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County housing study: Over 1,300 new units needed by 2030

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER
EDITOR

Oneida County remains a desirable place to live but more than 1,300 additional housing units will be needed in the next five years, according to a newly released housing study compiled by the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) and the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC).

Based on the State of Wisconsin's population projections, Oneida County will need an estimated 1,358 additional housing units (217 rental units and 1,141 owner-occupied units) by 2030, the 108-page study concludes.

According to the executive summary, the county's population of approximately 38,000 people enjoy a "relatively affordable lifestyle that has access to good schools, reputable healthcare, low levels of traffic, and a variety of year-round activities. But a lack of housing inventory, demand for workforce housing, high construction costs, projected household growth, and existing housing in poor shape have resulted in concerns over rapidly increasing housing costs..."

"Housing is one of the most important components of livability and prosperity, playing an important role in attracting and retaining residents who contribute to the county's success," the summary reads. "Ensuring a variety of housing is available for all ages and incomes contributes to a community's high quality of life. With rising prices and increased demand, it is harder for working class, senior, and low-income households to find suitable housing in Oneida County. There is also a lack of housing variety within the county, as single-family housing makes up a significant portion of the county's housing stock (84.6 percent). Seasonal housing is common in the County for vacation or recreational use, but it isn't necessarily suitable for year-round residents."

The study includes the following recommendations:

1. Subdivision and zoning ordinance revisions to allow for smaller lots, reduced setbacks, a greater variety of housing styles, and other changes that reduce construction costs.

2. Comprehensive plans that are up-to-date allow developers to apply for financing through WHEDA and other programs designed to address the statewide housing shortage.

3. Property disposition involves selling land for development to spur development and increase the tax base. For example, vacant schools or unutilized park space have been used in other communities in Wisconsin for housing development.

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Judges denies motions to dismiss Stella PFAS lawsuit

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER
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The federal lawsuit brought by a group of Town of Stella property owners who allege their private drinking wells were contaminated by PFAS-laden sludge from the Rhinelander paper mill has reached a new stage as Judge William M. Conley of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin has denied a number of defense motions seeking dismissal of the action.

In a 31-page ruling issued on June 4, Conley denied all of the defense motions to dismiss except for a trespass claim against the chemical giant 3M.

The defendants consist of two groups: the current and former owners of the Rhinelander paper mill (Ahlstrom and Wausau Paper) and the chemical companies 3M and BASF.

The ruling pertains only to motions filed by Ahlstrom, Wausau Paper and 3M. BASF is new to the case, having been added in April, nearly two years after the plaintiffs filed their original complaint in August 2023. In a statement to the Star Journal, BASF indicated it intends to mount a "vigorous" defense.

According to court records, its formal response to the lawsuit is expected later this month.

The 48 named plaintiffs in the case, all property owners in eastern Oneida County, have alleged that the paper mill defendants for years improperly disposed of PFAS-laden waste by spreading it on farmland where it could leach onto their properties and into their drinking water.

3M and BASF are accused of designing and producing defective products and failing to warn the paper companies that purchased them of the dangers associated with PFAS.

PFAS are a class of human-made, degradation-resistant chemicals that have been found in water, soil, air, and human blood.

Studies have shown a link between human exposure to PFAS and adverse health effects and some of the Stella plaintiffs allege they have experienced health issues they attribute to PFAS contamination.

"PFAS concentrations in plaintiffs' private wells and nearby lakes are among the highest in the country and have been found at levels that are thousands

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4. Developer outreach by OCEDC generates interest among those capable of delivering high quality housing to Oneida County while identifying opportunities for development.

5. Educational events led by a variety of local organizations can help potential buyers navigate various financial products, counseling, loans for repairs, and other aspects of homeownership.

6. Local, state, and regional partnerships between OCEDC, Oneida County, municipalities, employers, school districts, nonprofits, Nicolet Technical College, NCWRPC, WEDC, WHEDA, and other organizations can identify existing and emerging funding sources, policies, and opportunities.

7. Housing committee action. The OCEDC Housing Committee should ensure the ongoing implementation of the study's recommendations and advocate for continued support for housing.

8. Tax Incremental Financing (TIF). Municipalities that meet state requirements could consider creating new TIDs that attract new development while protecting taxpayers.

