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Council formalizes access to key snowmobile route

By Heather Schaefer
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With the winter season drawing near, the Rhinelander City Council recently approved an ordinance change that will allow snowmobilers continued access to Menominee Drive from N. Stevens Street to Apache Lane.

After hearing from concerned business owners and snowmobile club representatives, the council voted unanimously to formalize access to the area in question.

The vote took place on Aug. 22 after two formal readings of the ordinance language.

Following the first reading, on Aug. 8, the alderpersons questioned some of the wording included in the ordinance, specifically a double negative, and requested a second reading to allow time to resolve those concerns.

The Aug. 8 meeting featured public comment from representatives of local businesses who want to see continued snowmobile access through the city.

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Fire strikes Al-Gen Dinner Club

Restaurant to be closed 'for the foreseeable future' after Friday night blaze

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

The Al-Gen Dinner Club on N. Faust Lake Road will be closed "for the foreseeable future" following a kitchen fire Friday evening, Sept. 9, according to owner Rob Swearingen.

The fire started in the kitchen, on the broiler, Swearingen told the River News.

"The kitchen has extensive damage," he said. "The bar and dining room seem to be fine, although I'm sure there is some smoke damage."

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The Al-Gen Dinner Club on N. Faust Lake Road will be closed "for the foreseeable future" following a kitchen fire Friday evening, Sept. 9, 2022. The Pelican, Pine Lake and Rhinelander fire departments extinguished the blaze

RHS shows governor #TheHodagWay

Back-to-school tour concludes in Rhinelander

By Heather Schaefer
OF THE RIVER NEWS

The last stop in Gov. Tony Evers statewide back-to-school tour was Rhinelander High School where students and school district staff explained Rhinelander's "community approach to career, college and life readiness." Evers and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jill Underly spent approximately one hour in the One Prospect Digital Media Center Thursday afternoon hearing about partnerships and programs that are helping to prepare local students for their future.

Junior Eva Hetland was one of a number of students who shared their experiences with the Inspire program.

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Gov. Tony Evers listens as RHS FBLA/DECA officers, from left, Taylor Riopel, Kylie Gechas and Bryan Glover share the benefits of participating in the club. A number of Rhinelander students spoke with the governor during the visit Thursday afternoon Sept. 8, 2022. Rhinelander High School was the last stop on the governor's statewide back-to-school tour.

Oneida County to cover CDL training costs for prospective employees

Promissory note approved pending legal review

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Oneida County is expected implement a promissory note to pay for prospective highway department employees to obtain a commercial

driver's license (CDL).

The promissory note concept received approval Thursday from both the county highway and labor relations employee services (LRES) committees.

Approval by each committee was contingent upon review by Oneida County corporation counsel Mike Fugle.

"For those of you that don't know, the federal guidelines and regulations for getting your CDL changed,"

county highway commissioner Alex Hegeman said during the LRES meeting. "It used to be where you could hire someone on and train them in-house and then we had a tester in town we would call, call him (and) drive over to take the test, they'd pass 'em, and you'd go over to the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicle) to get your CDL."

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