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Ah, summer!

I love the smells and sounds of the great Northwoods. From the morning dew and freshly mown grass to the chirping of frogs into the night, summer here is the best. Whether you live in town or out in the country, there is always something wonderful to see and do.

In this issue, you will find lots of interesting things to do here in the area, including visiting the Oneida County Fair, shopping at the Farmers Market, foraging for mushrooms, listening to amazing musicians, or just toodling\* around town looking at street signs. Summer in the Northwoods never disappoints.

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One of my favorite words  
that my mother always used.

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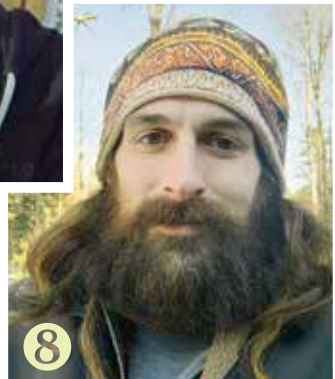
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# THE "Lola" MARGARITA

Recipe by **Christien Bovet**

Here's a refreshing summer twist to the traditional margarita. Add a little color and flavor, and viola!

## Ingredients:

2 ounces of white tequila. I like to recommend Teremana Blanco.  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup muddled fresh blackberries. If you can find them wild, all the better.  
Fresh-squeezed lime juice. If you don't have the time, or the limes, Agalima margarita mix is great. Teremana tequila and Agalima mix can be found at Stein's Liquors.

## Directions:

Fill a shaker with the tequila, muddled blackberries, and lime juice.  
Shake and pour over ice. Garnish with cut limes and whole blackberries.  
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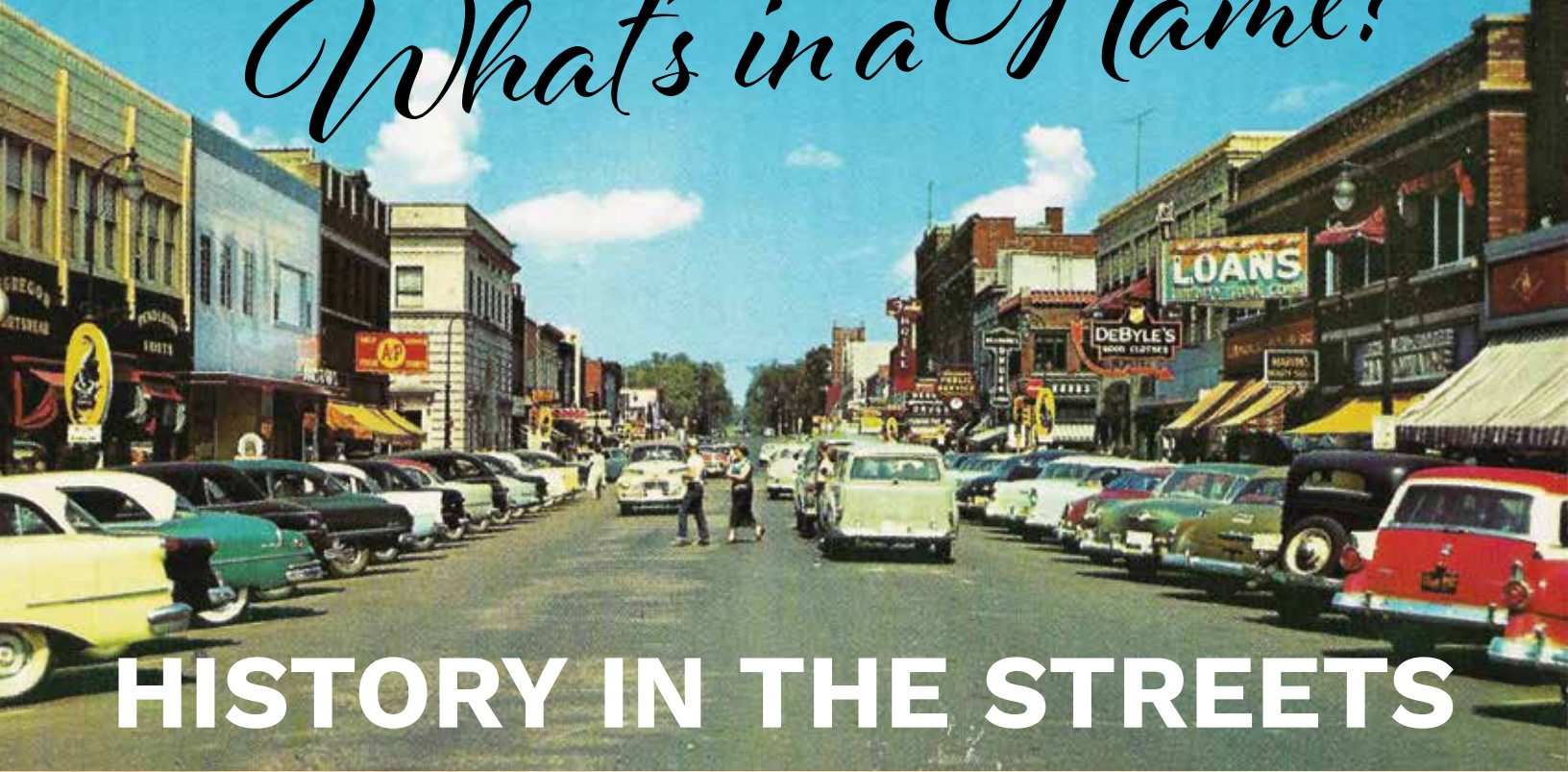
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# What's in a Name?



## HISTORY IN THE STREETS

By **Kerry Bloedorn**

Rhinelander City streets can tell us a lot about the founding and growth of the community. In this article, we'll look at some of the history of how Rhinelander's streets were named.

Long before the city of Rhinelander, the sandy flats at the confluence of the Pelican and

Wisconsin Rivers had been home to seasonal Native American tribes for thousands of years. Recent discoveries of copper and stone artifacts near the confluence have been dated at 2000+ years old. One might say that the first "street" through what would become Rhinelander was the ancient

footpath that traversed the area between Rib Mountain, and Lake Superior. This trail was later called the Superior Trail and had been trod by the earliest visitors and residents of the Northwoods. It was used to travel between seasonal food sources; south during the harsh winters, and north during walleye spawning, maple tapping, blueberry picking, and wild rice harvests. But footpaths were a secondary means of transportation. Long before the automobile, and even before horse travel became prominent in North America, it was the rivers, glacial lakes, and other waterways that were the primary means of travel in what became Northern Wisconsin. The Wisconsin River was a proverbial freeway of traffic. Portages between the lakes in our area were used regularly, and for thousands of years longer than any modern road that's existed here to date.

Prior to the 1880s, the area surrounding the Pelican and







Wisconsin River confluence was known as Pelican Rapids. It is said that historical White Pelican nesting grounds were noted along the area rivers, hence the name of the river, the lake southeast of Rhinelander, as well as the stretch of rapids that was above the confluence.

