

College seeks community input on well issue

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER
EDITOR

Town of Pelican residents, and other interested parties, will have at least two more opportunities to express their thoughts on the possible addition of a municipal well and pumphouse to Nicolet College's Lake Julia campus.

The college is holding a "neighborhood listening session" on the well issue from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. The session, to be held at the Northwoods Center Room 207, will precede the regular monthly meeting of the school's board of trustees, which is scheduled to start at 4:30.

"The trustees will not be present for the neighborhood listening session," according to information posted on the Nicolet website announcing the event. "President Ferrel and other College leaders will be there. This is intended to be more of an informal conversation and discussion format, which will allow us to interact and engage with folks' questions and concerns."

Input on the well issue will also be accepted during the public comment portion of the board of trustees' meeting at 4:30 p.m.

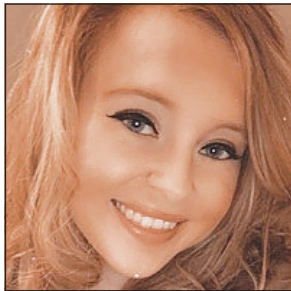
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Appeals court affirms conviction in Oneida County murder case

Co-defendant to be released to extended supervision in 2026

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The third district court of appeals in Wausau has affirmed the first-degree intentional homicide conviction of a Rhinelander man who was sentenced to life in prison for executing his former girlfriend on a local roadside in the summer of 2021.



Hannah Rose Miller

The three-judge panel announced its decision on May 6, noting that Christopher Terrell Anderson's appellate attorney, Roberta Heckes, had filed a "no-merit report" that the defendant did not contest. The court also conducted an independent review of the record and concluded that "there are no arguably meritorious issues for appeal" in the case.

The body of 26-year-old Hannah R. Miller was found on the side of River Bend Road on the morning of June 30, 2021. She was shot four times, once in the chest, twice in the back, and once in the back of head.

Two citizen witnesses reported having seen Miller standing with a black man by a white SUV at the scene of the crime minutes before the shooting, the appeals court noted in its summary of the case. One of those witnesses identified the man as Anderson, after first seeing a photograph of Anderson that law enforcement had released to the media and then having an officer show the same photograph to her. Other witnesses re-

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State Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelanders) listens as constituents express their thoughts on the next state budget during a listening session at Rhinelander City Hall Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The topic of wake boat regulation dominated the discussion, with several speakers urging Swearingen, and State Sen. Mary Felzkowksi, right, to push for restrictions to protect the pristine lakes of the Northwoods. The Tomahawk Republican noted that she is organizing a meeting of stakeholders on this issue to take place in Madison on May 28.

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Four new CWD cases detected in Oneida, Vilas wild deer herd

BY KURT KRUEGER
VILAS NEWS-REVIEW CORRESPONDENT

Four new cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the wild deer herd were detected last fall from hunter-provided samples in Vilas and Oneida counties, more proof that the prion disease is slowly spreading statewide.

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), just one of those new detections came from Vilas, where a yearling buck harvested in an area between Spring Meadow and Anvil Lake east of Eagle River tested positive.

That is just the second positive detection in Vilas, the first of which occurred just east of the city of Eagle River in 2021.

In Oneida, where there were previously just four positive cases in the Harrison Hills area near the border of Oneida and Lincoln counties, three new cases were detected.

One of those involved a 3 1/2-year-old doe that was harvested just northwest of Stella Lake and a second was a 3 1/2-year-old doe harvested east of Jennie Webber Lake.

The third case, involving a 3 1/2-year-old buck, was taken in a large block of county-owned land and mixed industrial forest located between Rhinelander and Pelican Lake, about two miles south of the Pelican River.

CWD is a fatal, infectious nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk and reindeer/caribou. It belongs to the family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) or prion diseases.

According to the DNR, CWD occurs only in members of the cervid or deer family, both wild and captive.

For the 2024 season, DNR herd health specialist Erin Larson said the department focused its efforts on increasing sample collection in designated priority areas in northern and central counties where recent positive cases showed in both game farms and the wild herd.

She said additional samples tested from the priority areas helped the DNR better understand disease levels and distribution in areas with recent detections.

There were 272 deer tested in Vilas, one of them positive, and 361 deer tested in Oneida, with three of them

positive.

