer (SRO) at Lakeland Union High School made contact with students who had their vehicles not parked within the lines of parking stalls. The vehicles were parked correctly.

11:05 a.m. A person at a business on U.S. Highway 51 was advised by police they were no longer welcome at the business and if they should ever return from this "trespass" they would be ei-

ther cited or arrested.

2:31 p.m. A man was issued a citation for shoplifting from Walmart and advised to never return to the store.

3:22 p.m. Police arrested a man in the Marshfield Medical Center for disorderly conduct and two charges of felony bail jumping.

Sept. 17

12:38 p.m. Accidental 911 call from a residence at the intersection of Lakeview Drive and Old Highway 70. The individual told police they couldn't figure out how to turn off their phone.

1:35 p.m. A person who attempted to purchase a firearm at a business on Hwy. 51 and initially informed they couldn't were advised they could after further investigation.

2:03 p.m. Paperwork was filled out for a dog bite complaint at a residence on State Highway 70. The paperwork was sent to the Oneida County public health department for followup.

2:35 p.m. A woman who had fallen near the intersection of Hwy. 70 and Northridge Way was assisted to her residence at Morgan Oaks Apartments.

Sept. 18

12:18 a.m. A homeless man reported to be sleeping in front of a restaurant was advised he couldn't sleep on private property and he moved on.

7:33 a.m. Dispatch received the report of a man at Kwik Trip who hadn't purchased anything and was staring at members of the store's staff, making them uncomfortable. It was discovered by police this was the same homeless individual who was told earlier he couldn't sleep on private property. He was advised he was no longer welcome at Kwik Trip and should he return, he would be cited for trespassing or arrested.

12:27 p.m. One driver involved in a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Hwy. 51 and Hwy. 70 was cited for unsafe lane deviation.

VILAS COUNTY COURT

The following cases were recently filed or heard in Vilas County Circuit Court from Sept. 24 to Sept. 30:

Brian C. Wolfe, 33, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with possession of methamphetamines and bail jumping (misdemeanor), preliminary hearing on Oct. 4 at 2:30 p.m. and a cash bond of \$500.

Pauline F. Linklater, 47, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with disorderly conduct, initial appearance on Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Jenna R. Duranso, 21, Manitowish Waters, is

charged with possession of an illegally obtained prescription, initial appearance on Oct. 21 at 10:00 a.m. and a cash bond of \$250.

Rebecca S. La Barge, 59, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, status hearing on Oct. 9 at 8:30 a.m. and an adjourned initial appearance on Oct. 28 at 9:00 a.m. and a cash bond of \$100.

Tina M. Baxter, 55, Phelps, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 9:15 a.m.

Elizabeth M. Nevill, 62, Eagle River, is charged with possess hazardous substance with the intent to abuse hazardous substance, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 25 at 10:45 a.m. and a signature bond of \$500.

Angelo C. Esposito, 28, Arbor Vitae, is charged with operating while revoked (rev due to alc/contr subst/refusal), initial appearance on Oct. 21 at 9:15 a.m.

Michael Anthony Even-son, 30, Eagle River, is charged with having dogs at large/untagged, intake on Oct. 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Stargazing with Northwoods Explorers at Nicolet College tonight

Stargazing with the Northwoods Explorers is at Nicolet College on Friday, Oct. 4, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. on the field near the Fieldside Center. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available.

Join the Northwoods Explorers in the expanse of the Nicolet College Field. With good weather, we will set up telescopes and binoculars to view Saturn, the Andromeda Galaxy, M13-the huge globular cluster in Hercules, M57-the Ring Nebula in Lyra and a few double stars. It's very enjoyable looking at objects in the Milky Way and beyond through a good telescope with a group of experienced stargazers and enthusiasts. For casual observing, we use green lasers that seem to reach the stars to help guide the way. All are welcome.

The east entrance off of Highway G is Nicolet Way (aka Day Care Road) not the main entrance (College Drive). If you take the main entrance, you'll need to drive one way through the campus to reach the parking area for Fieldside Center.