In the 1870s, the Browns of Stevens Point had purchased acreage surrounding the confluence in order to build a new community. They petitioned the owner of the Milwaukee, Lakeshore, and Western Railroad to build a spur from Monico into their fledgling logging town. The Browns offered up half their land holdings, and would name their new city after the railroad president, Frederick W. Rhinelander, if the spur would be built. A deal was struck and the rest is history as they say. It was both coincidental and fortuitous that Rhinelander was chosen as the city's name, for "Rhinelander" in Germany, was given to those people that lived in the Rhine River area of Europe and

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can be roughly translated as "River Folk" or "People of the River," for which the City of Rhinelander was aptly named, situated on the banks between two rivers.

Shortly after the community was named, the railroad sent its own surveyors to plat the incoming rail

line and streets of the new town. Two of the men that lead the survey and engineering crew were John Otis Thayer, and Roscoe Young. Both would get Rhinelander Streets named after them, and it's entirely possible they were the ones that wrote them on the first plat map. Thayer Street

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being a prominent thoroughfare through the city will be most recognized, but newer residents will be hard pressed to place Young Street. Now, it is but a small lane between Courtney St. and the back of Trigs parking lot where it comes out by the band shell on the river. But for many years this little street harbored a little neighborhood made up of several homes, buildings, and for a time, the city and county shops, the red brick building along Young Street, now a part of Pomp's Tire Shops outbuildings.

Other streets in downtown took their name from those founders of the town, such as Brown Street, named after the Brown family whose hard work carved a city out of some of the last of the Wisconsin wilderness. Anderson Street named after the "father of Rhinelander" Anderson Brown, the first of the family to paddle up the Wisconsin River from Stevens Point and assess the possibilities of the area.

Stevens Street, named after Stevens Point, or it's founder George Stevens, from which the Brown family came from before moving north. Oneida Street, named after the county in New York of the Brown Family's origins, and yes, the namesake of our own county, all of them named after the Oneida tribe of Native Americans.

Back to Rhinelander, the railroad president, Frederick got a street named after him in Frederick Street. Fred W's wife also got a street named



in her honor, her maiden name of Davenport, which became one of the main veins through the city, and still is to date.

Other streets named after early pioneers like Martin Lynch and his Drive through Pioneer Park, and Curran Street, named after John Curran, who set up the first river station at the confluence in the 1850s, and is considered the Rhinelander area's first permanent resident in modern times.

Elm Court, a small street between Baird and Oneida was once called Atlantic Street, but was renamed once the many elms planted along Rhinelander roadways matured to create a tunnel effect over the streets. Very few of those original elms are still standing due to the ravages of Dutch elm disease.

Baird Street, which runs on the backside of the Oneida County Courthouse, was named in honor of Wisconsin's first attorney general, Henry S. Baird.

Two streets named after a well

known Rhinelander Lumberman Abner Conro are Abner Street, and Conro Street. Abner St. ran through the former mill lot of the Conro Lumber Company along Boom Lake. Further downtown can be found Conro Street emphasizing Abner's prominence in the community.

Coon Street, on which the first Oneida County Fairgrounds was located, was named after Oneida County Agricultural Society President, Fair Organizer, and Hotel Proprietor Fred T. Coon. Mr. Coon had co-ownership of Rhinelander's first proper hotel, Rapids House, which was located where the Federal Building and where ArtStart is now, formerly the Rhinelander Post Office as well. He owned a large farm in the Town of Pelican, was a 3-year county board member, as well as president of Rhinelander's First National Bank, and vice president of the Rhinelander Telephone Company.

Alban Street, was named after one of Rhinelander's most beloved residents in his day, Stephen Harris

Alban. He held position on the bar, was the postmaster of Rhinelander for 8 years, and was an excellent writer. The son of a civil war veteran, he moved to Wisconsin with his parents at one year old. At 26 he was appointed to the Stevens Point Land Office by President Abraham Lincoln. He moved to Rhinelander in 1888 and worked as a lawyer, judge and postmaster.

Kemp Street, was named after Ed Kemp, owner and operator of the short-lived Wabash Screen Door Factory, which was located at the end of, you guessed it, Wabash Street, at its terminus with Ocala St. The screen door factory burned down in 1900 and the plant was moved to Minnesota. His stately residence, The Pines, would be purchased by Gene Shepard of Hodag fame where he spent the rest of his life. The rest of the estate would become what is now Shepard Park.

Moen Street, is named after John O. Moen, who was among Rhinelander's first pioneers and operated a lumber mill on a lake west of town, and if you guessed Moen Lake, you are correct. Now is it pronounced "Moon" or "Moh-en" or some other way? Even the Moen family is divided on that point. However you say it, John was later the president of the Wisconsin Veneer Company, a factory that was on the current site of the Trigs Mall off Courtney Street. A prominent businessman, Mr. Moen was also involved in the First National Bank and the early Rhinelander Refrigerator Company, which produced wooden ice boxes.

Two streets mentioned in this article were hard to find information on: Courtney Street and Lincoln Street. It was common, and popular to have a city street in any community named after Abraham Lincoln, one of America's most endearing presidents. So, it's possible we need look no further than that for an explanation. Although info on Courtney Street was not forthcoming, it is interesting to note that it was one of the few early streets that doesn't follow the grid pattern, due to its layout aside the winding tracks of the Milwaukee, Lakeshore, and Western, later Chicago Northwestern, railroad line through part of town. Maybe a reader will shed some light on a Courtney Street namesake.

Due to space constraints, I'll have to pause here. I had a long list of street names and their history that could've filled up this whole issue. Perhaps we'll get a part two some day. In the meantime, maybe you know how a street that wasn't mentioned got its name? Please feel free to email me, Kerry, at anytime! rhinelanderpphc@gmail.com

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# Fantastic Fungi

## A GUIDE TO MUSHROOM FORAGING

By **Dan Hagen**

Ask Emily Mae King about mushrooms, and her eyes light up.

“In our society we’re a little squeamish about mushrooms. We shouldn’t be so intimidated by them.”

Emily Mae lives in Minocqua now, but grew up in Tomahawk. As a kid, she spent a lot of time exploring her family’s land. Thanks to a few mentors, she started foraging mushrooms for fun.

“Mushroom hunting is free, accessible, and functional in whatever lifestyle you have. It doesn’t hurt that mushrooms are delicious.”

A mushroom is the visible fruiting body of some fungi. Fungi play many vital roles in forest ecosystems including decomposition, nutrient cycling, and symbiosis. Mushrooms are just a small part of the entire organism. Most of the fungus is underground in a network of threads called hyphae. The purpose of the mushroom is to spread spores, much like how the purpose of fruit is to spread seeds.

In Wisconsin, it is legal to forage mushrooms on public land. Here in the Northwoods, that means the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest is your oyster – mushroom (excuse the pun). The NHAL has over 200,000 acres, with hundreds of access points.

“You shouldn’t just go out without a plan, it’s crucial to be prepared. Tell someone where you’re exploring out of an abundance of caution.”

Emily Mae brings a brush, mosquito protection, a pocket knife, a map, her phone, plenty of water and



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← Chaga    ↑ Chanterelles



↙ Dryad's Saddle



False Morel ↗



snacks, and a wicker basket or a nylon bag.

