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Hartzheim: Town can be more restrictive than state in shoreland zone

But a high court decision backing his position was narrow in scope

News analysis

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

While a debate continues over the validity of the town of Minocqua's moratorium on most shipping containers — whether it is a legitimate use of the town's general policing powers to regulate land use and whether it passes muster as a resolution rather than an ordinance — another, perhaps more important question has been raised about the town's regulatory powers within the shoreland zone.

To wit, assuming the Minocqua moratorium is valid, does it apply within the shoreland zone, or within

1,000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river? And would any later town ordinance regulating shipping containers be valid if it was more restrictive than state shoreland zoning standards?

The question arises because the state considers shipping containers to be regulated structures within the shoreland zone, and no shoreland zoning standard can be more restrictive than the state.

Because shipping containers could be placed just like other structures within the shoreland zone — indeed, Oneida County zoning director Karl Jennrich says that, right now, the county would issue a permit for a

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Kevin Bolger makes Olympic debut

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Lakeland native Kevin Bolger made his Olympic debut in the men's sprint free Tuesday at Zhangjiakou National Cross-Country Skiing Centre. In the qualification round, Bolger finished 22nd with a time of 2:52.5, advancing him to the quarterfinals.

There were five quarterfinal races in the next round. Bolger took fourth in his heat with a time of 2:58.54. It was not fast enough to advance him to the next round.

Johannes Hoesflot Klæbo of Norway ended up winning the gold medal. For complete coverage of Bolger's race, see page 22 of *The Times*.



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Kevin Bolger, left, and teammates Luke Jager and JC Schoonmaker, prep for their Olympic race.

Lakeland comes ALIVE

What's happening in entertainment in the Northwoods

FEB. 12

Olderbudwiser

9 p.m.
Black Bear Bar,
Minocqua



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MUSHER MEET

Jonathan Sharp and his four-year-old son James meet members of Elynn Reese's six-dog sled team in the Musher's Village during the 3 Bear Sled Dog races on Sunday, Feb. 6, in Land O' Lakes.

Judge rules in favor of Presque Isle town board regarding hazardous wake

MacLean: '... the law and how I understood it, it was echoed carefully by the judge who made a thoughtful interpretation.'

By Trevor Greene
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On Tuesday, Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Martha Milanowski ruled in favor of the Presque Isle town board regarding the highly contentious draft hazardous wake ordinance.

In October, a group associated with the non-profit organization The Last Wilderness Alliance, and Jeff Meessmann who led the way, filed a writ of mandamus requesting the town board put in place a draft hazardous wake ordinance which

would ban the production of high level wakes on town lakes.

Following the filing of the writ, 150 Presque Isle voters signed a petition requesting the board either sign the draft hazardous wake ordinance into being or place it on the April ballot for referendum, warranted by Wisconsin State Statute 9.20: direct legislation.

In determining a ruling, Milanowski examined a number of state statutes, case laws and statutory interpretation.

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Smudde selected as LUHS superintendent

By Kelly Holm
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Lakeland Union High School's permanent superintendent, as unanimously approved by the Board of Education Feb. 7, will be Robert J. Smudde.

Presently, Smudde works for the Dodgeville School District as director of pupil services, and previously, he held district administrator positions for the Prairie du Chien and Ithaca school districts. He also has experience as a special education director and school psychologist, and is treasurer of the Wisconsin Rural School Alliance.

Smudde obtained his superintendent's license from Viterbo University in La Crosse. He has master's degrees in educational leadership and school psychology from Cardinal Stritch University and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, respectively. He earned his undergraduate degree in psychology and business administration from Northland College.

Currently, Smudde lives with his wife and three children in Prairie du Chien. Another fact of note? He is a certified ropes course facilitator.

He will "take up the ropes" at LUHS beginning July 1.

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