In total, 17,399 deer were sampled throughout the state during the 2024 CWD year, with 1,786 samples testing positive.

Most (89%) of these detections were in the Southern Farmland Zone, with the largest impact in a seven county area west of Madison — the area where CWD was first detected in 2002.

Those counties include Dane, Columbia, Iowa, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Crawford. There were 1,334 positive CWD cases in those seven counties last year.

A full breakdown of sampled and positive totals by zone and year is available on the DNR's Summary of CWD Statewide Surveillance webpage. Results by county are also available on the DNR's CWD Deer Testing Results by County webpage.

The website also includes a new map of the CWD-positive detections in wild deer, showing both the historic detections (2001-2023) and the 2024 detections.

According to Larson, a total of 242 sampling locations were available throughout the state, including 166 self-sampling kiosks and 76 staffed sites. Disposal sites (154 in total), including dumpsters, landfills and transfer stations, were available for deer carcass waste.

She said the average number of days statewide from when a sample was dropped off at a sampling location to when the CWD result was emailed to the hunter was 8.4 days.

"The DNR sincerely thanks all the hunters who submitted a sample for CWD, the business owners who managed a CWD sampling site, and those who participated in the Adopt-a-Kiosk or Adopt-a-Dumpster partnerships this year," she said.

This year, two counties within the priority sampling areas, Pierce and Menominee, had their first wild CWD-positive detection. In the northern part of the state, Polk and Vilas detected the second wild positive in the county.

Several areas in eastern Wisconsin saw additional positive detections in 2024. Waushara and Fond du Lac had only detected one positive prior to the 2024 season, and each county detected several additional positives. Waupaca detected its third CWD positive. Shawano detected three additional CWD positives, and two of

them were in different areas of the county from past detections.

CWD positives were also detected in several of the counties in the west-central or central part of the state including Adams, Buffalo, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Monroe, Portage and Trempealeau.

ENDEMIC AREA

CWD sampling in southern Wisconsin continues to help measure disease patterns and changes in the disease prevalence over time.

During the 2024 CWD year, 7,680 samples were tested in the Southern Farmland Zone, and 1,583 were positive for CWD.

Additionally, the DNR shares results from a large CWD study on the endemic area, the area of southwest Wisconsin, where CWD was first detected. These results (from the Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer and Predator Study) were recently presented to the Natural Resources Board (NRB).

The results showed that CWD substantially reduces deer survival rates, suppresses population growth, and can cause deer populations to decline in areas where CWD prevalence is high. While there are areas of high CWD prevalence in several counties in southern Wisconsin, the prevalence rate is not consistent throughout those counties or the entire state.

REST OF THE STATE

Two counties (outside of the priority sampling areas and endemic area), Chippewa and Manitowoc, had their first wild positive detection in 2024. Oconto County detected its second wild positive in the center of the county, three years after the first positive was detected.

"Although we have detected CWD in new areas of the state in recent years, many of these areas are at a low prevalence rate, and opportunities still remain to slow the spread and growth of the disease statewide," said Larson.

The DNR reminds the public that there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans to date. However, public health officials recommend against consuming meat from deer that test positive for CWD and to consider testing deer prior to consumption, especially in areas prevalent with CWD.

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Decision on RHS graduation location coming soon as dome work continues

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The Hodag Dome has been reinflated and School District of Rhinelander officials are hopeful the Rhinelander High School Class of 2025 will be able to celebrate commencement in the newly repaired facility.

"Last week, the Dome was successfully re-inflated, and the repair process continues to move forward thanks to the incredible teamwork and dedication of many," district officials said in a press release. "In the past several days, cables on the exterior of the Dome were adjusted, and patching of exterior holes was completed. The maintenance team is now focused on patching remaining holes on the inside of the Dome and expects that work to continue through next week. Additionally, lighting repairs are underway inside the facility, with more lighting to be installed on the tennis court side of the Dome to enhance visibility and safety. While the Dome itself is progressing well, repairs to the tennis courts and track—both of which sustained damage—will need to occur at a later date but remain a high

priority for completion as soon as possible.

A promising report from Arizon received on Monday morning, May 5, indicates the Dome will be ready to host Rhinelander High School's graduation ceremony on June 1. A final decision on the location of graduation will be made by the end of the week, district officials said.