“It’s taboo to use a plastic or paper bag while foraging. A mushroom needs to breathe to spread its spores. Use something that’s porous. This will lead to more mushrooms next season.”

The edible or medicinal mushrooms Emilymae looks for are a tiny percentage of all of the mushrooms out there. Most mushrooms have no practical use, and some others are toxic to humans. Most mushrooms are seasonal and medicinal mushrooms must be collected at certain times of the year. If harvested at the wrong time, they will lack the medicinal qualities and damage the host tree. Below are some mushrooms to look for, and others to avoid.

**Edible:** Morels are the crown jewel of edible mushrooms. They taste earthy and nutty. The cap resembles an inverted pinecone with ridges and deep pits. Caps are a gray-cream-yellow color. Stems are white-cream and hollow. They only fruit for two to three weeks in the spring.

Oyster mushrooms taste savory with a subtle anise flavor. The cap is white or pale tan, gills are white. They are often found on aspens or other hardwoods. They should only be picked off of dead or dying trees. Emilymae says these are the only white mushrooms that should be picked. Never pick a white mushroom from the ground.

Chicken of the Woods tastes like, well, chicken. It comes in multiple clusters of yellow-orange shelves growing on wood. They start soft and fleshy when young, and turn hard over time.

Chanterelles are the most common edible wild mushroom. They taste slightly fruity, although not as sweet. The caps are yellow to yellow orange in a funnel shape. There are shallow gills underneath the cap. They are found growing into the soil, as opposed to false Chanterelles.

Giant Puffballs taste subtly earthy and nutty. They are softball-soccer ball in size, with white leathery skin, and turn more yellow-tan as they age. They taste better when still white.

**Medicinal:** Chaga sticks out from the trunk of a birch tree. It is gnarly in appearance with rough texture. Inside is an amber color. Chaga must be broken down into a powder form in order to be consumed. Harvest from living trees only. Used in tea. Only harvest Chaga right before spring or it will damage the birch tree.

Dryad’s Saddle are white yellow with brown scales. They are used for medicinal tinctures.

**Do not pick:** Artist’s Conks are not technically mushrooms, but are related. They are very commonly found on dead or dying hardwood trees. On top, they’re gray brown. On bottom, they’re white. While they technically have some medicinal properties, it is recommended



Chicken Of The Woods



↙ Morels

↙ Puffballs





that they are left alone or used for art. Feel free to scratch something into the mushroom, a new layer will grow over it in short time.

False Chanterelles have orange to orange-brown caps in a funnel shape. They are found on decaying wooden debris, while Chanterelles are found on top of soil. False Chanterelles are poisonous.

False Morels have red-brown caps that appear brain-like. The stalk is white-yellow. False Morels are poisonous.

Destroying Angel have white, smooth caps with white gills under the cap but not on the stalk. It has a bulbous base. Destroying Angels are highly poisonous and cause 95% of mushroom-related deaths.

Never eat a wild mushroom raw. They're often cooked in oil or butter. Feel free to check out more intricate recipes online. Cooking makes mushrooms more digestible to humans and unlocks their considerable nutritional value. Mushrooms are high in protein, fiber, antioxidants, vitamin D & minerals.

Never eat a mushroom unless you are absolutely sure you have identified it. This article is not enough, seek out other guides like Fantastic Fungi of the North Woods by Cora Mollen.

King says mushrooms have given her more than just food and fun. It's given her wisdom as well.

"It was an epiphany I had, when I realized I go too fast in my life," said King. "And mushrooms inadvertently taught me to slow down and be more present."

There are too many great places for mushroom foraging to list them all. Consider starting on easily-accessible public trails.

Chicken Of The Woods 🐔

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# Of *Carnivals* and *Core* *Memories*

By **Kerry Bloedorn**

Few other events conjure up memories like a county fair. Carnival rides, exhibits, and live music! Deep fried cheese curds, funnel cake, and snow cones! These sounds and smells become ingrained in our minds, and many of us fondly recall our first memories of THE FAIR!

Every summer since 2009, the Oneida County Fair pops up among the pines of Pioneer Park in the county seat of Rhinelander. This old-fashioned style fair has roots going back to 1896, known most famously for the event in which Gene Shepard put a ferocious forest beast, the Hodag, on display.

In the early years of the fair, Oneida County had just been clear cut by the early logging industry that raced through northern Wisconsin, leaving little more than stump cutover land for miles. Agriculture flourished, and



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people flocked to what was once primeval forest. It was during this time the fair was founded, to showcase Oneida County's progress and give families an opportunity to gather for a weekend of good food, comradery, and exciting entertainment!

Over the decades, many things at the fair have changed, most notably it's location, but the desire to bring the residents and visitors of Oneida County together has remained much the same. From 1896 to 1968 the fair was held at a grounds on Coon St. in Rhinelander. For many decades the fair was known as the "Oneida-Rhinelander Hodag Fair," or simply "The Hodag Fair." Time marches on and the space eventually became home to an industrial park.

From 1968 to the mid-1990s, Oneida had no organized county fair. Hard to believe all those years went by without a proper fair. In the mid-1900s the county fair was reprised at what is now the Hodag Country Fest grounds.

In 2009, it was decided to move the Oneida County Fair back into town, and ever since, groups of people dedicated to recreating the atmosphere from some of their earliest memories and providing a weekend of fun for the whole family, have worked hard to produce this wonderful event.

In 2021, after many years as a county committee, the fair has gone independent as a non-profit organization. Many

of the long standing committee members retired, and it was time for a younger board to step up and take the reins. A majority of the current Oneida County Fair board members have children which helps them plan for a host of family centric activities, events, and contests for the fair. For those reasons the OCF is on a renewed footing, an eye toward the future of the fair is palpable, but the focus continues to be putting on a great county fair that everyone can enjoy!

Out of 70 county fairs in the state, the Oneida County Fair is the only without a permanent fair grounds. But that challenge doesn't stop the fair board from making the most of the beautiful pine laden grounds of Pioneer Park in Rhinelander.

What does a day at the Oneida County Fair look like? Arriving at a parking area a few blocks from the park; fairgoers hop on a cute little tractor towed trolley to the main fair gate. Upon entering the park, you walk through a cathedral like stand of red and white pine trees, the path illuminated by strings of lights, as the sights and sounds of a fair materialize out of the woods and envelop all five senses, six if you count the ability to detect cheese curds from afar like many of us Wisconsinites.

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Photo by Andrew Egan





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## PARTIAL ONEIDA COUNTY FAIR CONTEST AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JULY 29TH, 2022 – KIDS DAY

- 11am-3pm**....ArtStart Interactive Weaving Project
- 12noon** .....Kids Watermelon Eating Contest
- 1pm** .....Kids Potato Sack Race
- 2pm** .....Cheese Curd Eating Contest
- 3pm** .....Great Northern Crayfish Carry Race
- 4pm** .....Iron-Woman Skillet Throwing Contest

### SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, 2022

- All Day**.....Lumberjack Show (Ollie's Green Space)
- 12noon** .....Men's Sexiest Legs in a Kilt Contest (Family Stage)
- 2pm** .....Kids Watermelon Eating Contest (Family Stage)

For a full list of scheduled events and activities please visit [www.ocfairwi.com](http://www.ocfairwi.com).

