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‘I’m still not sure what this case is’

Defendant in baby death case bound over

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER
EDITOR

Nearly five years ago, on May 6, 2020, police and paramedics responded to a residence in the City of Rhinelander after it was reported that an infant was not breathing. The child, who was a little more than four months old, did not survive.

On Thursday morning, the baby’s mother, 38-year-old Geana Terry, was bound over for further proceedings in connection with the death. The Oneida County district attorney’s office has alleged she committed first-degree reckless homicide, however criminal charging decisions are not final until prosecutors file a document called the information.

Following a preliminary hearing featuring the testimony of Rhinelander police captain Josh Chiamulera, Judge Leon Stenz of Forest County found probable cause that Terry committed a felony, though he expressed some confusion as to the state’s theory of the crime.

“I’m still not sure what this case is,” Stenz said, noting that Chiamulera and assistant district attorney Scott Niemi made contradictory statements as to the circumstances surrounding the infant’s death.

In his argument for bind over, Niemi referenced only Terry’s statements admitting that she and the child’s father were co-sleeping with the baby on the night in question despite being warned not to continue that practice. (Health officials have long warned against co-sleeping, particularly with children under the age of 6 months).

However, just minutes earlier, Chiamulera testified he believes the child’s death was the result of an intentional act. In direct examination, he cited the statements of an individual who came forward in 2024 to report wit-



Geana Terry



Baldwin tours Rhinelander Area Food Pantry

Courtney Smith, left, executive director of the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry (RAFP), discusses food insecurity with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Baldwin toured the pantry to learn more about how recent cuts by the Trump administration are affecting resources in northern Wisconsin. A full story on Baldwin’s visit will be published on our website, <https://starjournalnow.com>. **Heather Schaefer**



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City council to vote on ArtStart boiler request

BY HEATHER SCHAEFER
EDITOR

The Rhinelander Common Council is expected to make a decision Monday evening on a request from ArtStart for help in covering the cost of replacing the aging boiler in the former federal building where the arts and cultural center is located.

After hearing from ArtStart’s program and operations director Ashley McLaughlin, who detailed the nonprofit’s plea for assistance, the council deadlocked 3-3 on a motion to table the matter until April 28.

That left the outcome in the hands of Mayor Kris Hanus.

“With the logic (that) more information is always better for making a decision, and since this isn’t super time-sensitive, I will vote that we table for the next meeting,” Hanus announced at the end of the April 14 discussion.

Prior to vote, McLaughlin explained the nonprofit’s struggles in heating and cooling the over 100-year-old building at 68 S. Stevens Street it has been leasing (at a cost of \$1) from the city for over a decade.

McLaughlin said the nonprofit has repaired the boiler on several occasions over the last few years, including by replacing the circulation pumps, but has been advised by the repair company that parts for the 1919 heater (last retrofitted in 1965) may no longer be available. The company’s recommendation is replacement at a cost of \$185,000, she added.

While the lease agreement between the city and ArtStart requires ArtStart to cover the cost of maintenance and repairs, McLaughlin said the nonprofit is hoping the city will agree to a cost-share agreement.

“Frankly, ArtStart cannot afford this,” she said. “This might force us to no longer occupy the building. If

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Nicolet College announces free engineering bootcamp

FOR STAR JOURNAL

This summer, Nicolet College will launch a new, free Intro to Engineering Experiences bootcamp for high school students and adults.

The bootcamp is free and will run June 10, 11, and 12 and June 17, 18, and 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., organizers said in a press release.

Interested learners can sign up online at nicoletcollege.tfaforms.net/665.

Learners in the six-day bootcamp will apply engineering principles through hands-on robotics and drone activities while building leadership, collaboration, and teamwork skills. They will also earn one free college credit by completing Nicolet College's Introduction to Engineering course via the bootcamp, the release states.

"This boot camp will open the door to exciting possibilities and help learners make decisions to launch into engineering and associated fields in drones and robotics," said Gary Zarda, dean of uni-

versity transfer and liberal arts.

Superior Diesel, a Rhinelander-based diesel engine and products company, donated the funds needed to run the bootcamp and to provide opportunities for learners interested in high-demand careers in engineering.

Future engineers can start their studies at Nicolet College. Thanks to a partnership between Nicolet College and University of Wisconsin-Platteville, learners can complete an Associate of Science degree at Nicolet College and transfer seamlessly into a primarily online engineering Bachelor of Science program with junior status with UW-Platteville.