Superintendent Eric Burke expressed his appreciation for the collaborative efforts that have brought the Dome closer to full functionality:

"We are incredibly grateful to our School District of Rhinelander maintenance team, the Arizon team, CD Smith, and the City of Rhinelander for their hard work and continued support throughout this process. The progress we've made is a testament to the power of collaboration and community."

Burke also extended his gratitude to the greater Rhinelander community for its ongoing patience and encouragement:

"Thank you to our community for your support and understanding as we work through this challenge. The Hodag Dome has become such an important resource to our school district and the broader community, and we are committed to restoring it to full use as quickly and safely as possible."

Work is also ongoing to improve the Dome's emergency power system. The district maintenance team is actively coordinating with insurance company engineers, as well as representatives from Trane and Wolter, to enhance the reliability of backup power in the event of an outage.

The district will continue to provide updates as work progresses and will announce the final graduation venue decision by the end of the week.

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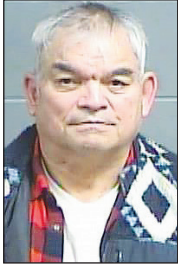
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Trey L. Dehusson, 35, Rhinelander. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY



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Shyenne M. Basswood, 55, Lac du Flambeau. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY



John Y. Haygood, 22, Antigo. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY

ONEIDA COUNTY COURT REPORT

MAY 1-7
Kyle J. Bushong, 36, Rhinelander, substantial battery-intend bodily harm, disorderly conduct, both with domestic abuse modifiers, both charges on administrative disposition.

Bobbilee Fae Hauri, 35, Rhinelander, bail jumping-felony with repeater modifier, \$1000 signature bond, AIA June 16.

Gage J. Blackwell, 34, Rhinelander, OWI (4th with passenger < 16 years old), \$5000 signature bond, AIA June 2.

Paul D. Whitford, 58, Rhinelander, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$1000 signature bond, AIA May 23.

Brian R. West, 56, Three Lakes, operating with PAC (4th), \$1500 signature bond, AIA June 9.

Robert Alan Stelzel, 41, Minocqua, battery, disorderly conduct, both with domestic abuse modifiers, \$650 cash bond, AIA May 19.

Daniel S. Bocek, 49, Crandon, knowingly violate a domestic abuse order-injunction, disorderly conduct, both with domestic abuse modifiers, \$650 cash bond, AIA May 22.

Nicki Nicole Boettcher, 34, Rhinelander, resisting or obstructing an officer, \$500 signature bond, AIA May 12.

Augustine T. Allen, 33, Lac du Flambeau, possession of methamphetamine, four charges bail

jumping-misdemeanor, possession of illegally obtained prescription, each with repeater modifiers, all charges dismissed but read in, bail jumping-felony with repeater modifier, possession of narcotic drugs with repeater modifier, guilty due to no contest plea, 3 years WHS/POP.

Christopher D. Heldt, 50, Wausau, possession of methamphetamine, guilty due to no contest plea, 2 years probation, 6 months jail.

Tisha M. Mickelson, 43, Rhinelander, possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed on prosecutor's motion, possession of methamphetamine with PTAC modifier, guilty due to no contest plea, 2 years WHS/POP.

John R. Regalia, 63, Eagle River, sex offender-failure to update information, guilty due to no contest plea, 18 months WHS/POP.

Aaron M. Zacharias, 45, Three Lakes, disorderly conduct/cause disturbance, guilty due to no contest plea, \$100 fine.

Michael Robert Greedy, 44, Minocqua, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, dismissed on prosecutor's motion, OWI (2nd), guilty due to no contest plea, 5 days jail, \$1718 fine, 16 months driver's license revocation, 16 months IID.

Matthew Tyler Rockwood, 32, Rhinelander, disorderly conduct

with repeater and use of a dangerous weapon modifiers, guilty due to no contest plea, 1 year jail.

Brittany J. Mortier, 36, intentionally mistreat animals, deferred prosecution or sentence, intentionally impair animal shelter-sanitation, dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

Dorrian Alan Derks-Williams, 22, Clintonville, two charges of burglary-building or dwelling, charges dismissed but read in, burglary-building or dwelling, guilty due to no contest plea, 2 years WHS/POP.