All of the classic fair activities are present; a carnival, food stands, vendors, music, contests and exhibits, to name a few, nestled right in the heart of the Northwoods lakes region. This year's fair has a long list of scheduled fun you won't want to miss.

### Fair Food Highlights

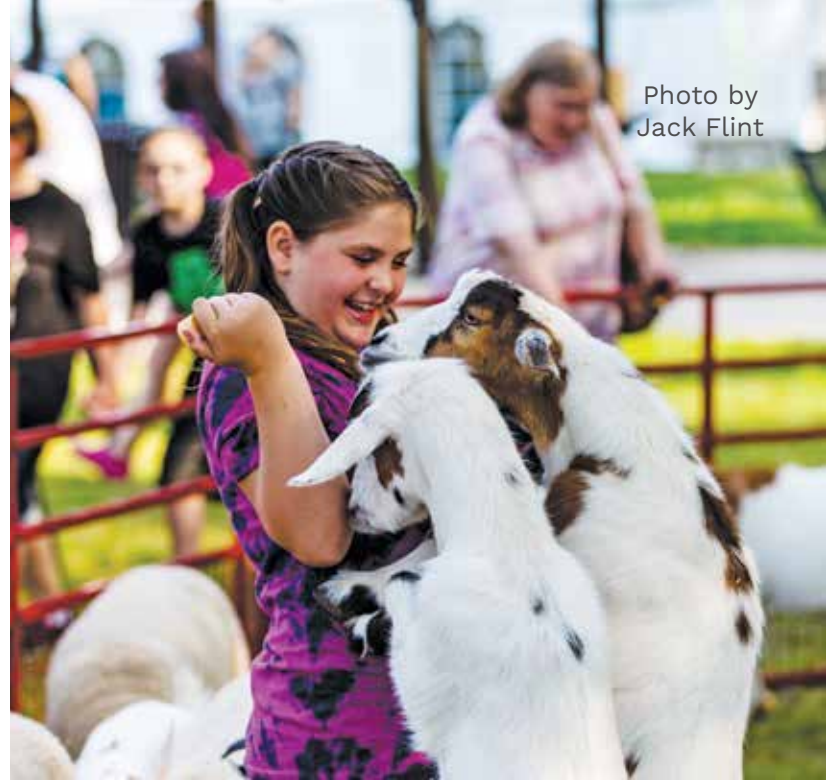
The 2022 Fair will see the return of CT's Deli's famous Friday Night Fish Fry event, and Saturday evenings delicious BBQ Chicken Dinner, both which sell out year after year, so get there early! One awesome aspect of the Oneida County Fair food vendor list is many of them own and operate businesses in Oneida County. CT's, Casa Mexicana, K&H Funnel Cake, local pizzerias, and more, all bring their foodie talents to the fair, keeping it community oriented and showing off some of the great places to eat in our area.

### Ollie Oneida's Exhibition Court and Exploratorium (Exploratorium)

This year's fair will have a revised exhibit court dubbed "Ollie Oneida's Exploratorium and Exhibit Court." Named after the fair's new mascot Ollie Oneida, an adorable Northwoods black bear. This space will include the classic exhibition tent, a family stage, kids activities pavilion, petting farm, contest and entertainment area.

Some of the highlights in this area during the weekend will include kid's activities, and contests for all ages, such as a weaving art project on Friday organized by ArtStart and the Rhinelander Women's Club. Old fashioned contests like watermelon eating, and a potato sack race will be held. Daily activities such as the exhibit court, Exploratorium stations in the pavilion, bubbles, tug of war, and parachute

Photo by Jack Flint



play will be organized. Other family fun activities will include face painting, visits from Ollie Oneida, the Rhinelander PD canine unit, humane society and more!

**New and Returning Contests**

New to the fair and taking place on Friday, will be a

women's only contest, "The Iron-Woman Skillet Throwing Contest." The Northwoods is full of strong women, and this contest will test their arm strength with a wholly Northwoods inspired contest of their own. How far can you toss a cast iron skillet?

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**JULY 28TH-JULY 31ST**

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Two other great contests will be featured on Friday including an adult only Cheese Curd Eating Contest. We'll see who has cheese flowing through their veins and who can eat a container of cheese curds the fastest! The other new Northwoods inspired contest will be, "The Great Northern Crayfish Carry Race." The premise is to carefully pick up crayfish and race them to your designated bucket in the allowed time. The most crayfish moved wins! Heats for both kids and adults will be held. How much fun is that!

This year the fair will see the return of its hilarious, yet tantalizing, "Sexiest Men's Legs in a Kilt Contest." Taking place Saturday July 30th at high noon. Men from around the Northwoods will don their kilts (provided if needed) and show off their sexy legs in hopes of winning the coveted



Photo by Jack Flint

genuine leather trophy belt! Hosted by WJFW personality Geoff Weller, it has become a must-see contest at the fair.

Prizes will be awarded for each event!

### Lumberjack Show

Not to be missed, and keeping with the Northwoods forestry traditions, will be a world class logging show by Lumberjack Enterprises hailing from Stillwater, MN.

They will entertain fair goers for a one day only, Saturday show.

This event features the lumberjack show occurring multiple times during the day, as well as an interactive lumber camp where you can try your hand as a crosscut sawyer, or log roller in their 10,000-gallon pool! Bleacher seating for this event will fill up fast, so you are encouraged to BYO camp chair or blanket to use.

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## Petting Farm and Pony Rides

Ollie Oneida's Exploratorium area will see the return of Havens Petting Farm. Over the years, fairgoers have requested that the fair pay special attention to the animal acts and activities brought in. The fair board has listened intently to those concerns and endeavored to seek out a family owned and responsibly run petting farm. Enter Havens Petting Farm from Blue Mound, Wisconsin. These animals are beloved on their family run farm, and it shows in all they do. The petting farm has limited hours during the fair so they are not overstimulated, and are given time to rest. They have a daily food allotment that is strictly adhered to so they are not overfed by the candy style food vending machines you often see at petting zoos. At night, the animals are transported off-grounds to a local Oneida County farm, where they can have a peaceful night in familiar surroundings. Havens will bring a proverbial barnyard full of animals from ducks, bunnies, pigs to a cuddly highland cow calf named "Snuffleupagus" and more! The pony rides they provide are not your typical horse hooked to a carousel that walks in a circle. Children are able to go on a genuine "trail ride" with hand lead ponies under the trees of Pioneer Park.

Northwoods residents are reminded that the fair has space for local farms and animal owners to get involved if they would like to showcase their own farm stock or pets. Area residents are encouraged to contact the fair if they'd like to exhibit their chickens, geese, guinea pigs, lizards, or even the family dog!

## Family Friendly Entertainment

Other weekend entertainment at the fair will include comedic magic duo Miller and Mike who received rave reviews when they attended the OCF several years ago. New this year will see performances by "Half-Twisted-Half Knot" Balloon artist, who is more than just your traditional balloon twister, but puts on a show alongside his charming "Balloon Trolley".

