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## Woodruff man held on \$100K in child abuse case

### Infant son hospitalized

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A 36-year-old Woodruff man accused of physically abusing his infant son is being held in the Oneida County jail on a \$100,000 cash bond pending a preliminary hearing scheduled for March 4.

According to online court records, Clayton T. Kuehl made his initial appearance in Oneida County Circuit Court on Feb. 22. He is charged with physical abuse of a child (intentionally cause great bodily harm), physical abuse of a child (repeated acts causing great bodily harm) and strangulation and suffocation.

According to the report of the Woodruff police detective who investigated the case, Minocqua Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call



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## Defense alleges 'prosecutorial vindictiveness' in case involving former Oneida County deputy

By Heather Schaefer  
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A second motion to dismiss has been filed in a case involving a former Oneida County sheriff's deputy

charged with stalking, false imprisonment and misconduct in public office. In a motion filed Feb. 23, defense attorney Maggie Hogan alleges "prosecutorial vindictiveness" on the part of

Price County district attorney Karl Kelz, the special prosecutor in the Stetson Grant case.

Grant, 35, is charged with five counts of stalking, five counts of misconduct in of-

fice/act inconsistent with the duties of office, one count of false imprisonment (domestic abuse) and six counts of disorderly conduct (use of a

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## DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

Chad Kilawee gets low on his sled as it leaves the starting chute in the 4-mile dog sled race Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at the Inaugural Heal Creek Dog Dash at Northwood Golf Club. Organized by the Wisconsin Trailblazers Sled Dog Club, the two-day event proved popular with racers and spectators. Additional coverage will appear in a future edition.

## Listening sessions planned as city, ArtStart collaborate on skate park project

By Heather Schaefer  
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The City of Rhineland and ArtStart have taken another step in a collaborative effort to build a skate park in Rhineland. On Feb. 14, the city council approved a proposal offered by ArtStart, a local nonprofit focused on the arts and cultural engagement, to facilitate a feasibility study for the potential skate park at a cost of \$22,000.

Three community-wide listening sessions are planned as part of the feasibility analysis, according to ArtStart's proposal.

"ArtStart is approaching this project as a community connection space, infused with aesthetic and environmental components, public art, and activated programming for intergenerational audiences," the proposal reads. "These components are exciting and inspiring to our team and we have the expertise and network to inform this

initial phase of identifying community need, initial and ongoing support and sustainability for future work. The deliverables may include proposed amenities, dependent on information captured in the community discussion process. ArtStart agrees to perform this work initially and at the conclusion, determine future stages in which it makes organizational sense to be involved."

The proposal states that "ArtStart is uniquely qualified to offer these services as an arts and community development organization based out of Rhineland."

"Due to its collaborative nature, ArtStart has solid relationships with many potential partners and funders as well as contacts and connections across the Midwest. In addition, ArtStart proposes to bring in subcontractors Witt Siasoco and Mark Leski. Witt and Mark are both artists who have hands-on experience activating youth to par-

ticipate in city design/build processes and community engagement practices."

Among other things, ArtStart will take the lead in forming a "steering committee" to guide the feasibility study. The committee will consist of representatives of ArtStart, the City of Rhineland, the Over It! coalition spearheading the skate park initiative and community members.

ArtStart will also facilitate three community-wide listening sessions "where we will gather data and feedback on the community need, components necessary, potential initial and ongoing funding sources and long-term options for collaborative partners," the proposal reads.

There are also plans to create a pop-up skate park as part of the analysis.

According to the timeline included in the proposal, the first community lis-

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