Partnerships like these between Nicolet College and four-year universities help learners achieve their career goals while saving money and building confidence alongside highly-credentialed college instructors close to home, which is especially beneficial for young learners or working adults, the release states.



Nicolet College will hold a free bootcamp this summer for aspiring engineers. Submitted photo



New hotel opens

The Cobblestone Hotel & Suites (735 W. Kemp Street) has officially opened its doors to guests. A special grand opening event was held on Monday, April 14 to celebrate the completion of the project. "The Rhinelander area and Oneida County is a popular destination for tourists, business travelers, recreation and athletic events," noted Lauren Sacket, CEO of the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce. "The economic impact you have already imparted on our community with this brand new 62-room hotel is an exciting development for our city." **Heather Schaefer**



Make your own ice cream through science

Cole Borski's ice cream-themed table was a popular stop during the annual Elementary School Science Fair Thursday, April 10 at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium. Students in 4K through fifth grade participated in the Science Fair. **Bob Mainhardt photo**

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Coffman, Kupfer to serve as Nicolet student ambassadors

FOR STAR JOURNAL

Every year, Nicolet College and the Nicolet College Foundation select student ambassadors to represent the voice and interests of the student body. Nominated by their instructors, ambassadors for the 2025-26 academic year were recently named: Keely Coffman, an early childhood education student, will serve as the Nicolet College Student Ambassador, and Kailey Kupfer, a nursing student, will serve as the Nicolet College Foundation Student Ambassador, school officials announced in a press release.

A resident of Tomahawk, Coffman said that what she's learned in the early childhood education program will help her succeed in her future career because she's gained both professional knowledge and self-confidence.

"(The program) has given me the confidence to begin working toward some larger career goals," said Coffman. Those goals, she said, are to teach at a local school after earning a bachelor's degree in elementary school education.

"Keely has proven to be a leader by advocating for child care in her community," said Diana Rickert, early childhood education program director, who nominated Coffman. "She is regularly involved within her community and is a positive role model for those in the early childhood education program."

A resident of Elcho, Kailey Kupfer is a student in a unique nursing program partnership between Nicolet College and University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, which enables students to earn both an Associate degree in nursing (ADN) and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN).



Two Nicolet College students, Keely Coffman (left) and Kailey Kupfer (right), were recently selected to serve as Student Ambassadors for the 2025-26 academic year. Submitted photo

Kupfer's future goal is to become a registered nurse and work locally in her community with her nursing license.

"In both nursing skills courses and clinical settings, she has consistently demonstrated responsibility, strong communication, and an ability to inspire her team while exemplifying the core values of the nursing profession," wrote Cassie VandeHei, nursing instructor, who nominated Kupfer.

"The program has helped me build confidence, stay motivated, and strengthen my overall skillset," said Kupfer. "The challenging and supportive environment continues to push me to my greatest potential."

Each of Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges selects one student ambassador every year to participate in a leadership development and recognition program in April in Wisconsin Dells. Following that session, the students officially serve as ambassadors for one year and, unofficially, for a lifetime. The Nicolet College Foundation also selects its own ambassador.

Local law enforcement agencies to hold drug take back day

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 the Three Lakes Police Department, the Rhinelander Police Department, the Minocqua Police Department and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Wisconsin Department of Justice, will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription medication abuse and prescription medication theft by eliminating their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Residents are asked to bring their medications for disposal to one of the following sites between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.:

Minocqua Police Department, 418 E. Chicago Avenue, Minocqua

Rhinelander Police Department, 201 N. Brown Street, Rhinelander

Three Lakes Police Department, 1795 Erie Street, Three Lakes

Oneida County Landfill, 7450 County Highway K, Rhinelander

Bring prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications.

Please do not bring illegal drugs, needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc...), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

No needles/sharps will be accepted. The service is free and anonymous,

no questions asked.

Participants will be asked to empty their medication bottles into boxes. Blister packages are acceptable without the medication being removed. Liquids, creams, and non-aerosol sprays must be in their original packaging. Liquids without the original bottle/package will not be accepted.

Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

For further information, visit <http://doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback>.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of these medications. The hope is Oneida County citizens will use this opportunity to dispose of unused and unneeded medications.

For more information, contact Officer Devon Gaszak (Minocqua Police Department), Captain Hebein (Oneida County Sheriff's Office), Chief Lloyd Gauthier (Rhinelander Police Department) or Chief Lea (Three Lakes Police Department). The Human Service Center, in conjunction with the Oneida County Public Health Department, have made available lock boxes at these locations as well. For more information, contact the Human Service Center at 715-369- 2215 or the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-611.