The 2022 Oneida County Fair is looking to be a grand old time under the pines. The carnival, food and events -- these are the things from which core memories are made. Bring your family down to Pioneer Park and create those memories that will last a lifetime!

Mark your calendars for the last weekend in July, the 28th - 31st, and I'll see you at the fair!

\*You may have noticed this article didn't include information on music entertainment. But don't worry! The Oneida County Fair's Live Music Lineup is included in this issue's "Northwoods Music Feature," which you can find by flipping the pages!



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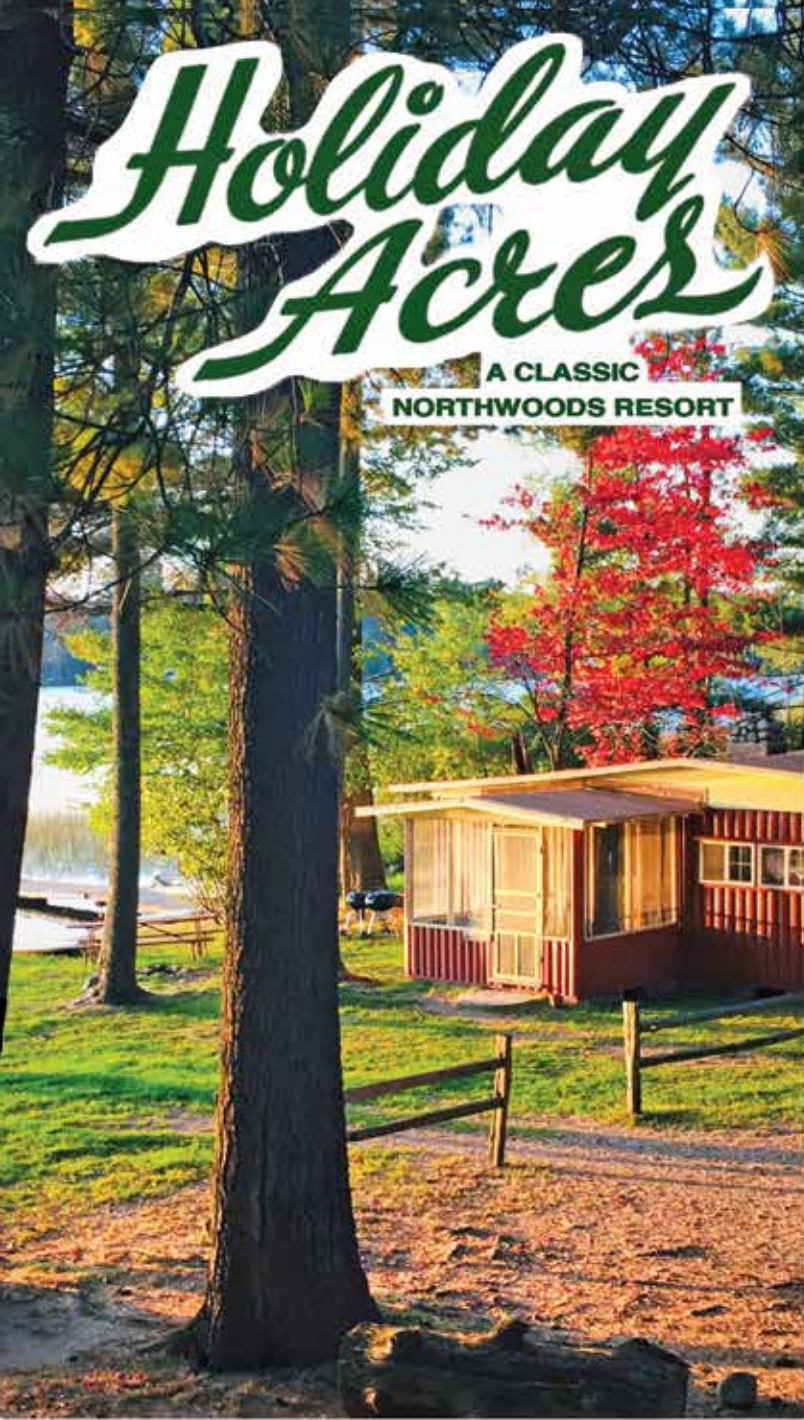
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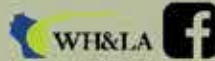
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# Enjoy THE HODAG FARMERS MARKET

By **Peter Zambon**

The smell of the air on a balmy summer morning is one of the few things that wake me up as pleasantly as a cup of freshly brewed coffee. My partner and I love rising early and inhaling that fresh morning air while we walk our pups. During the summer months here in the Northwoods it is all the more enticing when the earth under our feet thaws out for a few lovely months. Okay, maybe some are thinking that it is more like a few weeks!! It's safe to say that however we measure these summer days, they sure are sweet.

Summer is also the time of year when local farmers begin to harvest for their tables at home as well as their farmers market tables in the region. Fresh air and fresh produce is what it's all about. Visiting a farmers market is a great way to plan your week's meals while simultaneously going for a stroll under a blue sky rather than the fluorescent glow of a box-top store. But farmers markets are more than just a kitschy way to get your grocery shopping done.

The opportunity to meet and interact with the people who produced the food you put on the dinner table opens up a deeper connection to eating and cooking. Often, farmers know the best ways to prepare their products in a way that isn't overly complicated. After all, they simply don't have the time to overcomplicate





the cooking when there are weeds to pick and thirsty plants to water! However, there is another secret to why farmers market produce is easier to cook. Ask any farmers market fiend why they add the extra stop on their errands list and they will tell you: it's the flavor! The fresher the broccoli, the sweeter it will taste on your plate. It's as simple as that. A feast for your eyes and nose, farm tables at the Hodag Farmers Market brim with the region's freshest seasonal produce, fruits, vegetables, honey, maple syrup, ciders, goat cheese, locally raised meats, jams, apple butter, cut flowers, homemade pickles, rubs, salsas, hot sauces, antipasto, wild foraged foods, and even nursery stock for your own garden. Several farmers bake bread and offer delicious baked treats.

Beyond locally grown produce and fresh baked goods, the Hodag Farmers Market also features several other artisan products. Did you know that the freshest and only locally roasted coffee in town is at the Hodag Farmers Market? Handcrafted soaps and skin care products, bird and bat houses, and birch baskets are just some of the charming artisan items available.

Bring the family and let your children peruse and choose what interests them. They will be more excited to help prepare and eat vegetables they discovered on their own. Unlike the supermarket, the farmers market isn't laden with unhealthy items packaged in ways that are designed to send your children into a me want candy frenzy. Not to say there aren't any sweet goodies, but you may go home with some local apple butter instead of dragging the kids out of the ice cream aisle! Side



benefit: The Hodag Farmers Market is located at the beautiful Pioneer Park, featuring a playground as well as the Rhinelander School Museum, the Logging Museum, Soo Line Depot, Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, model railroad display and an outdoor display. You'll see an authentic recreation of an 1870s lumberjack camp, a wide variety of lumberjack equipment and an outstanding collection of items and artifacts from Rhinelander's past.

