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City of Rhinelander voters had to cast their votes inside the James Williams Middle School gymnasium on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, after the Hodag Dome deflated due to a severe weather-related power outage. Heather Schaefer

# Voters narrowly approve SDR referendum; Helke elected to school board

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER

The margin was significantly different then last April, when approximately two-thirds of School District of Rhinelander voters approved a \$26 million referendum to fund additions and upgrades to the district's technical education facilities, but the Hodag community has once again offered an affirmative response to a school funding request.

According to results posted on the school district website, just over 53 percent of those who went to the polls on April 1 answered "yes" to a referendum question requesting voters' authorize the district to exceed the revenue limit by \$3 million per year for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years and by \$7 million per year for the 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years, for ongoing operational expenses.

In a statement issued on April 2, district superintendent Eric Burke expressed gratitude for the community's continued support.

"We are incredibly grateful to be part of a community that values education and prioritizes the needs of all students," he said. "Your support ensures that we can continue working every day toward our mission of equity, empowerment, and excellence for all. Together, we have found a solution to our financial needs that positions our schools and students for success in the years to come. We also deeply appreciate the thoughtful conversations we have had regarding the future of our school district. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our schools and the students we serve."

As a result of the voters' support of the April 1 referendum, the School District of Rhinelander will be able to "maintain and grow programs and services for students while balancing our budget and sustaining our fiscal health for the future," Burke noted.

"We will also be able to continue our focus on retaining and attracting high-quality educators and staff to serve our students," he added.

The election was held two days after the Hodag Dome, where city residents cast their votes, was deflated due to damage sustained as a result of a severe weatherrelated power outage.

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Kurt Helke, a sergeant with the Rhinelander Police Department, was elected to the School District of Rhinelander Board of Education on April 1.

# **DAVE MELANCON**

# Insurance and repair plans for Hodag Dome underway

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER

**EDITOR** 

The Rhinelander community suffered a shock on Sunday, March 30, when news broke that a generator failure during a weekend ice storm had resulted in the partial deflation of the Hodag Dome. In short order, school district officials determined that the 128,000 square foot facility, a great source of local pride and an important economic engine since it opened in February 2021, would have to be fully deflated in order to prevent further tears to the PVC fabric.

The temporary loss of an integral part of the landscape was upsetting to many, as demonstrated by numerous social media comments. It also raised an array of questions, including where City of Rhinelander residents would vote on April 1.

That issue was resolved when the city's common council directed that the city's polling location be moved to the James Williams Middle School gymnasium.

At the same time, the school district began the process of assessing the situation and rescheduling

By late Thursday afternoon district officials had issued a progress update



This photo, shot on Sunday, March 30, shows the Hodag Dome fully deflated. The school district is in the process of assessing the damage and planning for its repair. **Bob Mainhardt photo** 

"The School District of Rhinelander (SDR) is actively working to assess and repair the Hodag Dome to restore it to full operation," superintendent Eric Burke announced in a press release. As part of the process, Aegis Insurance representatives were scheduled to be at the Dome on Friday, April 4 "to conduct a thorough

"Their visit will include an inspection of the entire facility and a detailed evaluation of the generator spec-

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# Former student's lawsuit against school district moves forward

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER **FDITOR** 

A federal judge has denied a motion filed by the School District of Rhinelander Board of Education seeking dismissal of a lawsuit filed by former student Remus Johnson, a nonbinary individual who contends the district discriminated against them based on gender identity, nonbinary status and nonconformity to sex-based stereotypes.

In an opinion and order issued on March 27, Judge William M. Conley of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, wrote that nonbinary students are "protected by Title IX against policies that subject them to different rules, sanctions, and treatment than those who are cisgender because, like transgender students, nonbinary students, by definition, do not conform to the stereotypes of the sex they were assigned at birth."

Conley also concluded that the complaint set forth sufficient facts giving rise to a "reasonable inference" that the district discriminated against Johnson based

"There is a reasonable inference that plaintiff was denied benefits to educational programming based on their gender identity," he wrote. "There is a reasonable inference that defendant continued this discriminatory treatment based on plaintiff's nonbinary sexual identity. Specifically, (the) defendant prohibited plaintiff from taking certain classes, rather than discipline the students that harassed (the) plaintiff. Defendant also limited in-person classes for plaintiff, rather than limit the students that harassed plaintiff, and defendant required only plaintiff to traverse the school to access a bathroom, rather than address the students' harassment of plaintiff."