School officials hope to hold June 1 graduation ceremony in Hodag Dome

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The School District of Rhinelander has announced the schedule for the repairs to the Hodag Dome has changed slightly but the goal of holding the 2025 Rhinelander High School commencement ceremony in the facility remains unchanged.

Due to the Easter holiday, factory technicians from Arizon, the company overseeing repairs to the Hodag Dome, district officials said in a press release.

The Arizon crew was scheduled to be on-site April 22 with all necessary materials in hand. According to Arizon Vice President Tom Soehngen, the goal is still to have the dome inflated by the first week in May—weather permitting—and fully operational before graduation at the end of May.

The back-up plan, if the Dome is not available in time for graduation, will be to use Mike Webster Stadium or the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium, district officials said in a press release.

"The School District of Rhinelander continues to prioritize both safety and efficiency as the repair process moves forward," the release states. "Pat Kegley, head of maintenance, is continuing efforts to determine why the generator failed to operate during the recent power outage. He is working diligently to ensure safeguards are in place to prevent any future failures of this nature. The Hodag Dome is a vital asset to our students, staff, and the greater Rhinelander community. It serves as a year-round facility for athletics, events, educational programming, and wellness opportunities. The district remains committed to restoring the facility as quickly and safely as possible so that it can continue to support student development and community engagement."

The Hodag Dome was damaged after a backup generator failed to operate during a March 30 ice storm.

The 2025 commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 1.



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The Art of Influence: When to Speak and When to Act

Dear Reader,

In a world overwhelmed by noise, wisdom is too often drowned out. Today, everything fights for our attention—headlines, outrage, sirens, engines—clamoring for dominance in an already crowded space.

In this chaos, many feel pressure to shout louder, interrupt more forcefully, leap ahead to be seen. But true influence works differently. The wisest among us understand that what is unseen often holds more power than what demands the spotlight. They are the chess masters—not scrambling for control of the moment, but calculating how to shape the future.

Yet there are moments when even the masters must overturn the board.

We are living through an era where democratic norms are fraying, truth is under siege, and bad actors—some loud, some disturbingly quiet—are working to undermine the pillars of liberty, justice, and human dignity.

There are times for quiet discernment. But there are also moments when justice demands noise, when liberty demands defiance, and when democracy demands bold, public commitment. History does not look kindly on bystanders. It remembers those who spoke when it mattered—those who showed up, stood firm, and refused to let the worst instincts of humanity go unchallenged.

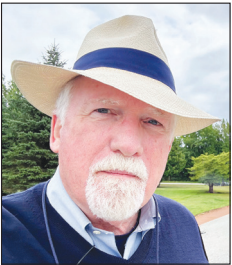
This is not about political partisanship. It is about moral responsibility. It's about whether we believe that truth still matters. That freedom is still worth defending. That the common good still exists.

So ask yourself: What do I stand for? And what will I no longer stand by and watch?

Sometimes, the most powerful act is a whisper of reason. Other times, it's a roar of resistance. The art of influence is knowing which the moment requires—and having the courage to give it.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.



| DEATH NOTICES |

Barbara Ellen Scuglik, 76, of Rhinelander, died on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Hildebrand Funeral Home
Minka Anne (Hofstra) Dawson, 99, of Rhinelander, died on April 12, 2025. Carlson Funeral Home
Sandra Kay Belgram, 70, of Pelican Lake, died on April 11, 2025. Carlson Funeral Home

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City announces spring yard cleanup

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The City of Rhinelander is holding its annual “Spring Yard Cleanup” program from now through May 2. City residents that wish to have leaves and brush picked up must set out brush and leaf bags no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, May 2, to be guaranteed a pick-up, city officials said in a press release. Residents are requested to set out items at curbside as early as possible as crews may collect yard waste before the designated clean-up day. Residents missing this deadline will be required to haul the yard waste and brush to Oneida County Landfill at their expense. Yard waste cleanup will be provided for city residents maintaining their yards. The service is not intended for cleanup for residential tree removal contractors, cleaning of vacant lots for developments, businesses, or tax-exempt properties. Clean-up services will observe the following rules and conditions observed with previous year services: • The city will not pick up dark colored or non-see-through bags. • Brush must be free of rope, wire, lumber, or other debris and neatly piled with cut end of limbs facing the street. Bags containing a mixture of yard waste and household rub-

bish, or garbage will not be picked up. • Residents are reminded that it is not permissible to rake leaves or yard waste into the curb line or street. Violators may be billed for cleanup and/or issued a citation. • Do not stack brush on leaf bags as each item is picked up separately Residential brush may also be delivered to the Public Works Garage at 644 Washington St. 6 a.m.-2p.m. Monday through Friday. Designated areas will be established for drop off points. The same rules above apply to the materials that can be dropped off. It is unlawful for anyone bringing items from outside the city and placing at curbside, violators may be issued a citation.