Boulder Junction Public Library Art in the Library October exhibit

The Boulder Junction Public Library welcomes the public to view their October Art in the Library exhibit with art work from oil painter, Sandra Cashman. Her artwork will be on display throughout the library during regular business hours.

The public is invited to meet the artist during an Artist's Reception on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the library. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

Sandra Cashman is an oil painter living in Manitowish Waters. Growing up in the Hudson River Valley in New York, Sandy began painting at age 11 with encouragement from her mother and other artistic mentors. She passionately pursued art classes and workshops throughout her formal schooling and beyond.

With a Bachelor's degree in communications and TV production, she joined a promising young video production company, and spent 28 years as a managing partner at what became a leading Wisconsin advertising agency and production company. Her formal career took her to top golf courses



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOGRAPH

Oil painter Sandra Cashman will be the featured artist for Boulder Junction Public Library's Art in the Library October exhibit.

throughout the country and she was moved to photograph and paint them. She received numerous commissions to paint "Top 100" courses, and soon became recognized in golf circles, where her art was featured in several golf publications.

Recently retired, Sandy and her husband and their two basset hounds now live on Little Manitowish Lake where she converted a horse barn into a dedicated art studio. She contributes her business skills to the local art community, as treasurer of the Manito Art League and member of the Northwoods Art

Tour. An avid hiker, kayaker, gardener, chef and golfer, she feels she has finally come "home" to where she was always meant to be. Her focus today is to continue to be an "endless learner," to grow and refine her skills as a painter, and to capture and share those magic moments that can only be found in Wisconsin's beautiful Northwoods.

For questions about the Art in the Library exhibits, the application process, or the Artwork policy, please email the library at info@boulder-junction.wislib.org or call the library at 715-385-2050.

Mercer Pumpkin Run ATV/UTV Rally Oct. 10-13

The 22nd Annual Pumpkin Run ATV/UTV Rally kicks off Columbus Day weekend in Mercer. The event, held Oct. 10-13, promotes riding in Iron County — the ultimate ATV and UTV adventure! A multi-day poker run, ATV, UTV and lawn tractor pulls, the Great Pumpkin Parade through downtown Mercer, and a pumpkin party on Saturday night are some of the rally highlights.

The fun starts on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. with registration and packet pick-up at both the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce and the Hurley Chamber until 4 p.m. The poker run, with stops at businesses throughout Iron County, begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday and runs through Sunday until 6 p.m. The cost to participate in the poker run is \$20 for one sheet, \$30 for two sheets. On Friday, Oct. 11, we are bring back the fan favorite activity from last year offered at Lazy Ace Saloon; a pull, where riders may test their skills against the Z Force ATV Sled, which will begin at 2 p.m. ATVs, UTVs and lawn tractors will compete in different classes for prizes. The cost is \$10 for the first pull and \$5 for a second try. Riders may sign-up online at MercerPumpkinRunRally.com or in-person the day of the pull.

Saturday is a day filled of fun events: new this year, is a Mud Pit held at Liberty Way Tap House from noon to 4

p.m.! An old-time favorite, The Great Pumpkin Parade, will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, through downtown Mercer. ATVs and UTVs may begin to lineup at the Mercer DNR Ranger Station at 4 p.m. Riders are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and wear costumes in keeping with a Halloween theme. Prizes will be awarded. The rally concludes with a Pumpkin Party at Cleveland's Clubhouse at Beaver Lodge in Mercer, right after the parade. The Pumpkin Party features raffles, food, drink, a bonfire, and live music. Poker Run participants may draw their final hands for a chance to win cash prizes.

Mercer is the place to spend the Columbus Day weekend, with over 200 miles of ATV/UTV trails, special Pumpkin Rally offers at area businesses, activities with fellow riders, and loads of opportunities to win prizes.

The Mercer Pumpkin Run ATV/UTV Rally is organized by the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce with the help of The Mercer Dusty Loons ATV Club, as well as the Hurley Chamber of Commerce, Iron County businesses and volunteers.

For information on registration, cost, activities and times, please visit MercerPumpkinRunRally.com, call the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce office at 715-476-2389 or email info@mercerc.com.