Johnson, who ultimately graduated from a different school district after leaving the Rhinelander area, filed the lawsuit on Oct. 31, 2023. According to the complaint, Johnson was assigned female at birth but identifies as nonbinary. Following a medical doctor's diagnosis of gender dysphoria in 2018, Johnson informed the district of their changed name and preferred pronouns, the complaint explains.



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Following this transition, Johnson alleges that they faced regular harassment from classmates that faculty members failed to control.

"The harassment was especially severe during physical education classes, because students would harass Johnson for changing in the women's locker room," Conley's order reads. "Eventually, Johnson was forced to change in the nurse's restroom and later dropped out of the course. Faculty members could not be relied on to control this harassment. In particular, Johnson's physical education teacher would instigate harassment by dividing the class into groups of boys and girls, despite being notified by Johnson that this practice constituted harassment. Additionally, a teacher that did not work with Johnson, would go out of his way to misgender Johnson, using terms like 'ma'am' and 'Ms.,' and when corrected, would smirk and remark, 'I guess I shouldn't call you that."

Between late 2019 through early 2021, Johnson moved back and forth between in-person instruction, where they allege they faced continued harassment, to online schooling and treatment for eating disorders and suicidal ideation. Then, when Johnson returned to in-person instruction in October 2021, they were informed that they could only use one bathroom at the

"This bathroom was far from classes, and Johnson was the only student granted access," the judge's order reads. "Within days of Johnson's return, classmates resumed name calling, theft, and taking photographs without permission. As harassment continued, the District prohibited Johnson from participating in physical education and culinary classes and limited Johnson to three, in-person classes, requiring they take the rest online."

In his order, Conley noted the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which has jurisdiction over the federal district courts in Wisconsin, has previously reviewed similar policies in other school districts and found that they are not "reasonable alternatives" and that they "punish non-cisgender students."

While Johnson's claims against the school board survived, Conley did dismiss district superintendent Eric Burke, who was a named defendant, from the lawsuit as "redundant."

He also dismissed the plaintiff's mother from the case due to lack of standing.

"We were pleased to see that Judge Conley granted our motion to dismiss the claims of Ms. Johnson-Paquette and that all claims against Mr. Burke were dismissed," school board attorney Ron Stadler told the Star Journal. "As to the one remaining claim, one must recognize that a complaint can allege anything, and that allegations alone will allow the claim to move forward. We remain confident that Plaintiff's allegations will not be supported by the facts or the law, and that eventually the claim will not survive."

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# City clarifies well plan

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER **EDITOR** 

Rhinelander city administrator Patrick Reagan has clarified the city's plans with respect to the new well it wants to construct on the city's south side.

In a recent phone interview with the Star Journal, Reagan explained that the city is hoping to locate the new well near College Drive on the Nicolet College campus, however the city and the college have not yet negotiated an agreement for access to the property.

"The city plans on negotiating with Nicolet," he said. "We want to be a good partner with Nicolet. (The college) is good for the community and we value them."

During its last meeting, on March 24, the common council approved a resolution directing Mayor Kris Hanus to sign an agreement with Town & Country Engineering for engineering and design services for the new well at a cost not to exceed \$166,000.

The scope of services memorandum included with the resolution indicated the well is to be located at the site of a test well drilled earlier this year. What the memorandum did not make clear is that the city has not yet purchased or obtained the land in question.

In the interview, Reagan acknowledged that the language presented to the council in the resolution should have clarified this fact. However, he stressed that the design agreement with Town & Country had to be finalized in order for the city to apply for grants and other funding for the project.

A new well has been deemed necessary as two of the city's wells. Nos. 7 and 8, have been offline since 2019 due to PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl) contamination.

The goal is to help alleviate the city water system's capacity issues.

The Star Journal will continue to follow the progress of this project.

# **Summer School** registration open

Registration is open for the School District of Rhinelander's 2025 Summer School session.

Children entering 4K through 8th grade are welcome to attend free of charge from June 9-July 2, according to a school district press release.

Registration information is available on the School District of Rhinelander website under the family tab. Summer school will be held at Crescent Elementary school for grades 4K thru 5 and at James Williams Middle School for grades 6-8. Registration closes in mid to late April, but families are encouraged to sign up right away, as some classes will fill up quickly.