9. Housing preservation. Leveraging federal, state, and/or local dollars in a low-cost revolving loan fund or other type of program can be used for repairs and upgrades. This approach can also be used for aging-in-place upgrades that allow people with limited mobility remain in their homes.

10. Housing study monitoring. OCEDC should communicate to the public the benefits of this housing study's implementation by publishing the number of units to demonstrate the estimated benefits for workers, families, students, and other types of economic impacts over time.

The full study is available to read at <https://www.ocedc.org/oneida-county-edc-announcements/housing-study-2025-update-oneida-county>.

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\$50K - \$74K	\$1,250 - \$1,499	\$150K - \$199K	104	316	OCEDC Highest Priority
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\$100K - \$149K	\$2,500 - \$3,499	\$300K - \$399K	51	482	
Over \$150K	\$3,500 and over	\$400K +	0	0	

2025 Oneida County Housing Study (screenshot)

Project SEARCH
grads poised for jobs
Internship program in Rhinelander hospital
prepares people with disabilities for work

Goodwill North Central Wisconsin (Goodwill NCW) is celebrating the accomplishments of five interns who graduated from the Project SEARCH site at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital on May 29. Goodwill NCW serves as the primary coordinator and service provider for the sites, alongside other collaborative partners and funders, the nonprofit organization explained in a press release.

“Project SEARCH is a nine-month internship program that prepares people with disabilities to enter the workforce,” the release states. “The international program has a local presence in Rhinelander, thanks to partnerships with Aspirus Health, Goodwill NCW, the School District of Rhinelander, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, TMG, Lakeland Care and Inklusia. The program is built to provide direct experience that is transferrable to jobs and culminates in a graduation ceremony, after which participants seek employment in the community.”

“Everyone deserves the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential; Project SEARCH provides an incredibly effective way to do just that. Goodwill NCW is proud of the interns who worked hard to build their skills to secure employment and improve their financial stability,” Kayla Countney, manager of mission relations at Goodwill NCW, said. “We are thankful to our partners in the Rhinelander community that make the program possible. Together we are committed to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities.”

The Rhinelander Project SEARCH program is a hybrid site, welcoming students referred to the program by local school districts as well as adults enrolled with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. While participating in Project SEARCH, the interns rotate through various departments within the hospital to gain hands-on skills that will help them in their future employment.

For Andrea, a 2024 graduate of the Rhinelander site, Project SEARCH is a starting point for future work. “My favorite part of Project SEARCH is trying out for the first time what it’s like to have a real job.”

The hospital setting provides a variety of different job experiences. Interns may help the facilities team, the gift shop, the cafeteria or the nursing staff. Internationally, 73.6 percent of those who participated in Project SEARCH in 2021-22 secured employment after completing the program.



Five interns graduated from the Project SEARCH site at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital on May 29. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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The members of the Class of 2025 toss their caps in celebration at the end of commencement exercises on June 1, 2025 in the Hodag Dome.



The crowd applauds the newly graduated Class of 2025 following the conferral of diplomas on June 1, 2025 in the Hodag Dome. **BOB MAINHARDT PHOTOS**



Standing behind the podium are the Top 10 graduating seniors in the Rhinelanders High School Class of 2025. From left to right, valedictorian Kate Ripple, salutatorian Truman Lamers, Ellyse Younker, Brynn Teter, Samson Shinnars, Lucy Lindner, Evelyn Sawyer, Brody Kowieski, Greyson Gremban and Wendy Fronk.



Class of 2025 valedictorian Kate Ripple addresses her classmates.



Rhinelanders High School history teacher Steven Jopek was the faculty speaker during commencement exercises for the Class of 2025 on Friday, June 1 in the Hodag Dome.

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| OBITUARIES |



Larry Ervin Schinke, 81, of the Town of Stella, passed away peacefully, with his family at his side on Monday morning, June 2, 2025, at Seasons of Life Hospice in Woodruff.