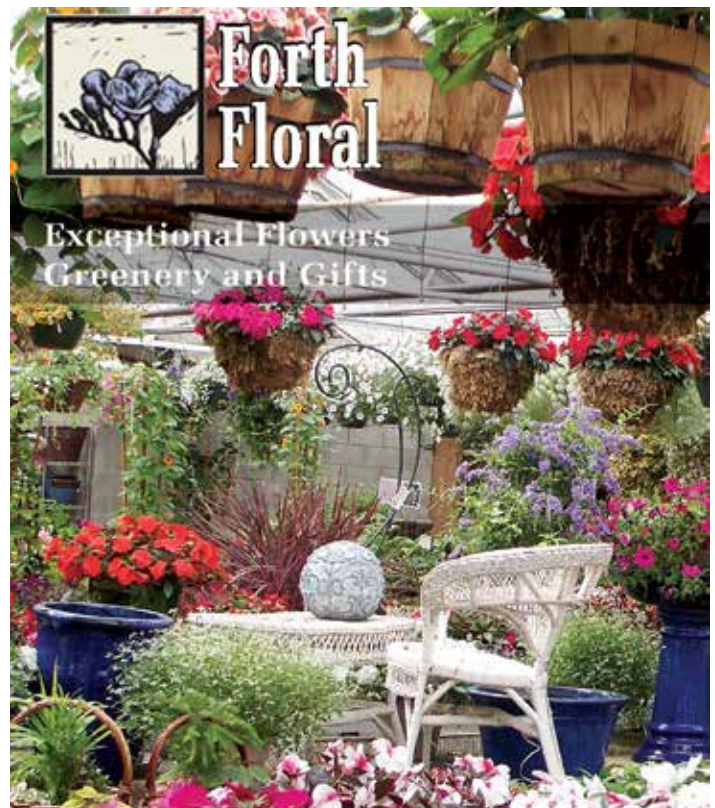
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approved products can be used by Hodag Farmers Market producers. Transparency is also a priority. All producers are required to make their farm open for visitors to ensure they are comfortable with a producer's practices. The market also restricts eligibility to farmers located in Oneida County or one of the five counties bordering Oneida County. Transport is a principal source of carbon emissions in food production. Transport is also a source of production cost. When you visit the market, you will be surprised to find that prices are competitive with other local groceries. Reduced transport cost and cutting out the middle-man ensure not only that you get a fair price for your food, but also that the farmer, who is your neighbor, is the person who will benefit most from your purchase. Supporting local businesses helps more of your dollars stay in our community, and farmers are literally producing real, sustainable, value from the earth beneath our feet. I can hardly imagine a better way to "grow" the economy.

For more than 25 years, the Hodag Farmers Market has served the community with the highest quality foods available in the region. The Hodag Farmers Market producers welcome the public to come and enjoy at the Pioneer Park in Rhinelander each Saturday from 8am-1pm from Memorial Day weekend through the third week in October. We look forward to welcoming you!

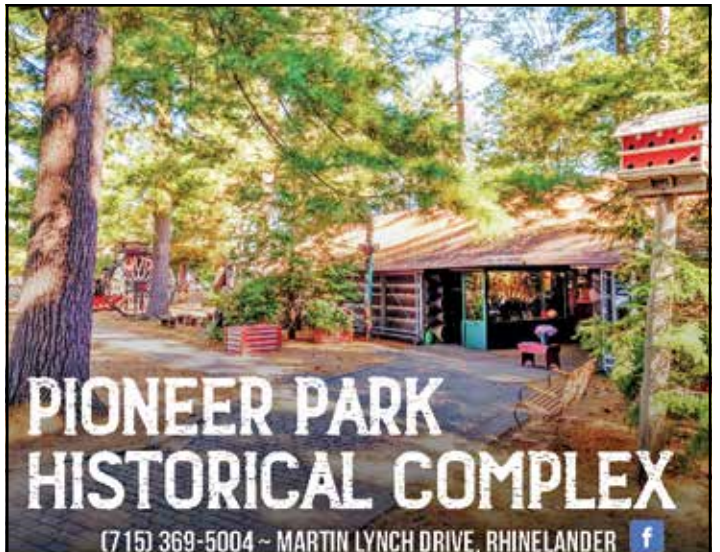





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# THE ONEIDA COUNTY FAIR LIVE MUSIC LINEUP

By Kerry Bloedorn

*July 28th - 31st, 2022*



The 2022 fair has an excellent line up of live music. On Thursday night, fairgoers should come prepared to kick up their heels to the John Greiner Swing Shift Big Band, a 15-piece orchestra playing music from the 30s and 40s! Oneida County and the Northwoods at large has a long history of hosting acts from the golden era of big bands. Dozens of music pavilions once dotted the glacial lakes of the Northwoods with dances held throughout the summer. The Oneida County Fair hopes to rekindle those days with a special Thursday night of swing music for all ages to enjoy! Show starts at 7pm.



Friday under the big top will see local eclectic rock quartet Santy and Son performing at 5pm. This well-known Northwoods group plays everything from rock classics to modern chart-topping pop tunes. Led by the father and son duo Jeff and John Santy, enhanced by powerful female vocal lead Eileen Emond and backed by the steady beat of Peter Kotarba, the show kicks off at 5pm.

Later on Friday evening, from the brew city, a performance by globetrotting jam-grass band Chicken Wire Empire will begin at 8pm. This 5 piece group has been hitting the road hard, performing all over the country at some of the nations best venues and festivals. Chicken Wire Empire is sure to entertain the Friday night crowd at the fair!



What's in store for Saturday music at the fair? Over the winter, the Oneida County Fair did a social media poll to see what tribute bands people would like to see. In the past, the fair has had tribute act performances by ABBA, Elton John, and Billy Joel to name a few. The polling placed an Eagles and a Fleetwood Mac tribute band in the top two spots. The fair decided, why have just one -- let's have two! So, both "Take it Easy" a tribute to Eagles, and Fleetwood Mac tribute "Hypnotized" will perform on Saturday afternoon and evening of the Oneida County Fair. "Take it Easy" taking the big top stage at 5pm, and "Hypnotized" performing at 8pm. These two tribute acts have been per-



forming the hits and music from two of the greatest, chart-topping rock and roll bands in American music for years. This will be a perfect opportunity for attendees to sing their hearts out to the classics from the likes of Don Henley and Stevie Nicks. You won't want to miss it!

The final day of the fair, Sunday, will see a mid-day performance by Northwoods locals The Choraliers, as well as highly regarded acoustic songwriter Phyl Wickham of Lake Tomahawk, and Wausau duo "Open Tab" finishing out the weekend.

Throughout the weekend, local music acts will be performing on a special stage in the expanded Beer Garden area as well. The perfect spot to grab some curds and a cold brew, find a table under the pines and enjoy the Pioneer Park ambiance! Live music will also be featured on the family stage at Ollie Oneida's Exploratorium and Exhibit Court.

This year's Oneida County Fair will be a great place to see live music that appeals to a wide variety of tastes. Big name acts, tribute bands, and more, will give every fairgoer something to check out -- and the best part about the Oneida County Fair Live Music Lineup? It's all FREE!