Questions can be directed to Lacey Baker or Noel Lee at Crescent Elementary School or Stefanie Patrone at James Williams Middle School. Breakfast and lunch are free and available to all students.

Class times are as follows:

Elementary - 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (at Crescent Elementary

Middle School (Grades 6-8) - 8:15 a.m. - Noon (at James Williams Middle School)

Transportation for summer school will be provided by the district. If your child will need transportation, the Transportation Request Form on the Bowen's Bus Inc. website will need to be completed by a parent/ guardian.











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#### | PUBLISHER LETTER |

## Little Bursts Of **Happiness**

Dear Reader,

In a world bustling with deadlines, distractions, and the unrelenting hum of routine, it's easy to overlook the extraordinary in the ordinary. Yet, it's in those fleeting moments-at the checkout line, on a flight, or in a quick business transaction—where we



hold the power to create something profound: a little burst of happiness.

It doesn't take much. A smile, a kind word, or a genuine question like, "How's your day going?" can transform an interaction from transactional to meaningful. Sometimes, though, a small token—a physical reminder of goodwill-can spark a ripple effect of positivity. My favorite? A \$2 bill.

The \$2 bill is iconic, rare enough to feel special but common enough to be accessible. Handing it to someone with a simple message—"This is for luck, and I hope it brings you good fortune"-does more than exchange paper. It says, I see you. You matter. I've passed them to retail clerks who look weary from hours of scanning barcodes, to pilots who ensure our safe passage through the skies, and to business associates navigating the grind. The reactions vary—some are puzzled, others light up with surprise—but almost always, there's a smile.

What happens next is where the magic begins. That \$2 bill becomes a conversation starter, a keepsake, or maybe even a nudge toward dreaming bigger. It's not about the monetary value; it's about the gesture, the reminder that hope and good fortune are still within reach. The beauty of these small acts is how they inspire us to try harder, be better, and dream more. They remind us that life, for all its unpredictability, holds space for kindness. And perhaps, with enough of these little bursts of happiness, we can create a world where the ordinary feels extraordinary.

So, the next time you find yourself face-to-face with someone in the course of your day, take a moment. Pass along a smile, a kind word, or even a \$2 bill. You never know how far that spark of hope might travel or how brightly it might shine.

PATRICK J. WOOD

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#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## A lack of common sense

TO THE EDITOR:

Suppose a friend of yours complained about how far in debt he was, "I'll never get out of debt even if I live to be a 1,000." And then while having another beer he said "Did I tell you I'm going to part time starting next week?" When you asked "How are you going to pull that off?".

"I'll just get another credit card". If you were drinking your beer, you'd have a hard time not snuffing some of it up your nose as you broke into laughter. And vet this is what the Republicans are proposing in their budget. Cut vital services and cut taxes...which will mostly benefit the ultra-wealthy. How's that for common sense?

Jim Leschke Rhinelander

# Nicolet College instructor displays art at Rhinelander airport

**COURTESY OF NICOLET COLLEGE** 

Hanging in the Rhinelander Oneida County airport waiting area are 20 paintings and a cluster of sculptures, all created by Nicolet College Art Instructor Nate

One wall is dedicated to a mixed media series of darkly serene woods, a soothing blend of watercolor and colored pencil that demonstrates a mastery of color, line and light.

Another wall features a series of illustrative and dynamic underwater paintings with a recurring character. Oil paintings of a dramatically lit squirrel and cat provide a jolt of energy in the room.

Small figurative sculptures in clay with a sense of humor fill a display case.

The display is part of a partnership between the airport and Art Start, a nonprofit in Rhinelander dedicated to arts education and cultural engagement. The airport hosts five rotating displays per year, spotlighting a variety of artists, to entertain weary travelers.

When asked why he is an artist, Wilson laughed.

"I don't know how to answer that question," Wilson said. "Asking why I do art is like asking someone why they eat food. It's just a default for me."

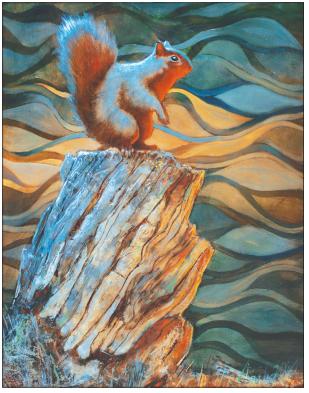
Wilson added that he uses art to unwind and relax in the evenings.