Larry was born in Merrill, Wisconsin on April 14, 1944, to Ervin and Rose (Hoecherl) Schinke. He was raised in Rhinelander and was a 1963 graduate of Rhinelander High School. Larry met his future wife, Judith Keso in high school where they became sweethearts. They married on July 16, 1966, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church and lived in Rhinelander. Larry began his fifty-five-year career with Lasig Brothers Construction, retiring in 2018. Larry enjoyed playing softball and played in many local softball leagues. He later umpired for the Lake Tomahawk Snowshoe Baseball League for several years. Larry enjoyed fishing, ice fishing, bowling, dartball, deer hunting, camping and boating. He also enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judith; two daughters, Laurie (Greg) Farr of Green Bay, and Jennifer (Alex) Ott of Tomahawk; four grandchildren, Evan Farr, Nolan Farr (Annabelle Clausen), Collin (Layla Scheurer) Ott and Connor (Ella Slavin) Ott; siblings, Helen Kuczmarski, Wilma Schinke (Mike Loka), Kathy (Pat) McDonald, Rose Lundberg, Pete (Amy) Schinke, and brother-in-law, Alan (Jan) Kraetsch. Also surviving are nieces, nephews, and other relatives and many friends.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Russell Schinke; sisters, Mary Ann (Duane) Huebner, Caroline Kraetsch, Margaret (Ronnie) Olson, and Gail Schinke and a brother-in-law, Conrad Lundberg.

The family would like to thank the staff at Seasons of Life especially his nurse Megan and CNA Gabbie for their excellent care and compassion.

A private family service will be held 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

RCF announces Natural Wonder Fund

In 1992, Stan and Teri Strub of Sheboygan County purchased an unfinished cabin on a small, non-motorized lake in Rhinelander. This moment marked a pivotal chapter in their lives, offering a year-round connection to the serene beauty of the Northwoods. Over the years, they shared this peaceful retreat with family, friends, and pets—deepening their belief in the importance of quiet exploration and respectful interaction with nature.

According to a Rhinelander Community Foundation (RCF) press release, that belief has now blossomed into a legacy. The Strubs have partnered with RCF to establish The Natural Wonder Fund, an endowed fund created to promote non-motorized, outdoor experiences throughout the greater Rhinelander area.

According to the press release, the fund reflects the couple’s commitment to protecting the region’s natural tranquility and supporting efforts that make outdoor recreation accessible, inclusive, and environmentally responsible.

The Natural Wonder Fund supports activities and initiatives that allow individuals to experience the beauty of the Northwoods without disrupting its delicate ecosystem. Examples of eligible activities include hiking, canoeing, kayaking, disc golf, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and ice skating. All supported activities must be non-motorized.

All funding requests will be evaluated with consideration of other available resources to ensure the greatest impact and equitable access.

The Rhinelander Community Foundation extended its heartfelt thanks to the Strubs for their visionary gift and dedication to the community and the environment.

The Natural Wonder Fund welcomes additional support from like-minded donors who share a passion for this cause. To learn more about The Natural Wonder Fund or to make a contribution, call 715-401-1618 or email info@rhinelandercommunityfoundation.com.



Stan and Teri Strub have established the Natural Wonder Fund through the Rhinelander Community Foundation. SUBMITTED PHOTO

| DEATH NOTICES |

Nancy Jane Lane (Adams), age 68, of Rhinelander, died on May 26, 2025. Carlson Funeral Home

Patricia A Marquardt, age 77, of Rhinelander, died on June 2, 2025. Carlson Funeral Home

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of times greater than EPA health limits,” the plaintiffs alleged in their amended complaint.

The contamination in Stella was discovered in late 2022 after the DNR conducted a statewide study of private drinking wells.

In its ruling, the court summarized the plaintiffs’ class and individual claims as follows: (1) design defect and/or defective product against defendants 3M and BASF; (2) failure to warn/inadequate instructions or warnings against 3M and BASF; (3) negligence resulting in property damage against all defendants; (4) private nuisance against all defendants; (5) trespass against all defendants; and (6) strict liability for abnormally dangerous activity against defendants Ahlstrom and Wausau Paper.

Conley determined that all of the claims should be further litigated except for the trespass claim against 3M which he noted the plaintiffs have chosen not to pursue.

With respect to the other allegations, the plaintiffs’ complaint “contain[s] sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face,’” he wrote.

“A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged,” he added, quoting the relevant legal standard.