Thank you Trig and Tula Solberg

Providing a helping hand is what makes our communities great. We want to express our gratitude to Trig and Tula Solberg. Your generosity strengthens our small-town communities. You continue to lead and we congratulate you on making a lasting impact on the Northwoods of Wisconsin!



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BBB Tip: buying a car online

What comes to mind when you think about purchasing a car? For many, it's driving from dealer to dealer in search of the right vehicle. Then, when you find the car you want, you must spend hours in an office haggling for the best price while trying to understand the financing and payment terms. See Better Business Bureau's (BBB) tips on buying a new and used car.

Given the stress often involved in buying a car in person, many dealers are figuring out ways to simplify the process by moving it online.

Why buy a car online?

One main perk of purchasing a car online is that there is less emotion involved. It's easier to stay detached when chatting with someone remotely, and this could help you make a clear-headed purchase. Also, any discussion you have about pricing or financing generally comes through email, which means you have everything in writing and can thoroughly review the terms without a salesperson nearby. You can make this significant spending decision on your own time, even after regular business hours.

How to buy a car online

If you are considering buying a car online, BBB recommends the following tips to help you avoid getting

scammed and get the best deal possible:

Set a budget. Before you set out to find the perfect car, it is crucial to establish a budget. You will also want to factor in the monthly expenses of owning a vehicle, including insurance payments, fuel, parking, and routine maintenance and repairs. A clearly defined budget will make choosing a car, negotiating with a dealer, and getting a loan much more straightforward.

Do thorough research. Assess your personal needs first. Do you need a large vehicle for a big family? Do you spend much time on the road and want good fuel economy? The answers to these questions will help you narrow down the makes and models as you search for a vehicle that fits your needs. Once you have narrowed your search, compare models you are interested in, keeping a close eye on safety ratings, owner reviews, and warranties. Visit manufacturer websites to see detailed images of each car and research MPG statistics, interior options, cargo space, towing capacity, and more. The more time you spend on these initial steps, the more comfortable you will feel when purchasing.

Shop for a deal. While you are still doing research, don't forget to look for

deals! These may include cash-back deals, rebates, low-interest financing options, or incentives for recent graduates, military veterans, rideshare drivers like Uber and Lyft, or first responders. In addition, many dealers are willing to make price cuts on previous year models or any model that did not sell as well as expected. Purchasing one of these surplus vehicles can mean extra incentives from the dealer.

Prequalify for a loan. Prequalifying for a loan gives you a few advantages when approaching a dealer to make a purchase. First, you can set a reasonable price range that fits your budget. Second, when approaching a dealer with a pre-approved loan, you give them a price limit they must meet to make a sale, saving you money. Of course, most car dealers offer their in-house financing for consumers, but you may get lower interest rates on loans from your bank or credit union, so it's important to compare.

Search dealers for inventory. Now that you have a specific make and model in mind and a pre-approved loan, you're ready to start shopping. You can search for a specific car or browse a dealer's inventory online to see what they have on hand. You can include out-of-town dealers and online-only deal-

ers as well. Check to see if they charge high delivery fees to your area. If so, starting with a local search and expanding it might be a good idea if you don't find what you want.

Take advantage of online showrooms to get a close look at the vehicle. Many online dealers feature dozens of photos from various angles so that you can inspect each car closely from the comfort of your home. Compare the offerings of multiple dealers and BBB Pro tip: Be sure that you check each dealer's business ratings, reviews, and complaint history on BBB.org before you reach out to them. And Look for the BBB Seal: It's the Sign of a Better Business!

Speak with internet sales managers. When you find a trustworthy dealer (such as a BBB Accredited car dealer) with a car you want, it is time to contact the sales manager. During your initial conversations, focus on what car you are interested in, whether they have it or can get it, and how much they will sell it for. Give the sales manager the general price range that fits your budget. If things go smoothly and you feel good about purchasing with this dealer, you can arrange a test drive with the sales manager or move forward toward making the purchase. If you are considering purchas-

ing a certified pre-owned vehicle, now is the time to request a copy of the vehicle history report.