Wilson's artistic skills aren't limited to the airport, though. He shares his expertise with the next generation of artists at Nicolet College, where he has taught art classes since 2012.

When Wilson started teaching, he was surprised by the variety of students in his classes. At Nicolet College, students come from different backgrounds and ability levels, which means Wilson has developed different strategies to help them succeed.

"Teaching art (at Nicolet College), you have to have 10 modes," he stated. "You have to craft an art class for students of all levels and abilities, to set them up to create something they're proud of, whatever their skill level. And then engage with all of them individually."

Wilson said skills students learn in an art classroom,



**Photo courtesy of Nicolet College** 

like creative problem solving and critical thinking, can enhance their future career, no matter what industry.

"If you look at a lump of clay and see just a rectangle, that's not going to work in today's job world," Wilson said. "Your brain has to be nimble, adaptable and creative when solving problems."

Students at Nicolet College can earn an associate of arts degree specifically for visual arts pre-majors who want to get a head start on a four-year degree more affordably, and closer to home. Nicolet College also provides more casual community art classes, which are open to all community members.

# Vietnam vets honored at Northwoods National Cemetery

FOR STAR JOURNAL

Late last month, a special ceremony was held at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw in recognition of National Vietnam Veterans Day.

According to the Defense Department, the annual commemoration is held on March 29 to mark the day U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished in 1975. That same day was when the last U.S. combat troops departed

manager at Northwoods DAVE MELANCON National Cemetery, acted as emcee and keynote speaker

for the Harshaw ceremony, which took place on March

The Northwoods Honor Guard and American Legion Riders (District 11) also participated.



Members of the Northwoods Honor Guard participated in a National Vietnam Veterans Day Bryon Gleisner, cemetery ceremony on Friday, March 28, 2025 at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw.

Vietnam veteran Skip Dulin, a member of the Northwoods Honor Guard, placed a wreath in memory of the service members lost in Vietnam. Jake Kriesel sang the national anthem and bugler Ginny Buzzell played "Taps".





#### | OBITUARIES |



Mike Gunter Lieder, of Pine Lake, WI, passed away sud denly on Sunday, March 2 2025, surrounded by his loving family at Mayo Clinic St Mary's Hospital in Rochester MN. He was 60 years old.

Born on November 10, 1964 in Hustisford, WI, to Siegfried and Maria Lieder, Mike lived a life full of love, dedication and hard work. A lifelong stone mason, Mike was a proud member of BAC Local 6 for many years, known for his exceptional skills and commit

ment to his craft. His passion for his work extended beyond his professional life and into his home, where he spen countless hours in his garage, always enjoying the company of others as he worked on projects.

Mike's love for the outdoors was unmatched. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time in nature, whether i was out on the water or simply enjoying the beauty of the world around him. He also loved helping his wife, Kathy tend to their garden, a place where they shared many memo ries and moments of joy.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Kathy Lieder; his children, Brooke (Marty) Niemuth, Renee Lieder (John Miklas and Ryan Lieder; his beloved grandchildren, Hayden Liede and Taliyah Lieder; and his siblings, Pete Lieder, Rose Otman, and Ute Stampfl. He is also survived by numerous extended family members and friends, all of whom wil deeply miss his presence and his generous spirit.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Saturday, June 14th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Rhinelander, WI. Family and friends are invited to gather to honor and remember the remarkable man he

Mike's passing has left a hole in the hearts of all who knew him. His legacy of hard work, love for family, and devotion to the things he cared about will live on in the stories shared by those who had the privilege to know him.

Rest in peace, Mike. You will forever be remembered, and your memory will live on in the hearts of your family and

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ifications," the release said.

Representatives from Arizon, the Dome's manufacturer, are scheduled to be on-site "as soon as weather conditions permit."

Once enough snow has melted. Arizon will assess the damage and determine the necessary repairs. SDR will then collaborate with Aegis Insurance to facilitate and schedule the repair work needed to reinflate and restore the Dome," the release said.

After the Dome is successfully reinflated, "further assessments will be conducted on the interior to identify and address any additional repairs required," district officials reported. "Once all necessary repairs are completed, the Hodag Dome will resume normal

As of press time, there was no repair schedule or timeline for reopening the facility, although district officials said they anticipate there will have a clearer understanding of the way forward once the assessment process is underway.