The plaintiffs may or may not prevail at trial but, at this point, they have adequately pleaded the listed claims, he stressed.

Further discovery may prove helpful in determining the viability of many of the claims, he noted.


When offered an opportunity to comment on the ruling, an Ahlstrom spokesperson advised the Star Journal it is the company’s policy not to provide comment on pending litigation.

A determination as to whether the case will be certified as a class action is not expected until 2026. The trial is currently scheduled for March 2027.

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| COMMUNITY CALENDAR |

June 11, Wednesday Flea Market: 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Rhinelander Ice Arena (weather permitting). New vendors always welcome. For more information, call Gary at 715-493-0975.

June 11, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 4-6 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelander-areafoodpantry.org.

June 11, Concerts on the Riverwalk: 7-8 p.m. Free concerts held every Wednesday evening, through mid-August, featuring a variety of musical groups and genres. The bandshell is located at the north end of the Trig's parking lot in Rhinelander.

June 11, Line Dancing: 6-8 p.m., The Haven, Rhinelander. Every Wednesday. For more information, call Diane at 715-282-5226.

June 12, 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 rhinelander-library.org.

June 12: Author Talk with Jeff Nania: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Rhinelander District Library meeting room. Nania, a former law enforcement officer, conservationist and biofuel creator, is the award-winning author of the Northern Lakes Mystery series. No tickets or registration are required for this event.

June 12, Northern National Art Competition opening reception: 5-8 p.m. Nicolet College Art Gallery. Cost: \$35 (includes food/beverages & judge's talk). To purchase tickets, visit <http://tix.com/ticket-sales/NicoletCE/5928>.

June 13, Redesigned Book Covers Challenge: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Rhinelander District Library meeting room. Have you ever looked at a book and thought, "It's such a great book, but the cover is terrible!"? Now's your chance to re-imagine history! Use a blank journal and redesign your favorite book's cover using the art supplies of your choice. Can't make it on

June 13? Take a blank journal and work on it at home starting on Saturday, June 14. Completed covers will be displayed at the library through 6/13-7/11 and can be taken home starting 7/14. For ages 18+.

June 14, Hodag Farmers Market: 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. Pioneer Park. Purchase fresh, in-season produce and shop from a variety of local crafters.

June 14, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 9-11:30 a.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelander-areafoodpantry.org.

June 14, Re-Tale Book Shop: 9 a.m.-3pm, 25 E. Rives St. There will be a Pick Your Price paper bag sale on all items, including books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs & puzzles. Sale will be held in the store and garage.

June 14, Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Oneida County Courthouse Lawn Rhinelander. The Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn is the perfect way to start the summer, showcasing incredible, 100% handmade creations from talented artists and craftspeople. With over 100 booths, this long-standing tradition offers unique art pieces and handmade crafts, entertainment, delicious food and more.

June 14, Rhinelander Car Show: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Downtown Rhinelander on Brown & Davenport streets. Downtown Rhinelander transforms into a paradise for car enthusiasts, featuring an impressive lineup of classic and custom vehicles, trucks, and motorcycles. Whether you're showcasing your ride or simply enjoying the sights, this event offers something for everyone, including a DJ and a vibrant atmosphere.

June 14, Chess Club: 10 a.m.- noon. Join the monthly, all-ages Chess Club in the Rhinelander District Library meeting room. If you'd like to learn how to play chess, there will be an instructor stand-

ing by. Otherwise, join at any time to find a worthy opponent! Chess sets are provided, and players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

June 14, All American Circus: 7-9 p.m. Rhinelander Ice Arena (2021 E. Timber Dr.) Oscar Garcia and Stardust Circus Entertainment will present its all-new show for 2025. Featuring all the classics of a real American family circus. Come early and enjoy the kids fun zone before showtime featuring face painting, moon bounces and circus treats!

June 15, Father's Day Family Fishing Event: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Town Line Lake Park. Hosted by the Friends of Town Line Lake Park, this event helps families learn all there is to see and do at Town Line Lake Park. In 2025, more shore fishing opportunities are available with the installation of two more piers and a lake trail. Those interested can learn more by visiting the group's Facebook page/

June 16, Overeaters Anonymous: 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 235 N. Stevens St., Rhinelander. 715-362-4258.