ABBREVIATION KEY:

DPA - Deferred Prosecution Agreement

DEJ - Deferred Entry of Judgment

WSP - Wisconsin State Prison

ES - Extended Supervision

PAC - Prohibited Alcohol Concentration

IID - Ignition Interlock Device

DL - Driver's license

AIA - Adjourned initial appearance

PTAC - Party to a crime

WHS/POP - Withhold sentence/period of probation

DRI - Dismissed but read in

PTC - Pre-trial conference

PH - Preliminary Hearing

RHS students excel in speaking contest

Two Rhinelander High School students, Emily Schiek and Adalynn Strobel, recently participated in the Rotary District 6220 speaking contest. All ninth-graders were invited to participate in the preliminary event held in March. The subject was how to approach cyberbullying using the Rotary 4-way test: 1) Is it the truth 2) Is it fair to all concerned 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendship 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned.

During the club's May 5 meeting, Roger Utnehmer, District 6220 Governor, awarded plaques and cash awards to Schiek and Strobel in recognition of their achievements. Schiek took first place in the contest and Strobel finished second.



Roger Utnehmer, District 6220 Governor, awarded plaques and cash awards to Emily Schiek and Adalynn Strobel in recognition of their achievements in the annual Rotary Club speech contest. Submitted photo

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The Nicolet website includes the following information on what to expect during the public input session during the board meeting,

- Speakers will each have three minutes to speak. Additional time may be granted at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- The Board will be focused on listening. They are not allowed to engage in dialogue or discussion on any matters raised during the public input period.
- Respectful language is necessary to support an environment of civility and understanding. If speakers or audience members engage in defamatory or obscene speech, the Board Chair may require them to leave.

The trustees have a pivotal decision to make as the City of Rhinelander needs to purchase, rent or lease land on the campus in order to construct the new well.

For over a year, the city has been searching for an appropriate site for a new well to help alleviate stress on its water system. The city’s water supply has been

the subject of concern since 2019 when two municipal wells (Nos. 7&8) had to be taken offline due to PFAS contamination. The city explored the possibility of locating a well on the fast-growing east side of the city, near the bypass, but an appropriate site couldn’t be found due to its proximity to the Town of Stella, home to some of the highest PFAS levels in Wisconsin.

Forced to search in another area, the city received permission to drill a test site on the college campus. In late March, the common council chose Town & Country Engineering to design the potential well and pumphouse, a necessary step to obtain funding for the project. However, news of the city’s well exploration activities came as a surprise to officials and residents in the Town of Pelican, where the college is located.

A large crowd was in attendance for the Pelican town board’s May 5 meeting, as it was announced that Mark Barden of Town&Country Engineering would be in attendance to provide an overview of the project.

During the meeting, Barden announced that the city had scheduled a public informational meeting for 3 to 4:30 p.m. May 12 at the Northwoods Center, Room 207 on the Nicolet campus. He explained that two of the company’s Madison-based engineers, Greg Droessler and Amy Beras, would be there to answer specific questions about the well’s potential impact on private wells and local bodies of water.

As that meeting took place after this edition went to press, continued coverage of the well issue will be available on our website, www.starjournalnow.com, as well as future print editions.

During the Pelican board meeting, a number of speakers expressed disappointment, frustration and confusion that the city did not make it known that they were testing potential well sites in Pelican. Some suggested the city was trying to “sneak” this project by its Pelican neighbors without regard for the potential consequences.

On Tuesday, May 6, the Star Journal asked both city administrator Patrick Reagan and Mayor Kris Hanus to respond to the concerns expressed by Pelican residents. Both men said they understand why Pelican residents are worried and conceded that the city could have done a better job in explaining its well exploration process. Reagan noted that the city could have advised Town of Pelican officials months ago but, at that time, the viability of the site was unknown. The city sought and received permission from the property owner (Nicolet) to test the area in question and the thinking was to wait on any broader communication until it could be determined that the site would indeed meet the city’s needs, he said. Both men were adamant that the city does not want to do anything that will hurt Town of Pelican residents.

“We want to move forward with this project in the best interests of the entire community not just the city,” Reagan said.

“We do need water but we’re not going to do it at all costs,” he added.

Hanus noted that there are checks and balances in place, as the DNR would play a major role in the approval process going forward.

He said he was hopeful that the public informational meeting with the Town&Country engineers would be helpful in providing Pelican residents with the answers they’re looking for.