Additionally, officials stressed that the district is "committed to understanding the cause of the generator failure."

"The District will implement protocols and procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future, ensuring the continued reliability of the facility, the release said. "The School District of Rhinelander appreciates the patience and support of the community as we work diligently to restore this vital resource. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes

"It's going to be a process that requires patience," Burke added in an email to the Star Journal.

#### **Lakeland Realty ribbon cutting**

The Rhinelander Chamber Ambassadors recently welcomed Lakeland Realty to their second office location at 48 W. King Street in Rhinelander. The Rhinelander team includes co-owners Ryan Hanson and Cecily Dawson, full-time realtor Matt Wallmow and transaction manager Kira LaBrasca. Pictured (L-R): Lauren Sackett, Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Bobbie Keso-Mode, Nicole Raduechel, Matt Wallmow, Kira LaBrasca, Linda Krebsbach, Cecily Dawson, Ryan Hanson, Jessica Mellinger, Diane Sowinski, Tony Mustacci, Cora Eckrich, and Tarsie Goes. Photo by: Niina Baum/Valo Media.



#### **Welcome back Dinky Diner**

The Rhinelander Area Chamber Ambassadors welcomed the owners of R&T's Dinky Diner, Terrie Bowman and Rick Colvin, at the official grand opening of their new "Not So" Dinky Diner on March 26. Pictured (L-R): Tarsie Goes; Bobbie Keso-Mode; Dixie Lee from KSW Construction; Linda Kresbsbach; Cliff O'Connor from KSW Construction; Kasey Moes, prep cook; Jeff Musson, architect; Cassie Dehn, baker; Rick Colvin, owner; Sara Sommers, cook; Terrie Bowman, owner; Crystal Hebert, prep cook; Diane Sowinski; Woodsy Wallace, bartender; Sara Morrical, prep cook; Tiki Kruger-Boehm; Jessica Mellinger; and Nicole Raduechel. Rhinelander chamber photo

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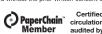
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# Chamber seeks nominations for Leadership Oneida County awards

The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce has announced it is accepting nominations for two leadership awards to be presented at its annual Leadership Oneida County graduation ceremony. The Mel Davidson Leadership award and the Leadership Oneida County Outstanding Alumni award will be presented to two outstanding individuals who exhibit leadership and commitment to Oneida County, chamber officials said in a press release.

The Outstanding Alumni award recognizes Leadership Oneida County alumni who are continuing

Oneida County Tourism Council

to host forum

#### FOR STAR JOURNAL

In conjunction with National Travel and Tourism Week, the Oneida County Tourism Council (OCTC) is hosting a luncheon to educate the community on the importance of tourism in our area.

The event, to be held from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, May 9 at the Lakeside Center of Nicolet College in Rhinelander, will feature a speaker as well as a panel discussion of local tourism business leaders sharing their insights and experiences, organizers said in a press release.

"This is a great opportunity for business owners, community leaders, elected officials and tourism professionals to connect, gain valuable knowledge, and engage in a discussion about how we can continue to grow and support tourism in our area," said Jacqui Sharpe, Chair of the Oneida County Tourism Council and Executive Director of the Three Lakes Area Visitors Bureau. "It's important to understand how tourism impacts our area on an economic level, but also to see how it plays a role in the everyday lives of the people who live here and make our communities strong."

Tickets are \$15, include admission and lunch, and can be purchased online.at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oneida-county-tourism-impacts-insights-tickets-1291319825359. RSVPs by May 1 are appreciated.

Visitors can find more information about Oneida County at www.oneidacountywi.com or on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube.

#### **VOTE** from page 1

City Clerk Austyn Zarda, who administers elections for the city, told the Star Journal a team effort began on Sunday to secure an alternative voting location for those who live in Rhinelander.

A special common council meeting was scheduled for Sunday evening as the city was legally required to declare the Hodag Dome unusable and determine that the James Williams Middle School gym would be a suitable alternative.

Zarda said the entire common council was able to attend and the meeting itself lasted approximately 20 minutes. Most of that time was spent listening to city attorney Steve Sorenson who explained the legal requirements, Zarda explained.

The next step was to get the word out so people would know where to go to cast their vote.