Test drive the vehicle. You should always take a test drive before you sign the final paperwork. There is no substitute for seeing a car in person, looking under the hood, sitting in the driver's seat, and ensuring the engine runs smoothly. To do so, you may need to travel to the dealer's place of business. Some dealers offer the ability to test drive upon delivery, and if anything isn't as expected, you may cancel the sale. Take the route that works best for you, but never skip the test drive.

Complete the sale at the dealer or upon delivery. If everything checks out, decide how you will complete the sale. It is still usually necessary to sign the final paperwork in person. If you would rather avoid visiting the dealership, ask about delivery. Some dealers will drop off the car at your home or business and allow you to sign upon delivery.

Avoid online car sales scams

There are many pros to buying a car online, but caution is also needed.

Anytime you shop online, and especially when making an expensive purchase like a car, you should keep the following tips in mind:

- Watch out for too-good-to-be-true deals. They are most likely a scam. Scammers often steal consumers' personal information and money by offering them high-value goods at extremely discounted prices.

- Be cautious about wiring funds or completing bank-to-bank transactions. Scammers love this kind of transaction because you cannot get your money back once it is

completed. Instead, make legitimate purchases by check or credit card.

- Contact the seller by phone. During your negotiations, speak with the sales manager on the phone. If they are unusually vague about specific details of the sale or cannot confirm their location or the vehicle's location, it's most likely a scam.

- See the car first. Never buy a car without making an in-person inspection and taking a test drive first.

- Don't give in to pressure. Scammers often pressure you to give up your personal information or make a down payment before you have time to consider the purchase. Take your time and think a deal over before agreeing to anything. If you get a bad feeling, listen to your gut.

- Don't trust a seller or buyer who says the transaction is "guaranteed" by eBay, PayPal, Craigslist, or another online marketplace. These sites explicitly explain they cannot guarantee that people using their services are legitimate. Anyone who says otherwise is lying.

For more information

To learn more, see the BBB tips on buying a new car and buying a used car. You can also look up car dealerships at BBB.org to check their business rating and read customer reviews. Read BBB's Standards for Trust.

For more information or further inquiries, contact the Wisconsin BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin, 414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002.

Consumers also can find more information about how to protect themselves from scams by following the Wisconsin BBB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Beautiful Amber Lake Rd Home with Acreage



Almost 4,000 sq. ft., 4-bedroom, 3 1/2-bathroom home, on 10+ heavily wooded acres. Some of the many features of this well-maintained home include a floor to ceiling fieldstone fireplace, custom kitchen cabinets, first floor primary bedroom suite, surround sound, a large sundeck with attached gazebo, heated bathroom floors, an infrared sauna, a large loft area, bamboo floors, and a fenced in front yard. An attached 2-car garage, and a detached 2-car carport offer plenty of storage space for vehicles and the necessary up-north toys. Hike, X-C ski, snowshoe, ATV, and snowmobile the half mile of trails in the large 10-acre parcel, or hunt from the three deer hunting stands. This property is located on a dead end, blacktop road, just minutes from downtown Minocqua, and a short distance from the boat landing on 736-acre Amber Lake, which offers excellent fishing, boating, and kayaking. Enjoy everything the has the Northwoods has to offer, without paying lakefront taxes. Motivated Seller!

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Generations Memory Workshop on Oct. 11

If you ask anyone what bothers them the most about their health, most often they say it's their memory. It is the number one health concern for Baby Boomers. This memory workshop will help you understand what is normal, age-related memory loss and what is cause for concern. You will learn some easy techniques to improve your memory function. Bring your questions and your friends!

This workshop will be held Friday, Oct. 11, from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Generations, located in the lower level of the Lakeside Plaza at the corner of U.S. Highway 51 and County Highway J. Geri Heppe, MS gerontologist, will speak. This event is free to Generations members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP to Trish at Generatons at 715-356-9118.

Local author Kristin Lenz announces new book 'Adventure Awaits'

Kristin Lenz is set to release her new book, "Adventure Awaits," with Harvest House Publishers on Oct. 1. The book offers practical advice on identifying passions, making dreams a reality, and connecting with others meaningfully.