“They need us as much as we need them,” he said, referring to the symbiotic relationship between the city and the townships that surround it. “We’re looking to make this better for everyone, and serve the needs of not only the residents of today but of the future. Really, we’re all in this together.”

Even if the two wells currently offline were treated to the extent that they could be returned to service, as some Pelican residents have suggested, the city would still be in need of another water source, both city officials said.

During the Pelican board meeting, board chair Nick Scholtes stated he was surprised to learn that treating the two offline wells, at a cost of millions of dollars, would not be sufficient.

He encouraged Pelican residents to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to share their thoughts with Nicolet officials.

“It speaks volumes to come together as a community to speak out against this,” he said.



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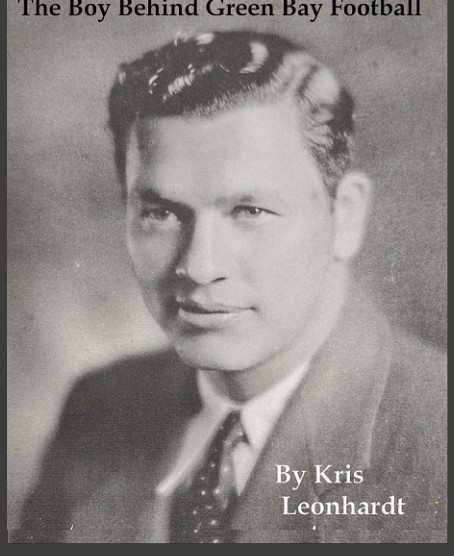
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5TH ANNUAL HODAG HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Pioneer Park in Rhinelander

Presented by: The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Park Historical Complex and The Hodag Store

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Pioneer Park Historical Complex open 9am-5pm

Hodag Heritage Festival Schedule

EATS & DRINKS

- 8-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 9-7pm Variety of Food Trucks
- 11-8pm Beverage Pavilion

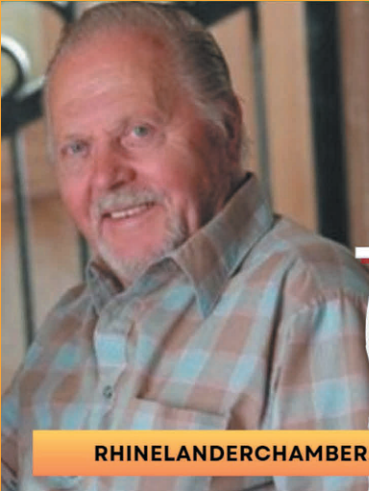
ALL DAY ACTIVITIES


- 9am-6pm Exhibitors & Vendors
- 9am-6pm Get Your Hodag Hunt Photo Taken
- 9am-5pm Pioneer Park Hist. Complex/Speeder Rides Open
- 9am-3pm Hodag Art on Display
- 9am-6pm **FREE** Bounce House, Kids Crafts, Kids Activities, Facepainting
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- 11am-5pm Hodag Quest (Last quest can start at 4pm)



STAGE SCHEDULE

- 9am Welcome and Hodag Wedding 40th Anniversary
- 9:30am Hodag History 101 by Kerry Bloedorn
- 10am A Captured Hodag
- 10:30am Kid’s Hodag Storytime
- 11am Bizarre History of the Northwoods by Chad Lewis
- 12:30pm The Origin of *The Outhouse Papers*
- 1pm Hodag Calling Contest
- 2pm A Captured Hodag
- 2:15pm Calling Contest Winner Announced
- 2:30pm The Prince & Peach
- 4:30pm Art Contest Winners Announced
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ported that Miller had previously reported multiple instances of violence by Anderson and said that she was afraid of him. The two had been in a relationship and had a young child together.

“Anderson moved to suppress the witness’s identification as impermissibly suggestive because the witness was only shown a single photograph,” the summary continues. “The circuit court denied the motion following a hearing, concluding that the identification procedure was confirmatory rather than suggestive. Anderson then pled guilty in exchange for the state’s agreement to recommend release to extended supervision after 40 years’ confinement, with Anderson free to argue for release eligibility between 30 and 40 years. The circuit court accepted Anderson’s plea after conducting a plea colloquy, reviewing Anderson’s signed plea questionnaire, and ascertaining that there was a factual basis to support the plea. The circuit court subsequently held a sentencing hearing, at which it heard from the parties as well as from friends and relatives of the victim. After discussing the severity of the offense in depth and noting that Anderson had acted as a ‘brutal, ruthless, coldblooded’ assassin after terrorizing the victim for years, the court determined that Anderson would not be eligible for release to extended supervision.”