Zarda said social media was particularly helpful in that effort and noted that several local businesses helped spread the word.

By approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday evening, Zarda's only remaining concern was possibly running out of ballots

He told the Star Journal that the relocation to JWMS was "seamless" and the day went smoothly, with both voters and election volunteers making the best of an unfortunate situation.

The turnout was massive, despite the weather and the change in polling location, he reported, adding that the sheriff's office provided assistance and helped ensure members of the public could exercise their right to vote without impacting student learning.

#### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

In other spring election news, voters re-elected three incumbents and one newcomer to the board of education. Rhinelander police sergeant Kurt Helke will join incumbents Judy Conlin, Mary Peterson and Ron Lueneburg, a retired police captain, on the board.

"I am very thankful to the support I have received in this community," Helke wrote on his Facebook page. "I am especially appreciative of the teachers and citizens that approached me to talk and say, 'Hey, you got my vote!' I owe some quality representation and work to each person that took the time to color in the bubble next to my name. I know that some of the others that didn't get elected are quality people that I will encourage to try again in a year when 3 more spots are up for re-election. Step one: I become a student to learn to be (the) best I can in this position."

to develop their leadership presence in in the county and who have used their experiences in the program to further their service to the county. The Mel Davidson Leadership award recognizes any person in Oneida County that shows outstanding leadership and service within the County - nominees do not necessarily have to have previous history with the Leadership Oneida County program. The inaugural Leadership Oneida County Award was presented to Mel Davidson for his many years of service to Oneida County in 2011 and has carried his name since.

"Mel was a true believer in the necessity of actively cultivating leadership in our local communities. As such, he was a founding member of the Leadership Oneida County program," noted Lauren Sackett, Chamber CEO "The award recognizes Mel's legacy in service, demonstrating how the actions of one can have a positive impact on many for years to come."

Nomination forms for both awards are available online at www.RhinelanderChamber.com. Nominations may also be sent directly to lauren@rhinelanderchamber.com. Nominations should outline the nominee's leadership activities in Oneida County, any previous involvement with the Leadership Oneida County program, and comments on why the nominee is deserving of the award. Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23.

The Leadership Oneida County Steering Committee will select the 2025 award winners after reviewing all nominations. The award winners and the 2024-2025 class of Leadership Oneida County will be recognized at the Leadership Oneida County graduation ceremony on May 8. Leadership Oneida County is a nine-month program that cultivates and prepares leaders within Oneida County.

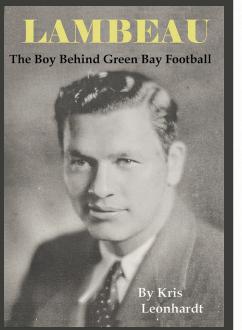
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Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay

community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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Gagnon, 27. Rhinelander. Fail to appear. **BODY ONLY** 



Juwan L. Washington, 28, Wausau. Fail to pay. BOND: \$1527.25



Lynn E. Chapman, 43. Antigo. Fail to pay. BOND: \$766.50 BOND: \$1383.00 BOND: \$2301.60



Coleman, 37. Rhinelander. Fail to pay.



Smith, 28, Merrill. Fail to pay.

#### ONEIDA COUNTY COURT REPORT

MARCH 27 - APRIL 2

Larry L. Woller, 53, Hazelhurst, battery with domestic abuse modifier, \$2000 signature bond, AIA April 21.

**Donovan J. Wayman**, 29, Lac du Flambeau, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, \$1000 signature bond, AIA April 22.

Jamie K. Breivogel, 34, Rhinelander, OWI (2nd with passenger <16 years old), \$1000 signature bond, AIA April 28.

Alexandria Mae Dalka, 20. Rhinelander, bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$2500 signature bond, AIA April 14.

Ryan L. Meyer, 42, Minocqua, two charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$5000 cash bond, AIA April 2.

Clairessa Selina Rae Nelis, 32, Minocqua, two charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$250 cash bond, PTC April 29.

Leo Samuel Matiash, 20, Rhinelander, disorderly conduct, \$1000 signature bond, AIA April

Carson James Carter, 22, Rhinelander, possession of THC, resisting or obstructing an officer, two charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$1000 signature bond, AIA April 4.

David Bruce Harvey, 43, Adrian, Mich., possession of THC with PTAC modifier, \$1000 signature bond, AIA May 20.