"Adventure Awaits" features photography of Minocqua and the Northwoods and provides readers with tools and strategies for decision-making and practical action steps.



Kristin Lenz

Lenz, a writer, podcaster, speaker, and shop owner, shares her experiences, faith and insights to inspire readers to pursue their passions.

Kristin Lenz will be signing books at White Arrows Home, 7735 Hwy. 51 S., on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information visit www.whitearrowshome.com.



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Little Rice Fire Department hosts family awareness day

In recognition of Fire Prevention Month, the Little Rice Fire Department serving the towns of Lynne and Little Rice, is excited to invite the community to two "Fired Up For Safety: Family Awareness Day" events. These events will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12, in Lynne and Saturday, Oct. 19, in Little Rice, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Both events aim to promote fire safety awareness and offer families an opportunity to learn more about the services provided by the fire department, including fire and emergency medical services. The events will feature hands-on activities for all ages, and the possibility of a Life Link medical helicopter landing at 10:30 a.m. at both locations.

The Lynne event will be outside the former Willow Region Fire House, 5086 Willow Road, and the Little Rice event will be at the Little Rice Fire Station, 3737 Highway Y. Both events run from 10 a.m. to noon.

Activities include:
 • Fire safety training: Learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher with hands-on demonstrations and practice using a

fire extinguisher on a controlled fire.

• Special rescue equipment display: See the fire department's specialized rescue units, including our boat, off road vehicle and ice rescue equipment.

• Fire equipment display: Explore fire trucks and equipment and take photos with the crew.

• EMS training: Practice step-by-step CPR on practice mannequins, Learn how to administer Narcan and the Heimlich maneuver. Get a free blood pressure reading.

• Family-friendly fun: Cookies, coffee, and water will be provided by the fire department's canteen and rehab unit.

• Life Link Medical Helicopter (Pending): A potential helicopter landing at 10:30 a.m., offering attendees a close-up look at emergency air-medical transportation.

The "Fired Up for Safety" events are open to the public of all ages and we encourage families, children, adults and seniors to participate in this day of education. Applications for various volunteer roles within the fire department and EMS services will be available on-site.

For more information, contact chief Larry Mathein at 715-612-5514 or email littlericefire@gmail.com.

Let's work together to enhance our community's safety and commemorate Fire Prevention Month in a fun and informative way. We hope to see everyone there!

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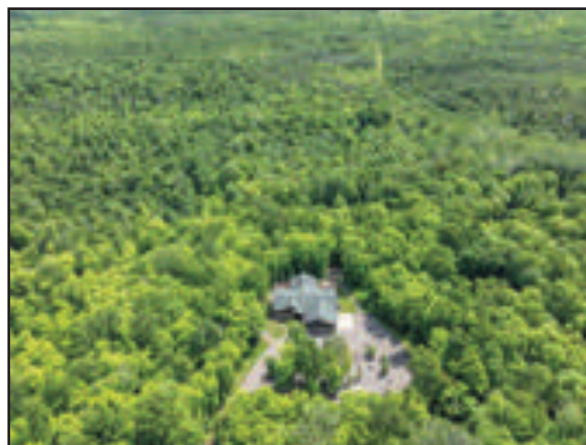
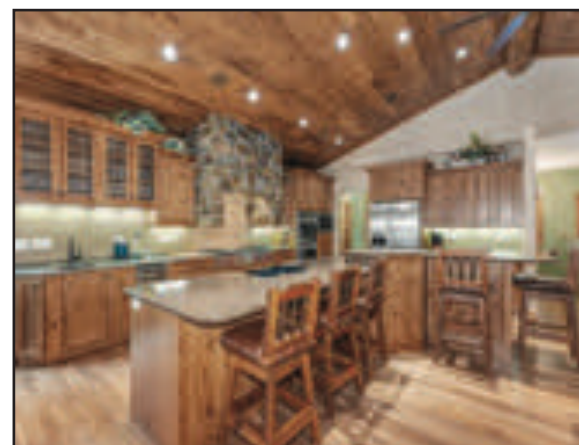
Northwoods Feature Property of the Week