The no-merit report submitted by Heckes addresses the suppression motion, the validity of the plea and sentence, and the assistance of Anderson’s trial counsel, the court added.

“Upon reviewing the record, we agree with appellate counsel’s conclusion that Anderson has no argu-

ably meritorious basis to challenge the suppression ruling, the plea, the sentence, or his trial counsel’s performance,” the judges wrote. “The circumstances of this case do not show an impermissibly suggestive identification. The circuit court conducted an adequate plea colloquy, and Anderson has never asserted that he misunderstood the charge or his rights. The court had discretion to deny supervised release, and it reasonably explained why it did so. Trial counsel took reasonable steps on Anderson’s behalf. Our independent review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.”

The order ends with the judges concluding that any further appellate proceedings would be “wholly frivolous”.

Anderson’s co-defendant, Seth Wakefield, now 29, pled no contest to one count of second-degree reckless homicide (as party to the crime). He was accused of helping Anderson plan the crime. In September 2022, he was sentenced to 5 ½ years incarceration and 6 ½ years extended supervision with credit for 431 days already served.

To this point, he has not filed any type of appellate action related to his conviction.

According to Department of Corrections records, Wakefield is due to be released from incarceration, to begin serving the extended supervision portion of his sentence, on Dec. 25, 2026. The extended supervision portion of his sentence is scheduled to end in June 2033.

With his conviction affirmed, Anderson will spend the rest of his life in the Green Bay Correctional Institution.

‘Cop on the Rooftop’ supports Special Olympics

On May 16, local law enforcement officers will take to the roofs at more than 65 Dunkin’ locations across Wisconsin to raise money for Special Olympics of Wisconsin’s 13th annual Cop on a Rooftop Day. From 6 a.m. to noon, donations may be given at Dunkin’ in Rhinelander (1415 Lincoln Street) for Special Olympics of Wisconsin, organizers said in a press release. Local

Special Olympics athletes are also planning to be at the event. Special Olympics athletes in the North Central part of Wisconsin were also scheduled to take part in a regional track and field competition May 10 in Colby.

Register now for Rhinelander Car Show

The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC) is taking pre-registrations for the 27th annual Rhinelander Car Show to be held on June 14. Located on Brown Street, the event typically features over 175 cars and coincides with the Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. thousands of locals and visitors head downtown to view the 23 classes of vehicles and see the large trophy presentation at 2 p.m. Pre-registered vehicle owners will receive a goody bag and an optional T-shirt.

For a registration form or additional event details, visit RhinelanderChamber.com/Rhinelandercar-show. For more information, contact Rachel@rhinelander-chamber.com or call 715-365-7464.

| DEATH NOTICES |

Frank A. Berwig, age 62, of Rhinelander, died on May 3, 2025. Carlson Funeral Home

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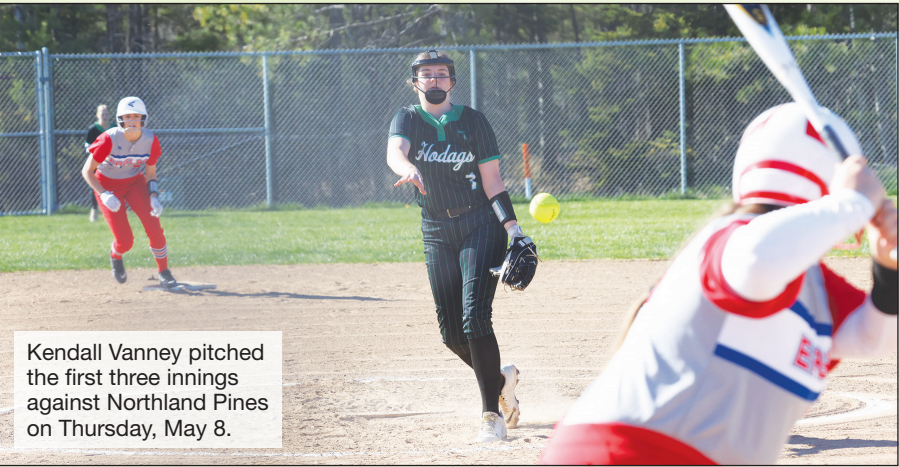
Hodag Highlights