A full schedule of events can be found at [www.ocfairwi.com](http://www.ocfairwi.com).

## ONEIDA COUNTY FAIR LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE HEADLINERS

### THURSDAY, JULY 28TH

7pm....John Greiner's Swing Shift Big Band  
(15 Piece Orchestra)

### FRIDAY, JULY 29TH

5pm....Santy and Son (Rock and Pop Hits)  
8pm....Chicken Wire Empire  
(Original Jam-grass, Milwaukee)

### SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

5pm....Eagles Tribute "Take it Easy"  
8pm....Fleetwood Mac Tribute "Hypnotized"

### SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

12noon....Choraliers (Soda Shop/Doo Wop Hits)  
1:30pm....Phyl Wickham (Acoustic Singer  
Songwriter, Lake Tom)  
3:30pm....Open Tab (Acoustic Duo, Wausau)



## NORTHWOODS ARTIST

# Florian Bieschke

By Dan Hagen



The biggest bookbindery in the Northwoods is in a small hut about the size of two ice shanties.

To be fair, it's the biggest by default. Florian Bieschke is the only bookbinder in Northern Wisconsin. His Arbor Vitae business Atelier Bindery may be small and remote, but he gets clients from all over the world. Some of the books he repairs are from centuries ago.

"The most interesting book I've had in the past decade is from 1585," said Bieschke. "It was a book on herbs by a famous Italian physician."

Bieschke got his start in 1969 during his senior year in college. On Saturday mornings he took a bookbinding class. His career took him in many different directions before finally landing in Northern Wisconsin. He opened Atelier Bindery in the fall of 2011 to promote and preserve the craft of hand bookbinding and restoration.

His goal for old books is to get them as close as possible to the original. The difficulty depends on the state of the book. The spine of the book is a common problem. Books are almost always stored vertically, and for heavy, old books that puts a lot of stress on the spine. This leads to a painstaking repair process using some of Bieschke's hundreds of tools.

"I have a love of tools. I'm a tool freak. I have hundreds of tools and I want more."





More than half the space in his small hut is filled with presses, trimmers, and other tools he's collected over decades of bookbinding. Many date back a hundred-plus years.

But most of the books he works on aren't that old. Bieschke receives a lot of books with more sentimental value than historical value.

"I've done Betty Crocker cookbooks from the seventies. I tell my client: you know you could go into town and buy this at the antique shop for 20 bucks? Then they'll say: yeah, but it's not mom's. This one smells like her kitchen."

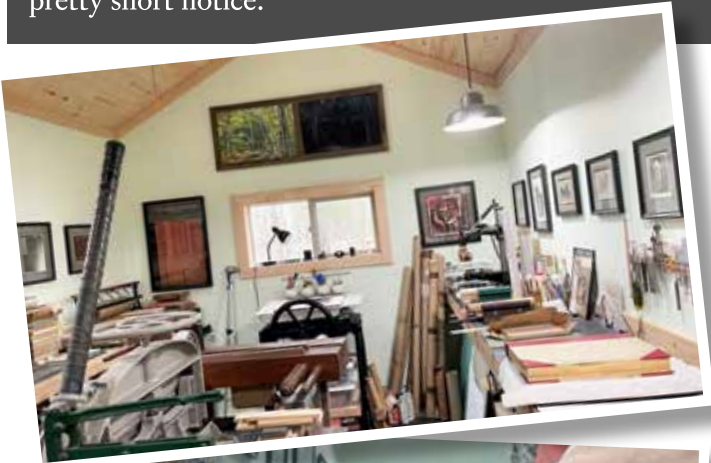
Modern books are made on big industrial presses, but that sort of thing isn't possible for repairs. Each book presents a new challenge to Bieschke, and he's the first to admit he's made his fair share of mistakes.

"You're going to mess up, that's not important. What's important is what you're prepared to do about that. What's your plan?"

While Bieschke likes bookbinding, he'd actually rather be doing artwork. Both his bachelor's and master's degrees were in fine arts. He made two new paintings over the summer. They were the first paintings he'd done in a few years. After those he found himself right back in his bookbinding hut, putting 10 or 11 hour days.

When asked about his plan for the future, Bieschke said he wants to keep working on his craft of bookbinding.

"The original plan was to quit at 75, I'm not sure that's a good plan. That's only one more year, that's pretty short notice."



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# The Kiwanis Club OF RHINELANDER

By **Stephanie Dahlquist**

## MISSION

“Serving the Children of the World”

## HISTORY

The history of Kiwanis and how it began is the story of how fellowship and service developed within an organization. Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 by a group of businessmen in Detroit, Michigan and the organization was originally called the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers, but changed its name to Kiwanis a year later.

The name “Kiwanis” was coined from an American Indian expression, “Nunc Kee-wanis,” which means, “We trade.” In 1920, the motto of Kiwanis was changed to “We Build,” then in 2005 the motto was changed to the current “Serving the children of the world,” to emphasize the primary focus of Kiwanis service over those nine decades and make a commitment for the years to come.

It is the special kind of service Kiwanis offers and today, as in the early 1900s, Kiwanians demonstrate in many ways how they join together, understand, and help to solve the pressing problems their communities face.

## RHINELANDER CLUB PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS

That is what the Rhinelander Kiwanis Club is all about, changing the world one community and one child at a time. This club was chartered in July of 1962, and since then has raised over \$700,000 to fund community projects. The majority being children’s programs and projects within the Rhinelander School District. There are a couple annual fundraisers that help fund these community projects.

## WINTER ESCAPES

A large annual fundraiser, Winter Escapes Extravaganza, has raised over \$400,000 in just over 30 years. These funds give opportunities for children’s organizations and family-oriented projects in the Rhinelander community. Past projects funded with money raised through Winter Escapes include the children’s art classroom at Rhinelander ArtStart, the greenhouse at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, purchase and installation of Pioneer Park playground equipment, construction of the lighted outdoor basketball court at Central School, the Hal Berndt Stoney Pines Trail at the YMCA of the Northwoods, a new



dock for Camp Birchrock, handicap accessible kitchen at Headwaters Inc, large donation to Rhinelander Little League to help build a new snack shack and bathrooms... just to name a few in the last years.

The Chair of the Winter Escapes Extravaganza, Romelle Vandervest, will always be remembered for her outstanding work and dedication to Winter Escapes. She was a member of the Rhinelander Kiwanis Club for many years and served as the Winter Escapes Chairperson. Romelle's dedication to the community earned her the George F. Hixon Fellowship Award in 2017, the Kiwanis highest honor. This award recognizes people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity. Romelle recently passed away in April 2022, and she will always be remembered for her dedication, commitment to Kiwanis and our community, her vivacious smile and infectious laugh, and her heart of gold. She will always hold a special place in the Rhinelander Kiwanis Club. Thank You Romelle!

**POINSETTIA SALE**

The Rhinelander Kiwanis Club's annual holiday poinsettia sale is a way for the community to come together and spread the joy of these beautiful plants. Kiwanian Deb Berns displays the lush holiday plants grown locally in Rhinelander by Ruth and Henning Hempel, owners of Forth Floral. Poinsettias sell for only \$18 each and funds raised from this sale are used to finance youth and family projects as well as other programs in the Rhinelander community.