June 16, Bridge Games: noon, American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front St., Minocqua. \$4. Call Lee at 715-356-4243.

June 16, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 3-5 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelander-areafoodpantry.org.

June 16, 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.

June 16, RASF fundraising event: 4-8 p.m. Pizza Ranch. Twenty percent of every guest check is to be donated to the Rhinelander Area Scholarship Foundation.

June 17, Preschool Storytime: 10 a.m., Rhinelander District Library, 106 N. Stevens St., Stories, flan-

nels, songs and fun for ages 2 and up. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

June 17, 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.

June 17, Ruby's Pantry: 4:30- 6 p.m. National Guard Armory, 1136 Adams Way/ Military Rd, Rhinelander. Pop-up pantry hosted by Calvary Baptist Church. Ruby's Pantry is set up as a drive through service. Bring two large boxes and make sure you have adequate room in your vehicle. \$25 cash donation. All of the food received is donated by retailers and producers – the cash donation helps transport the food on the day of the pantry. There are no income requirements. If you eat food, you qualify!

June 17: Hodag Park Concert Series: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hodag Park Amphitheater. Krazy Knights (rescheduled following inclement weather on June 3). Free.

June 18, Wednesday Flea Market: 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Rhinelander Ice Arena (weather permitting). New vendors always welcome. For more information, call Gary at 715-493-0975.

Rhinelander Historical Museum announces summer hours

The Rhinelander Historical Society museum (9 S. Pelham St.) will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until Labor Day.

Admission is free. Individuals, families or groups touring the museum will learn more about the founding and early days of the Rhinelander community, museum officials said in a press release. For more information, visit RhinelanderHistoricalSociety.org. The website includes hundreds of articles and pieces of information and/or photos of historically related subjects. Summer isn't the only time guests can visit the museum. The complex is open during the winter months by appointment. Call 715-369-3833 for more information.

June 18: Youth Game Day: 4-5:30 p.m. First Congregational UCC, 135 E Larch St. A fun afternoon of playing games! This event is free and open to all youth ages 6 and older. Snacks and beverages will be included! Hosted by: Oneida County 4-H Junior Leaders. Register at <https://oneida.extension.wisc.edu/youth-game-day>.

June 18, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 4-6 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours, 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelander-areafoodpantry.org.

June 18: Business After Five: 5-7 p.m. Call Rhine-

lander Chamber (715-365-7464) to find out the next location. An informal social where business people get together to network and exchange ideas while developing new relationships in our community!

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MAY 29-JUNE 4
John R. Perry III, 62, Mukwonago, OWI (3rd), \$500 cash bond, AIA July 7.
Casey J. Drikx, 40, Three Lakes, OWI (1st with passenger <16 years old), \$1500 signature bond, AIA July 7.
William A. Kalmakoff, 59, Woodruff, disorderly conduct with domestic abuse modifier, \$1000 signature bond, AIA July 1.
Todd Michael Arnett-Terzinski, 30, Rhinelander, disorderly conduct, \$500 signature bond, AIA July 7.
Keshan Nakeya Peaks, 41, Watertown, bail jumping-felony, resisting or obstructing an officer, \$1000 signature bond, AIA July 7.
David John Wozniak, 70, Argonne, owi (2nd), \$1000 signature bond, AIA September 22.
Linsey May Voelker, 24, Crandon, operate with restricted controlled substance (1st with minor passenger <16 years), \$2500 signature bond, AIA July 7.
Anthony Phillip Leet, 58, Rhinelander, operating while revoked (revoked due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, \$500 signature bond, AIA July 7.
Michelle Renee Skinner, 61, Rhinelander, theft-movable property <=\$2500, \$1000 signature bond, AIA June 23.
Keanu S.P. Sneller, 26, Rhinelander, disorderly conduct, two charges bail jumping-felony, bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$2500 signature bond, AIA June 4.
Noah K. Juedes, 37, Rhinelander, knowingly violate child abuse order-injunction, two charges bail jumping-misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, \$1000 cash bond, AIA June 9.
Haley Lynn Cox, 29, Hazelhurst, possession of THC with repeater modifier, \$500 signature bond, AIA July 7.
Nahzeair G. Boykin, 17, Rhinelander, resisting or obstructing an officer, administrative disposition.
Tanya L Wentworth, 50, Rhinelander, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture/compound/convert/produce/store methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, bail jumping-felony, all charges dismissed on prosecutor's motion, possession of methamphetamine, sex offender-failure to update information, both charges guilty due to no contest plea, 3 years WSP.
Adam S. Kramer, 45, Rhinelander, four charges of possession of child pornography, charges dismissed but read in, two charges of possession of child pornography, both charges guilty due to no contest plea, 8 years WSP, sex offender registration, \$3000 surcharge.
Joseph Wayne Hulsey, 44, Three Lakes, disorderly conduct, guilty due to no contest plea.
Jamie Lynn Butler, 36, Pelican Lake, disorderly conduct/cause a disturbance, guilty due to no contest plea, \$263.50 fine.
Laslo A. Gedelei, 57, Arbor Vitae, disorderly conduct, dismissed on prosecutor's motion, resisting or obstructing an officer, guilty due to no contest plea, \$500 fine.
Angel D. Malone, 18, Rhinelander, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, both charges dismissed on prosecutor's motion, possession of drug paraphernalia, guilty due to no contest plea.
Kyle Alan Kubiak, 33, Greenfield, OWI (4th), operating with PAC (4th), both charges on administrative disposition.
Jacob D. Jackomino, 33, Rhinelander, 4th degree sexual assault, dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

