

Small Historic Towns across America.

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Brief History of Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Rhinelander was originally called “Pelican Rapids” by early settlers, just for the stretch of rapids.

In 1870 a man named Anderson W. Brown of Stevens Point and Anson P. Vaughn traveled to Rhinelander to get some timber for Brown’s father, E.D Brown in.

Brown saw a lot of potential for the area, and some years later his brother Webster Brown became to first mayor of Rhinelander in 1880, he and his father purchased land from the government to build a town.

The area became bigger when they had placed a rail road and lumbering business there. The city was named Rhinelander after Frederic W. Rhinelander, he was the president of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western Road at the time.

Another interesting thing to know about Rhinelander is the Hodag.



This rumor started around the late 1890's, some people say the man who saw it was just saying he saw it just for kicks, a prank if you will. However, there are few that think the Hodag is real. When something happens in Rhinelander the 'Hodag' is often the culprit. The website says that there are many mysterious reports relating to the Hodag, the 2 most common reports are those relating to 90% of the fisherman saying "... fish mysteriously fall off the ends of their lines- as if someone or something had reached up from the deep and unhooked the fish." and, how "90% of all lost golf balls can be attributed to the Hodag" The Hodag has become Rhinelander's mascot, along with all of the sport teams, their names always relate to the Hodag.



Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s).

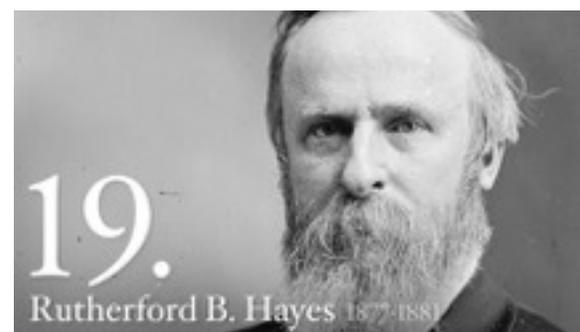
Actually, Rhinelander has their own airport, it is called the "Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport RHI"



Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.

When Rhinelander was first being organized Rutherford B. Hayes was the President of the United States. Not a whole lot of important events happened in America during this time, the U.S population as reached 50,189,209 people, and James A. Garfield, a Republican was elected President over Winfield S. Hancock, the Democratic candidate.

The United States had only 38 states in 1880.



Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.



The largest business in Rhinelander is the “Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport RHI” Outside of the banks in Rhinelander, the oldest business there is Danner’s Shoe Store, the business has been running for 84 years now! They have not moved their location, how ever they have done some remodeling over the years.

City government.

The Mayor for Rhinelander is Richard Johns. Rhinelander also has 7 Alderpersons, and the Alderperson Council President is Sherrie Belliveau.

Why would I want to visit this historic small town.

I loved to visit Rhinelander when I was a kid! It’s the perfect in my opinion, you live next to a lot of rivers and lakes to go fishing in and swimming in, Rhineland is actually called the “Ice Fishing Capital of the World”. You can either be out in the woods or out in city where there is a lot of restaurants&cafe’s, and parks!

Links you may wish to visit.

<http://www.thepizzahaven.com><http://www.rhinelandershoes.com>

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And lakes/ rivers to go fishing, they don’t have websites online so I just posted a picture. That is a picture of “Boom Lake Flowage”



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