**GREENHOUSE**

One of the community projects Kiwanis has funded was the greenhouse at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. This greenhouse not only provides food for the community, but also provides plants to pantry clients who can share the growing of plants at home with their children, passing on this great tradition. The photo in this article shows only a [www.thenewnorthonline.com](http://www.thenewnorthonline.com)

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portion of an early growth cycle of plants in the Food Pantry greenhouse where more than 2,000 plants were distributed to Food Pantry clients. Thank you to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry for allowing Kiwanis this opportunity to support our community, as well as the area Master Gardeners for their help with the plants. Another great Kiwanis project was the construction of a

lighted basketball court near Rhinelander's Central School. This basketball court gives the community a place to play outside, bringing youth together forming friendships and building a better community.

### UKRAINE RELIEF

The Rhinelander Kiwanis Club recently started a Ukraine Relief effort. Rhinelander Kiwanis partnered with its European counterparts to help people half a world away. The Rhinelander Kiwanis Club, part of an international organization, is providing a path for community members to help the people of Ukraine. Rhinelander Kiwanis Club president, Stephanie Dahlquist, presented Ryan Hetland one of the first donations of \$1,000 to the Ukrainian Relief. So far, this relief effort has raised more than \$20,000 and \$15,000 has already been wire transferred over to the Luxembourg Foundation. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a t-shirt and the club will be sending 100% of the money donated locally to the Kiwanis Luxembourg Foundation in Europe. This foundation is the funding source of Kiwanis Clubs in Eastern Europe that border Ukraine to help them provide food, shelter, and clothing for Ukrainians. Donations are being accepted at local businesses, including Peoples State Bank in Rhinelander, YMCA of the Northwoods, LaSalle St. Securities, Animal Health Care Center, Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Ripco Credit Union. Checks may be mailed to Rhinelander Kiwanis, PO Box 631, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

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### MEMBER BENEFITS

There are beneficial opportunities from being a member in Kiwanis. A member gains respect and fellowship within the community and adults value community service and voluntarism. Being a Kiwanis member can be rewarding in many ways. “The greatest gift you could ever give yourself as a person is the gratification of knowing you are contributing your help, time, and efforts to people in your community who are in need,” says Stephanie Dahlquist, Rhinelander Kiwanis Club President. “Raising funds to help those in need, participating in fellowship, and giving something back to your community gives you the highest self-satisfaction you can ever encounter.”

Some areas of volunteering as a Rhinelander Kiwanian include participating in the fundraisers, helping with food distribution at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, helping hang or take down lights for Lights of the Northwoods, helping the Rhinelander High School Key Club with projects, and so much more.

The Rhinelander Kiwanis Club is proud to be able to hand out 3 scholarships of \$1,500 each annually to local Rhinelander High School Seniors. These include the Dave Havel Community Service Scholarship, Keith Nelson Distinguished Service Award Scholarship, and our recently renamed scholarship of the Romelle Vandervest Community Service Scholarship.

For more information on the Rhinelander Kiwanis Club, contact them on Facebook at Kiwanis Club of Rhinelander or contact the President Stephanie Dahlquist at sdahlquist@ymcanw.org or send them a note at P.O. Box 631, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

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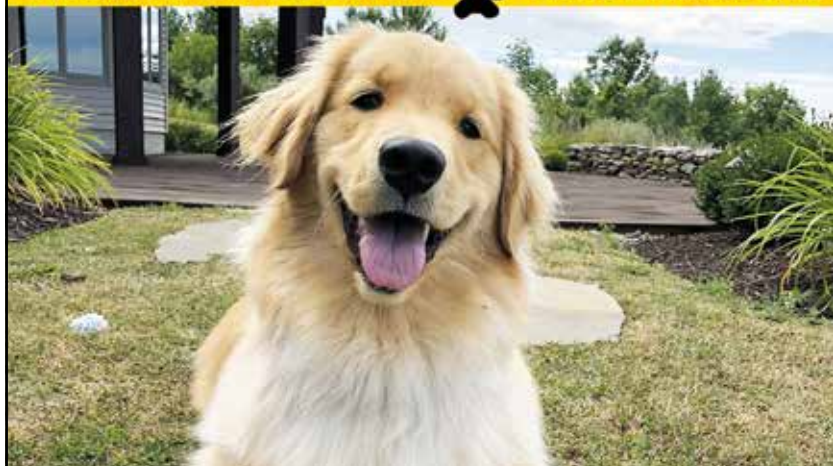
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## HODAG PARK GETS A NEW AMPHITHEATER

By **Jaclene Tetzlaff**

Rhineland area music lovers will have a brand-new outdoor venue by mid-summer. A ground-breaking ceremony was held at Hodag Park on May 11 for the first phase of the Hodag Park renovation project that will include an outdoor amphitheater. In addition to music, the space can host weddings, picnics, even poetry readings, according to Zach Vruwink, city administrator for Rhineland.



↑ Present for the event were: Zach Vruwink, city council members Eileen Daniel, LeAnn Felten, and Carrie Mikalauski, along with Mayor Kris Hanus, Rhineland Community Foundation President Gina Heck, and RCF members Jaclene Tetzlaff, and Janet Jamison.

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The City of Rhinelander along with the Rhinelander Community Foundation teamed up to raise the funds needed for phase one of the renovation, totaling \$400,000. An anonymous donor from the RCF contributed \$100,000.

The idea began about 5 years ago with a task force that realized the park was underutilized. "It's exciting to see the dreams and vision become a reality. There were a lot of people involved in the planning and fundraising for this," says Janet Jamison, RCF and task force member.



"The Hodag Park Improvement Fund was one of the initial funds started with the Rhinelander Community Foundation," says Gina Heck, president of the RCF. "Hopefully this is riding on the momentum of more things to come."

Currently, big rigs and earth movers are taking over the space, and soon, the amphitheater will begin to emerge.



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## NORTHWOODS

# poetry


By Nova Kane

Curled in darkness, huddled against the cold  
 Slowly a glimmer of hope warms  
 Reach toward that hope, glowing ever brighter  
 Break through to shining light  
 Feel warmth, joy, life  
 Howling winds and pouring rains  
 Flashes across the sky announce  
 Concussive peals that rumble on  
 Sway and bend but do not break  
 Find courage, strength, confidence  
 Balmy heat and lingering light  
 Bursting forth, scent takes flight  
 Buzzing friends and laughing tots  
 Embrace the passing of the year  
 Know peace, calm, Zen

# NO Hum Drum SUMMER

By Woodsy Wallace



Its been a long time since we,  
 felt the sun.  
 Cold and wet forever and never even  
 never seemed to come.  
 Grass got green  
 and the weeds got mean again.  
 I think no hum drum summer,  
 is rolling in.  
 Get to your feet.  
 Move to any beat.  
 If it moves you.  
 Go get lost.  
 Once in awhile.  
 If it behooves you.  
 Let the mist.  
 Take your wrist.  
 Let it soothe you.  
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