One of a kind property near Michigan border

Located minutes from the Michigan border but only an hour from Minocqua, this beautiful home is tastefully decorated with high-end finishes. Designed for entertaining, it features four bedrooms and three bathrooms on the first floor, and four bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms on the lower level - your guests won't want to leave. The main floor is open concept, has a walk-in pantry, office, laundry room and is set up for an elevator. The lower level space has a custom bar, wine cellar, large family room, and exercise/hot tub room. Imagine 2,138 acres with 40+/- miles of trails, hunting, food plots, deer stands, woods, fields, swamps, creek, two heated sheds, and borders the Montreat River and state land. A private campground with six electric sites and RV hook ups at the sheds. UTV and snowmobile on your own trails or hook up to main trails for all day riding. Being sold turn key with almost all of the furniture/furnishings. Equipment list available upon request. More information on the property available upon request.

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Northwoods Veterans Homestead sponsor Nov. 9 pig roast

On Nov. 9 in Rhinelander, the Northwoods Veterans Homestead is sponsoring a pig roast to gain capital and help homeless veterans in the Northwoods and beyond.

The pig roast is at Cabaret Cove, 1540 Pueblo Drive in Rhinelander, and there will be live music performed by Wolfman. There will also be 50/50 Plinko raffle baskets.

Plates are \$20, \$10 for kids three to 12 years old and free for kids two and under. To-go boxes are available.

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 - 8.49 AC lot, landscaped, close to town
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Tom Doyle Lake



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 - 481' sand frtg, 1.69 picturesque AC
 - DaVinci FP, primary BR, loft, full bsmt
- \$795,000 MLS#209122

Little Spider Lake



- 3 BR/3 BA, 3180 finished sq ft
 - 223' sand frtg, 3 AC, gazebo
 - 4 car garage + workshop, gas fireplace
- \$734,000 MLS#208528

Manitowish Waters



- 3 BR/3 BA open concept, new kitchen
 - 6.42 AC, landscaped patio & grounds
 - Multiple outbuildings, close to bike trail
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Rhineland



- 3 BR/2 BA, 2024 new spec build
 - 1900+ fin sq ft & 1700+ sq ft unfin bsmt
 - 2 car att garage, 1.5+ AC, 5 BR septic
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 - 5 AC, on snowmobile & ATV trails
 - Attached 2 car garage & 30x48 pole building
- \$495,000 MLS#207465

Moss Lake



- 2 BR/2 BA, 1116 sq ft
 - 120' sand frtg, spacious deck
 - 0.79 AC lot, 2 stall garage, shed
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- 240 AC, Ottawa National Forest
 - Lake Gogebic nearby, low taxes
 - Investment opportunity, CFA plan
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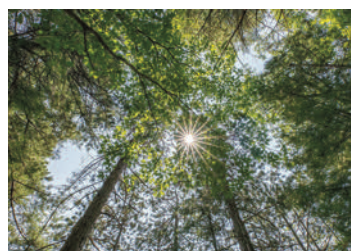
- 2 BR/2 BA year-round home
 - 200' frtg, 1.72 AC, great privacy
 - Fishing boat access to White Sand Lake
- \$379,900 MLS#209067

Big St. Germain Lake



- 2 BR/2 BA, 1008 sq ft 4 season cottage
 - 400' shared sand frtg, resort amenities
 - Gas log fireplace, 3 seasons room
- \$325,000 MLS#208175

Long Lake - Newbold



- 4.75 AC gorgeous parcel, panoramic views
 - 1131' of peninsula frtg, full rec lake
 - Lots on Long Lake are rarely available
- \$318,000 MLS#202431

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

Presque Isle



- 10.15 AC, wooded lot, private preserve
 - Exclusive access to four lakes
 - Borders state land, close to BJ amenities
- \$50,000 MLS#205467



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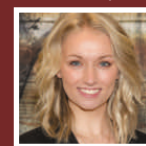
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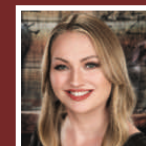
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