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

ONEIDA COUNTY WARRANTS OF THE WEEK

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office is asking for your assistance in locating these individuals. If you have seen or have information regarding their whereabouts, please contact the Oneida County Sheriff's Office at 715-361-5100.



David A. Hockstra, 29, Merrill. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY



Kimberly D. Rowe, 49, Rhinelander. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY



Randall A. Kashieh, 60, Ironwood, Mich. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY



Agnes M. Cross, 41, Lac Du Flambeau. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY



Reginald L. Anderson, 36, Milton. Fail to appear. BODY ONLY

PUBLISHER LETTER

Father's Day!

Dear Reader,

Father's Day is just around the corner—a perfect time to reflect on the men who raised us, guided us, and helped shape who we are. Fathers, notably, were there at the very beginning of our lives—and have hopefully stood by us ever since. Everyone needs a good father. A good father takes his responsibilities seriously, especially the profound responsibility of raising children.

We can learn so much from a good father. He teaches, he walks with us through the victories and tribulations of life. He is there when we need him most.

I remember when I was heading off to school, I asked my father for advice I could carry with me. He shared something timeless—essentially the advice Polonius gives his son Laertes in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*: "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." Simple words that carry profound wisdom: authenticity and integrity serve as the foundation for a life well-lived.

The best fathers provide both roots and wings—stability to know where home is and confidence to venture into the world. They teach us to face challenges with courage, to treat others with respect, and to understand that character matters more than achievement.

My father taught me that listening is often more important than speaking, that keeping promises builds trust that no amount of explanation can restore once broken, and that showing up—consistently and reliably—speaks volumes about what we truly value.

To all the fathers who show up day after day, who balance guidance with freedom, who demonstrate love through both words and actions—thank you. Your legacy lives on in the lives you've touched and the values you've instilled.

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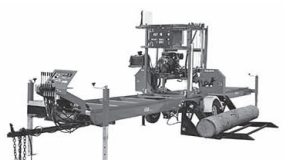
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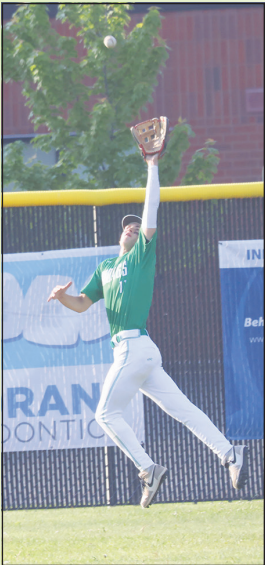
The Rhinelander High School baseball team's playoff run came to an end on Thursday, June 5 in Mosinee.

Rhinelanders advanced to face Mosinee after logging a pair of playoff victories. Rhinelander defeated Amery 5-0 on May 29 and then traveled to St. Croix Falls where they earned a comeback win.

