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## Kuehl set to resolve child abuse case with no contest plea

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The case against a 37-year-old Woodruff man accused of physically abusing his infant son is set to be resolved next week with a no contest plea to one count of physical abuse of a child causing great bodily harm.

According to court records, Clayton T. Kuehl signed a plea questionnaire on May 15 outlining a plea agreement with prosecutors. A plea hearing is scheduled for May 23 at which time the court will decide whether to accept the agreement and the plea.

The plea questionnaire indicates Kuehl will enter a no contest plea to one count of physical abuse of a child and the state will move to dismiss the other two counts — strangulation/suffocation and physical abuse of a child (repeated acts).

Kuehl was scheduled to stand trial on the charges starting in July.

He has been in custody since the charges were filed on Feb. 22, 2022.

According to the report

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## Plan commission denies annexation request after neighbors speak out

By Heather Schaefer  
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The City of Rhinelander plan commission on Tuesday denied an annexation petition brought by the

owner of a property in the Town of Pelican. The vote to deny followed a public hearing where neighbors expressed confusion and strong opposition to the proposed annexation of 3604

Colburn Lane. A number of the speakers indicated they feared the annexation was a precursor to the construction of an apartment complex. Whatever the plan was, in terms of the poten-

tial future development of the property, remains a mystery as the owner did not attend the hearing and not a single member of city administration in attendance  
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## A SPLASH OF COLOR

Scores of runners turned out at Mike Webster Stadium Saturday, May 13 for the inaugural color run sponsored by Rhinelander High School's HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club. The event included a 5-kilometer run/walk through the School District of Rhinelander campus, with stations along the way to cover the participants in different colors of chalk. There was also a one-mile fun run for those age 13 and under. According to SDR, proceeds from the event will go to the family of a student in the district that is working to pay outstanding medical bills. Addressing the participants afterward, HOSA Club member Allie Dornfeld, a senior at RHS, stated that supporting the event, "not only helps students for medical careers, but also impacts our community. We appreciate those who purchased raffle basket tickets to help raise money for the HOSA Club at RHS. The money will support a family and a young girl at Crescent Elementary. From this event we raised a total of \$3,440 for the family and cannot thank all of you enough. This student and their family has had a lot to battle and the fight continues. Thank you for all for being a part of this."

## The Wall That Heals arrives in Rhinelander

BY RIVER NEWS STAFF

The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica exhibit of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., arrived in Rhinelander Tuesday. The American Legion Riders accompanied the exhibit, which is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer, on the last leg of its journey to the campus.

The procession started at Northwood Golf Club and a lone Marine saluted the convoy as it made its way through the Highway 8 and 47 roundabout.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the

names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

Nicolet College was selected by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) as one of only 31 sites from across the country to host the traveling exhibit in 2023.

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to Rhinelander to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to experience The Wall," said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. "Hosting The Wall That Heals provides an opportunity to honor and remember all those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War and educate visitors on the continuing impact of the Vietnam War on

America."

The exhibit and mobile Education Center will be on campus until May 21. It will be open 24 hours a day and free for the public to visit.

"Nicolet College is honored to have been selected to host The Wall That Heals," said Casey Lehmann, Nicolet financial aid advisor and site coordinator. "We are excited to share this wonderful event with the entire Nicolet College community and all Northwoods residents."

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key

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