Bryon Ernest Childers Jr, 42, Rhinelander, eight charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$1000 cash bond, AIA May 6.

Tyler Joe Harvey, 35, Bussfield, Mich., OWI (2nd), possession of THC with PTAC modifier, \$2500 signature bond, AIA May 20.

Jeremiah R. Snyder, 26, Rhinelander, two charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$1000 cash bond, AIA April 15.

Kara Lynn Kroupa, 55, Tomahawk, OWI (2nd), disorderly conduct, \$2500 signature bond, AIA April 28.

Jason Edward Griewahn, 42. Adrian, Mich., possession of narwith PTAC modifier, possession of controlled substance, \$1000 signature bond, AIA May 20.

Jennifer A. Duvall, 49, Tomahawk, substantial battery-intend bodily harm with domestic abuse modifier, \$1000 cash bond, AIA April 2.

Brady Andrew Debroux, 32, Merrill, possession of methamphet-amine with repeater and PTAC modifiers, \$500 cash bond, AIA

Glenroy Thomas Vanlannen, 23, Merrill, bail jumping-felony with repeater modifier, possession of methamphetamine with repeater and PTAC modifiers, \$1000 signature bond, AIA April 21.

Chad A. Lockhart, 38, Rhinelander, disorderly conduct with domestic abuse modifier, possession of illegally obtained rescription, \$1000 signature bond, PTC May 20.

Cassandra R. Zimmerman-Popp, 30, Wausau, bail jumping-felony with repeater modifier, possession of drug paraphernalia with repeater modifier, charge dis-missed but read in, two charges of bail jumping-felony with repeater modifiers, possession of THC (2nd+ offense), guilty due to no contest plea, 90 days jail. Brandon L. LaPalm, 37, Rhinelander, battery with repeater modifier, criminal damage to property with repeater modifier,

Richanda Alex-Marie James, 32, Rhinelander, two charges of bail jumping-felony with repeater modifiers, both charges dismissed but read in, bail jumpingfelony with repeater modifier, guilty due to guilty plea, 2 years WHS/POP.

both charges dismissed on

prosecutor's motion.

Scott Donald Clark, 54. Weston. operating while revoked (Revoked due to alcohol/ controlled substance/refusal), operating with PAC >=.02 under IID order (3rd) with alcohol fine enhancer modifier, both charges dismissed on prosecutor's motion, OWI (3rd) with alcohol fine enhancer, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to

charges guilty due to no contest plea, 24 months WHS/POP, 14 days jail, \$3819 fine, 31 months Driver's License revocation, 31 months IID.

Danielle Kristine Fehrmann, 37, Argonne, OWI (3rd) with alcohol fine enhancer modifier, operating while revoked (revoked due to alcohol/controlled substance/ refusal), both charges dismissed on prosecutor's motion, operating with PAC (3rd) with alcohol fine enhancer modifier, guilty due to guilty plea, 2 years WHS/ POP, 14 days jail, \$3769 fine, 30 months Driver's License revocation, 30 months IID.

Ronald R. Reese, 67, Marshfield, two charges of forgery-writings or objects with repeater modifier, both charges dismissed but read in, two charges of forgery uttering with repeater and PTAC modifiers, bail jumpingfelony with repeater modifier, all charges guilty due to guilty plea, 54 months WSP, \$13552.15 restitution.

Charles F. Rosien V, 40, Glencoe, IL, reckless driving-en-danger safety (2nd+), negligent operation of motor vehicle, both charges dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

Katherine L. Jesse, 30, Rhinelander, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, both charges 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 Concen-

IID - Ignition Interlock Device DL - Driver's license

AIA - Adjourned initial appear-

PTAC - Party to a crime WHS/POP - Withhold sentence/ period of probation

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# **Hodag Highlights**

#### **HODAG GIRLS WIN NORTHLAND PINES INDOOR TRACK MEET**

The Rhinelander High School track team participated in an indoor meet at Northland Pines High School in Eagle River on Thursday, April 3. Several members of the track team were not in attendance as the distance runners were in the Point Indoor Distance Carnival on Friday and other members went to the state indoor track meet at UW-Whitewater.

The Hodag boys placed second out of the 8 teams in attendance and the girls placed first. Macy Myers scored a win in the 800 meter dash and was the anchor of the winning 4x400 relay with Ellie Cummings, Gretchen Fiebke and Mady Treder. Aila Bergman won the 55 meter hurdles to claim the team's other first-place finish.