HODAG SOFTBALL TAKES TWO FROM NORTHLAND PINES

The Rhinelander High School softball team took on the Northland Pines Eagles twice last week and came out victorious in both contests. On Wednesday, the Hodags traveled to Eagle River and came back with a victory. On Thursday, Northland Pines made the trip to Rhinelander. Kendall Vanney was the starting pitcher and the Hodags gave up a run in the first inning, with an error helping the Eagles' cause. In the bottom of the first, the Hodags scored 4 runs and would not allow another Eagles run in the five-inning game. The Hodags scored 4 in the first, 1 in the second, 5 in the third and 4 in the fourth inning for the 14-1 win in 5 innings.



Aleece Johnson pitched for the Hodags.



Kendall Vanney pitched the first three innings against Northland Pines on Thursday, May 8.

HODAG BASEBALL GOES 1-2

The Rhinelander High School baseball Hodags played three close games last week and ended up 1-2 by week's end.

On Monday, the team was at DC Everest. The Hodags managed a comeback in the top of the 7th to tie the game only to have the Evergreens have runners on base in the bottom of the 7th and score the game winner on a passed ball.

On Tuesday, the Antigo Red Robins visited Stafford Field and the Hodags won by a 3-1 margin. Rhinelander scored runs in the 2nd, 4th and 5th innings while Antigo scored in the top of the 7th for their only run off reliever Conner Rappley. Jackson Waydick pitched six innings, striking out eight batters, and did not allow a run.

Dylan Vanderbunt drove in 2 of the runs and Abe Gretzinger drove in the 3rd. Sawyer Bishop had 2 hits for the Hodags.

On Friday the Hodags traveled to Eagle River. Northland Pines scored in the bottom of the first and the Hodags scored a single run late in the game. The score was tied in the bottom of the 7th, at 1-1, and the Eagles had the bases loaded. A Pines' batter squared to suicide squeeze the runner from third home but the bunt was missed and Hodag catcher Jackson Waydick tagged the runner out at home. The game went to extra innings with neither team able to score in the 8th or 9th. In the 10th, the Hodags were unable to score.

In the bottom of the inning, relief pitcher Dylan Vanderbunt loaded the bases and then a pitch got by catcher Waydick to score the winning run for Pines.



Jackson Waydick was the starting and winning pitcher for the Hodags going 6 innings and giving up no runs with 8 strikeouts.



Abe Gretzinger is safe at first after an error on the throw. He was later thrown out at second attempting to take the extra base.

| COMMUNITY CALENDAR |

May 14, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 4-6 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org.

May 14 UWF Salad Luncheon: 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St. Rhinelander, WI 54501 Enter from the carport Entrance A on Wabash St. Spring Salad Luncheon sponsored by the United Women in Faith First United Methodist Church of Rhinelander. Luncheon will be served in the church basement. Delicious homemade salads, ham salad on cream bread, homemade desserts and coffee, iced tea or lemonade will be provided. All proceeds are used for missions (including PEP, NATH, and Tri-County). Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids 10 and under (includes drinks and dessert).

May 14, Searching for your Roots: The Northwoods Genealogical Society is available to help individuals researching their family history. Join the group at 1 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at the Rhinelander District Library.

May 14, Line Dancing: 6-8 p.m., The Haven, Rhinelander. Every Wednesday. For more information, call Diane at 715-282-5226.

May 15, Builder's Club: 1-5 p.m., Rhinelander District Library. Legos, Magna-Tiles, and more available in the children's department. 715-365-1070 or

rhinelanderlibrary.org.

May 15, Support Group: 6 p.m. The Curran Building (Community Room #102) Peer-led mental health support group. Safe and confidential space open to anyone 18 or older. The topic will be Mental Health Awareness Month. Visit supportingeachother.online for more information or call Dan at 715-360-5796.

May 15, Thursday Night Trivia: 7-10 p.m., Backwaters Bar and Grill, Rhinelander. Join teams of up to six to compete in a live hosted trivia game of 50 questions. Weekly on Thursdays through May 15. 715-369-5645.