The Hodags were down 2-1 going into the top of the 7th but found enough offense to extend the game. Rhinelander scored 2 runs to take a 3-2 lead and then held St. Croix Falls scoreless in the bottom of the 7th to continue the season and take on Mosinee on for the regional title.

Conner Rappley pitched the complete game against St. Croix Falls to earn the win.

Against Mosinee, Jackson Waydick started on the mound and pitched into the 4th. He gave up 7 runs but only 3 were earned. Dylan Vanderbunt pitched the last 3 innings and gave up 2 runs. Mosinee scored three runs in the 2nd, two in the third and four in the fourth. Mosinee was aided by four Hodag errors. The Hodags scored a run in the 3rd and 3 in the fifth. Vanderbunt, Seth Nofftz and Sawyer Bishop drove in the runs for the Hodags. Bishop had 2 of the Hodags 8 hits. The team ended the season with a record of 13-11.



Sophomore Rowan Wiczek makes a leaping catch for an out.



Senior John Turek scores on a Dylan Vanderbunt single.

BERGMAN 4TH, MYERS 9TH AT STATE

The state track meet was held over the weekend and two members of the Rhinelander High School girls team scored points. Sophomore Macy Myers was 8th in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet while junior Aila Bergman continued to break records on the track.

Bergman made the podium, and set a new school record, with a 4th place finish in the 300 meter hurdles. Her time was 44.79 seconds.

The other Hodag athletes who qualified for state did not advance beyond the preliminary rounds.



Aila Bergman took 4th place in the 300 meter hurdles at the state track meeting in La Crosse. Bergman set a new school record in her last race at this year's state meet. JACOB LUTZ PHOTO



Waupaca took the lead for good on this header by Taylor Kling in the 42nd minute.

HODAG SOCCER FALLS IN REGIONAL FINAL

The season has come to an end for the Rhinelander High School girls soccer team.

On Thursday, the Hodags hosted Mosinee in a regional semifinal.

The Hodags led 4-0 at the half and scored 4 more in the first 20 minutes of the second half to end the game via the mercy rule. Gabby Wanta scored the 8th goal at the 59:21 mark, leaving 39 seconds left in the game.

On Saturday, the No. 1 seed Hodags faced the No. 4 seed Waupaca Comets at Mike Webster stadium for the regional title. The Hodags scored first in the 9th minute on a Vivian Lamers goal with an assist from Jordan Manske. Waupaca tied the score in the 27th minute on a direct free kick by Ava Kneer that snuck in under the crossbar past the outstretched hand of keeper Rylee Mickevicius.

The score was tied 1-1 at the half.

Two minutes into the second half the Comets scored their second goal off a corner kick from Kneer that was headed into the net by Taylor Kling. The Hodags were unable to find the back of the net in the second half and lost 2-1 to end the season. The Hodags were outshot in the contest and the Comets held the edge in shots on goal. The Hodags ended the season with a 13-6 record and tied for the conference championship.

Conference defensive player of the year Mia Tulowitzky, first team unanimous all-conference forward Sophia Miljevich and honorable mention forward Leah Weigel played their final game for the Hodags, having graduated earlier this month. Coach Nathan Bates shared coach of the year honors with Lakeland's Stephanie Hartzheim.



First team all-conference soccer players, and sisters, Sophia and Ella Miljevich console each other with hugs after the playoff loss to Waupaca.



Gabby Wanta (No. 16) scored goal number 8 for the Hodags against Mosinee.

Hodag Water Shows announces 2025 schedule, community ski school

The Hodag Water Shows waterski team has released its 2025 summer performance schedule, featuring a full lineup of high-energy, family-friendly shows along the shores of Boom Lake at Hodag Park in Rhinelander.

This season's performances will take place on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on the following dates: June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17, and August 24.

In addition to their regular schedule, the team will bring their unique brand of waterski entertainment to Pelican Lake with a special show on Saturday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

As part of its ongoing commitment to community involvement, the Hodag Water Shows team will also host its annual Waterski School from June 9-12. Sign up for the ski school has already closed.

Hodag Water Shows skiers are preparing to kick off the summer 2025 season. PHOTO COURTESY OF HODAG WATER SHOWS WEBSITE