The boys also scored three first-place finishes. Landon Catlin took first in the triple jump, Greyson Gremban won the 800 meter dash and Cyrus Leisure won the 200 meter dash.



Grady DeBay hands the baton to Kamden Kostrova as the Hodags race in the 4x200 event. Other team members were Paul Denis and Sebastian Lieder-St. Peter.



Macy Myers won the 800 meter dash and was part of the 4x400 winning relay with Mady Treder, Ellie Cummings and Gretchen Fiebke.

#### **HODAG SOFTBALL DOWNS PHILLIPS 15-5**

The Rhinelander High School softball team defeated Phillips 15-5 on Saturday, March 30.

The two teams were set to square off as part of a Saturday-Sunday bracket of the Danny Mac Tournament, however the bracket the Hodags were in was canceled due to severe weather.

Instead, Phillips made the trip to Rhinelander where the two teams played the last game in the Hodag Dome before it was damaged in last weekend's ice storm. Freshman Aleece Johnson was the starting pitcher. She was backed up by fellow freshman Kendall Vanney who pitched the last two innings of the five-inning game.

At the plate, Vanney hit 2 doubles and drove in 3 runs. Cassidy Lindner had 2 hits and drove in 2 runs while Kadyn Taylor and Julia Gray also drove in 2 runs



Rhinelander freshman Aleece Johnson prepares to pitch to a Phillips batter.

#### **HODAG SOCCER GOES 0-2 IN MARSHFIELD**

Instead of hosting a home game as hoped, the Rhinelander High School girls soccer team opened its season on the road Friday, April 4. With the Hodag Dome down and snow on the Mike Webster stadium, turf games were moved to Marshfield.

The first opponent was Eau Claire North. In the first half a slow rolling ball got by keeper Emalee Detienne for a North 1-0 lead. Detienne made 4 saves in the first half. That score held up as the Hodags could not find the back of the net, despite controlling the game in the second half. Rylee Mickevicius was in goal for the second half and made 2 saves. One of the saves was on a penalty kick to keep the game score at 1-0. The Hodags generated a total of 3 shots on goal in the game.

On Saturday, the Hodags played Marshfield and lost 3-0.



Ella Miljevich dribbles the ball toward the Eau Claire net.

#### I COMMUNITY CALENDAR |

April 9, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., ADRC of Oneida County, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. Free tax assistance; by appointment only. 715-369-6170.

April 9, 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.

April 9, Line Dancing: 6-8 p.m., The Haven, Rhinelander. Every Wednesday. For more information, call Diane at 715-282-5226.

April 10, Oneida County Fair Bingo Night: 6-9:30 p.m., Cabaret Cove, Rhinelander. Doors open at 5 p.m. Contact:steviehenk@gmail. com.

April 10, 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.

April 10, 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.

April 11, 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.

April 11, Indoor Farmers Market: Saturdays, 9 a.mnoon, throughout the fall and winter at the YMCA of the Northwoods, 2003 E. Winnebago St., Rhinelander. 715-362-9622 x 118.

April 12. Spring Fling Craft and Vendor Show: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cabaret Cove, Rhinelander.Over 25+ Crafters & Vendors in one place to start your Easter and early Mother's Day Shopping.!

April 13, Community
Open Swim: 9 a.m.-noon,

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**April 14, Overeaters Anonymous:** 1 p.m.,Trinity Lutheran Church, 235 N. Stevens St., Rhinelander. 715-362-4258.

April 14, Bridge Games: noon, American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front St., Minocqua. \$4. Call Lee at 715-356-4243.

April 14, 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.

April 14, 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.

April 15, 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.

April 15, 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.

April 15, Ruby's Pantry:
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April 16, Business After Five: 5-7 p.m Call the chamber for location. 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.

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April 16, Acrylic Painting, Beauty: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rhinelander High School, room 134 (art room). Registration deadline: April 14. Visit the community section at rhinelander. k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12. wi.us.

May 1, Barn Quilt Painting: 5-9 p.m., Rhinelander High School, room 134 (art room). Registration deadline: April 21. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

May 7, Watercolor Color Painting, Solitude: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rhinelander High School, room 134 (art room). Registration deadline: May 5. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander. k12.wi.us.

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