May 16, Reduced Shakespeare Company's All The Great Books (Abridged): 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nicolet Theatre. The Literary Canon explodes as the Reduced Shakespeare Company once again unleashes a comic outrage on an unsuspecting public. The Bad Boys of Abridgment take you on a ninety-eight-minute roller-coaster ride through its compact compendium of the world's great books in All the Great Books (abridged). For tickets, visit: <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/nicoletcollege/976>. Admission is \$36.

May 17, HOSA Color Run: 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. Fun Run, 10 a.m. 5K. To register, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/101312/hosa-3rd-annual-color-runwalk>. Proceeds benefit the Roberts family.

May 17, Hodag Heritage Festival: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pioneer Park in Rhinelander. A celebration of the legendary creature that has captivated our community for generations! Whether you're a long-time Hodag fan or just discovering this mythical beast, the festival offers something for everyone. Kick off your day with a traditional pancake breakfast and enjoy activities like the Hodag Calling Contest, live music, the Hodag Historical City Bus Tour, cryptid speakers, and more!

May 17, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 9-11:30 a.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org.

May 17, Indoor Farmers Market: Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, throughout the fall and winter at the YMCA of the Northwoods, 2003 E. Winnebago St., Rhinelander. 715-362-9622 x 118.

May 17, OCHS Furball: 5-9 p.m. Rondele Ranch, Harshaw. OCHS 10th annual Furball Fundraiser sponsored by Rondele Ranch and Campfire Coffee and Creamery! Only 200 tickets will be sold. The evening is filled with prizes, music, raffles and auctions, dinner catered by Julie Kay's Kitchen, and cash bar. All funds raised go directly to the care of the hundreds of animals that come to the shelter each year. Tickets are \$60. OCHS 715-362-5992.

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May 18, Community Open Swim: 9 a.m.-noon, Sundays through May 19, Heck Family Community Pool, Rhinelander High School. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

May 18, Bike Blessing: 12-12:30 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church. The community is invited to a spring Bike Blessing at Calvary Baptist Church. The blessing will take place in the church parking lot. Spirit Ryders, the local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA), also welcomes UTVs, ATVs and even kids with bikes to come for the blessing.

May 18, Rhinelander Community Scholarship Award Ceremony: 3-5 p.m. John & Dori Brown Performing Art Center at RHS. The Rhinelander Area Scholarship Foundation

(RASf) will be hosting their annual Scholarship Ceremony and awarding scholarships to graduating seniors that exemplify future leadership ability. Qualifications are based on donor-specific criteria which may include academic excellence, civic, and philanthropic activities, as well as outstanding character.

May 19, Overeaters Anonymous: 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 235 N. Stevens St., Rhinelander. 715-362-4258.

May 19, Bridge Games: noon, American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front St., Minocqua. \$4. Call Lee at 715-356-4243.

May 19, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 3-5 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org.

May 19, Tiny Tot Time: 10 a.m., Rhinelander District Library. Caregivers can connect with each other and their little ones as they play and learn. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

May 20, Preschool Storytime: 10 a.m., Rhinelander District Library, 106 N. Stevens St., Stories, flannels, songs and fun for ages 2 and up. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

May 20, Teen Art Experience: 4-5:30 p.m. at ArtStart. Youth ages 13+ are invited for open studio time with local artists. Participants can expect a casual art making experience

with a wide variety of materials and projects to explore. Registration required. 715-362-4328.

May 20, Ruby's Pantry: 4:30-6 p.m., National Guard Armory, 1136 Adams Way/Military Road, Rhinelander. Pop-up food pantry. For a \$25 cash donation, receive an abundance of grocery items. No income requirement. Bring two boxes that can be exchanged when picking up the food, which is delivered to your vehicle, 715-362-4792 or explorecalvary.com/rubysdpantry.

May 21, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 9-11:30 a.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org.

May 21, Business After Five: 5-7 p.m. An informal social where business people get together to network and exchange ideas while developing new relationships in the community. Held the third Wednesday of each month at a different location. 715-365-7464.

May 21, Chess Club: 10 a.m.-noon, Rhinelander District Library. All ages. Learn how to play chess with an instructor or join at any time to find a worthy opponent. Chess boards will be provided. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

May 21, Line Dancing: 6-8 p.m., The Haven, Rhinelander. Every Wednesday. For more information, call Diane at 715-282-5226.



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