Invasive Species: Please help our city slow the spread of invasive species by separating out Buckthorn, exotic Honeysuckle, and Japanese Knotweed. To schedule a pickup of invasive plants, call the City of Rhinelander Department of Public Works at 715-369-4727 and ask to be put on “The Buckthorn List”. For help identifying the above invasive species, visit www.oclw.org or call 715-369-7835 for a site visit. For more information on this program, contact City Streets Foreman Justin Ernst at (715) 362-2728 or by email at: jernst@rhinelanderwi.us.

| COMMUNITY CALENDAR |

April 23, 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 23, Bingo: 10-11:30 a.m., ADRC, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. 715-369-6170.

April 23, SPARK!: 10:30 a.m., ArtStart, 68 South Stevens St., Rhinelander. A cultural program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. Registration required. 715-362-4328 or artstartrhineland.org/spark.

April 23, Line Dancing: 6-8 p.m., The Haven, Rhinelander. Every Wednesday. For more information, call Diane at 715-282-5226.

April 24, 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.

April 24, 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 25, Aspirus Rhinelander Blood Drive: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital 2251 North

Shore Drive. To schedule your appointment call The Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102.

April 26, Healthy Kids Day: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. YMCA of the Northwoods. This free, annual event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families and a healthy start to the summer season.

April 26, 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 26, Personal Essentials Pantry (PEP): 9-11:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 724 Aarbutus St., Rhinelander. Use entrance A on the corner of Prospect and Wabash. PEP provides products necessary for personal and household cleanliness and good health. 715-362-2091.

April 26, 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.

April 26, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry 20th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser: 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Pines Event Center (5840 Forest Lane). Tickets are \$20 each. (715)369-7237

April 27, 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.

April 28, Overeaters Anonymous: 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 235 N. Stevens St., Rhinelander. 715-362-4258.

April 28, Bridge Games: noon, American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front St., Minocqua. \$4. Call Lee at 715-356-4243.

April 28, 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 28, 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 29, 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 29, 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 30, 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 30, The Table-Free Community Meal: 4-6:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 39 S. Pelham St., Rhinelander. Doors open at 4 p.m. Serving takes place at 5:30 p.m. 715-420-0066.

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.

May 14, Acrylic Painting, Sunny Day: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rhinelander High School, room 134 (art room). Registration deadline: May 12. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

May Lunch & Learn to focus on avoiding fraud

The Beck Family YMCA, in Rhinelander will hold its monthly Lunch & Learn at noon on Wednesday, May 2. The topic will be avoiding fraudsters.

“Have you ever been approached with a fraudulent offer or been a victim of identity theft? The AARP Fraud Watch Network is working to empower you in the fight, with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud,” organizers said in a press release. “By taking a few practical steps, you have the power to fight back against fraud. This session will arm you with the latest data on fraud trends and provide tips and resources to protect yourself and your family. Paul and Connie Dobbratz with the AARP Fraud Watch will be here to provide information and answer your questions.”

This program is offered through the Y's Active Older Adult educational programs but is open to anyone. Join the group for a potluck lunch or bring your own bag lunch to the presentation. The theme for the potluck is “salad luncheon”. Beverages will be provided by the Y. For more information, call Marilyn at 715- 362-9622 ext 118.

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Hodag Highlights



Harmony Gomez performs a Fiesta Tango with partner Alex Gamelin.

LOCAL SKATERS SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS

The Rhinelander Figure Skating Club recently hosted two events, offering local skaters an opportunity to learn new skills. On Saturday, April 12 young skaters participated in a test session sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association with professional judges. Professional male skaters gave ice dance lessons from Thursday to Saturday until the testing began at noon. Coaches from the area were also on hand instructing skaters on moves for passing other tests on the ice.

The professional dance partners were Alex Gamelin, Jake Fearnley and Collin Brubaker.

On Sunday, April 13, the Hodag Skate Classic was held, drawing athletes from northern and central Wisconsin as well as skaters from Green Bay and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Rhinelander club skaters performed well as Mia Gignac had two first-place finishes, level 2 jumps and Aspire 3 program, Maddie Cline scored a first-place finish in the Aspire 1 program, Cassidy Leseburg was first in her group of Aspire 4 program skaters, while Morgan Cahee took first in the Showcase Emotional performance and level 2 compulsory. Cahee placed second in level 2 jumps and level 2 spins. Julia Eakes, a Three Lakes High School junior who skates with the Rhinelander Club, finished first in the Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Freestyle.



Julia Eaker placed first in the Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced freestyle skate.

HODAG SOCCER BLANKS MOSINEE 7-0

The Rhinelander High School girls soccer team played their first conference game on Thursday, April 17 against Mosinee and won 7-0. The officials saw lightning in the 69th minute and the game was suspended. After conferring with the coaches, the officials ultimately decided to end the game for safety reasons.

Vivian Lamers scored four goals in a row, three to end the first half and the first one in the second half. Also scoring for the Hodags were Lindsey Hoerchler, and sisters Sophie and Ella Miljevich.

The Hodags led 5-0 at the half. Rhinelander held Mosinee to zero shots on goal while taking 46 shots on goal. Rylee Mickevicius played the first half in goal and earned the win. Emalee Detienne took over in goal for the second half.



Vivian Lamers takes a shot on goal against Mosinee on Thursday, April 17. She scored four goals in the game.



Seth Nofftz was called safe at home, scoring one of the 7 runs scored by the Hodags.

HODAG BASEBALL WINS THREE IN A ROW

The Rhinelander High School baseball team hosted its home and conference opener on Monday, April 14 as they welcomed Northland Pines.

The Hodags had to come from behind to defeat the Eagles 7-6. Conner Rappley started on the mound and left with Pines in the lead. Dylan Vanderbunt came in to relieve Rappley in the fifth and held Pines to keep the home team within 2. In the bottom of the fifth inning Vanderbunt singled to drive in a run. On the mound, he pitched 2 2/3 innings and held Pines runless. Vanderbunt also had three hits in the game. In the bottom of the 6th inning, Sawyer Bishop singled, driving in two runs after Rowan Wizcek reached on an error and Rappley walked.

Vanderbunt earned the win and had three hits in the game. On Tuesday, April 15 the Hodags traveled to Adams-Friendship and won 11-6. The winning continued on Thursday, April 17 in Crandon.

The Hodags defeated the Cardinals in five innings 17-3. Dylan Vanderbunt picked up the win. He pitched three innings, striking out seven while giving up 2 runs. Vince White pitched the final 2 inning, and allowed 1 run striking out 4.

Offensively, Vanderbunt and Abe Gretzinger had 2 hits each while Gretzinger, Vanderbunt, Conner Rappley, Rowan Wiczek, and Jackson Waydick each drove in 2 runs. Crandon pitchers walked 10 and committed 6 errors.



Dylan Vanderbunt relieved Rappley on the mound and earned the win.

HODAG SOFTBALL GETS SECOND WIN OF THE SEASON

The Rhinelander High School softball team welcomed the Lakeland Thunderbirds to the Andrea Musson softball field on April 14. It was the first outside home game of the season for the Hodags. The score was tied 0-0 after the first inning but everything started to change in the second as Lakeland scored two runs and held the Hodags scoreless. In the third, Lakeland erupted for 11 runs and tacked on five more in the 4th inning. The Hodags were held hitless and scoreless to end the game in 4 innings 18-0. Aleece Johnson started on the mound for the Hodags while Saylor Timmerman, the Arkansas recruit, was the starter and winner for Lakeland. Kendall Vanney pitched part of the third inning and did not record an out. Johnson came back in to pitch and finished the game.

The Hodags traveled to Three Lakes on Thursday, April 17 and defeated the Bluejays 15-10 for the second win of the season.

Johnson pitched a complete game for the Hodags, striking out 10. At the plate, Johnson walked four times and drove in 3 runs. The Hodags took advantage of the 16 walks they took in the game. Kendall Vanney had two hits and 3 RBIs and Kalyn Miller drove in two runs.

The Hodag softball team has now won more games than it did all of last season.



Freshman Saige Mutter waits for the throw at home to get the force out as the bases were loaded. The ball arrived in time to record the out.