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LOCAL EVENTS

To submit an event, email editorial@ gokewauneecounty.com. Dates without events have been omitted from

Ongoing

Kewaunee County Food Pantry, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Monday and Wednesday, 1528 Sunset Ave., Algoma.

Public cards, Sheepshead, 1 p.m. Mondays, Community Congregational Church, 502 Center St., Kewaunee. Doors open at noon. Upstairs fellow-

Gentle + Exercise Class, 9 to 10 a.m., Mondays, through May 22, St. John Church, 700 Heritage St., Luxemburg. Suggested donation \$3. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. Contact: Diane, 920-609-

All Saints Bingo, Mondays, Gatherings 43, 623 De Pere Road, Denmark. Doors open at 5 p.m. with bingo at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes. Food and refreshments.

TOPS Club 0326 Algoma, 8:45 to 10 a.m., Tuesdays, Knutson Hall, 620 Lake St., enter on Clark Street. Weight loss group for teenagers and older. Contact: 920-487-2752 or 920-304-2104

Golden Agers Card Club, 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Algoma Youth Club, 620 Lake St. New players age 50 and older are invited to play Sheepshead. Public Bingo and Skip-Bo, 9 a.m. Wednesdays, Community Congregational Church, 502 Center St., Kewaunee, upstairs fellowship room. Senior Soup, 11 to 1 p.m., Wednesdays, United Methodist Church, 804 Parker Ave., Algoma, fellowship hall. Free lunch for all seniors. Lakeshore Community Pantry, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Holy Rosary Church, 521 Juneau St., Kewaunee, lower parking lot. Must be a resident

Memory Café, 10 to 11:30 a.m., second Wednesday of the month, Algoma Public Library, 406 Fremont St., Algoma. Contact ADRC of the Lake-

of Kewaunee County and bring a large box or laundry basket for your

shore: 877-416-7083 Memory Café, 10 to 11 a.m., third Wednesday of the month, Kewaunee Public Library, 822 Juneau St., Kewaunee. Contact ADRC of the Lakeshore: 877-416-7083

Early Stage Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 to 11 a.m., fourth Wednesday of the month, ADRC of the Lakeshore office, 810 Lincoln St., Kewaunee. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the ADRC of the Lakeshore for persons with dementia and care partners. First-time registration is needed for the person with dementia by calling ADRC of the Lakeshore: 877-416-7083

Chess Club, 5 p.m., first and third Thursday of the month, Kewaunee Public Library. All are welcome. Contact: 920-388-5015

Methunky Trivia, 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Ruse, 322 Steele St., Algoma. Hosted by Sara Krouse. Prizes. Teams limited to eight, no cellphones or smartwatches allowed. More at Methunky Trivia on Facebook or Ruse.

Mug Club, 9:30 to 11 a.m., third Thursday of the month, St. John Lutheran Church, 700 Heritage Road, Luxemburg. General caregiver support group sponsored by ADRC of the Lakeshore for those caring for someone 60 or older.

Methunky Trivia, 7 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month, Homestead Kitchen and Tap, N7551 County D, Algoma. Hosted by Scott Prokash. Prizes. Teams limited to eight, no cellphones or smartwatches allowed. More at Methunky Trivia on Facebook or Homestead Kitchen. The Book Corner, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Fridays and Saturdays, 401 Third St.,

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Library friends open book store at new site



Becky Carter and Russ Anderson discuss new arrivals to the shelves at the Friends of the Kewaunee Public Library Book Shoppe where they work as volunteer Friends members. The Friends reopened the shop in its new location on Milwaukee Street on Feb. 4. PROVIDED BY CAROL PETRINA KEWAUNEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location will allow shop to operate year-round

Christopher Clough

Kewaunee County Star-News USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

KEWAUNEE - The Friends of the Kewaunee Public Library celebrated their 50th anniversary last year by being forced to find a new home for their book store.

But that cloud came with something of a silver lining, as the group recently reopened in a new location that Friends president Becky Carter said is better and more suitable for running a small, nonprofit book store.

The Friends Book Shoppe reopened Feb. 4 in its new space at 513 Milwaukee St. after years in its previous location on

Ellis Street, which closed at the end of October.

Between then and February, the Friends group and other volunteers were busy moving their books, other media, shelves and equipment to the new store.

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Roadwork will close State 54 for 3 weeks

Christopher Clough

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KEWAUNEE COUNTY - Parts of State 54 between Casco and Algoma will close for three weeks this summer, although the exact dates are yet to be determined.

The closures will be part of a threeand-a-half-month resurfacing project on the highway, covering 13.2 miles from Rockledge Road on the east end of the village of Luxemburg to Sunset Avenue on the west side of Algoma. A news release from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation said work on the project could take place anytime from mid-April to late October.

The highway will close to replace culvert pipes along the route. The DOT has two suggested detours depending on which stretches of road will close because of culvert work; one will follow County C and County K between Casco and Rio Creek, the other follows County K and State 42 between Rio Creek and Algoma.

Otherwise, State 54 will remain open during the project, although lane closures will occur as necessary with flagpersons controlling traffic.

The other roadwork on this project will be milling and resurfacing the existing lanes and shoulders, widening paved shoulders from 3 to 5 feet, replacing some concrete curbs/gutters, sidewalks and curb ramps, installing centerline and shoulder rumble strips, upgrading guardrails, repairing frost heaves, adding gravel to existing shoulders, and marking the pavement.

For updates on the project, visit projects.511wi.gov/region/northeast.

Contact Christopher Clough at cclough@doorcountyadvocate.com.

Wisconsin lawmakers push to preserve state's farmland

Madeline Heim

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

Wisconsin lawmakers are taking another swing at updating a program meant to preserve the state's farmland and incentivize farmers to protect soil and

The bill would sweeten the deal for farmers who agree to enroll their land in the Farmland Preservation Program —and stick to its conservation standards by increasing the tax credit they earn by doing so, and in some cases, shortening the length of time they have to participate in the program.

Authored by Rep. Loren Oldenburg, R-Viroqua, and Sen. Patrick Testin, R-Stevens Point, the bill has bipartisan support and the backing of agricultural and conservation groups. But it was introduced and shot down in two previous legislative sessions.

Oldenburg, a dairy farmer who has participated in the program since 2009, said a small tweak this time around makes him optimistic it will pass.

"It's not like we're reinventing the wheel here," he said. "We just want to get more farmers and landowners involved."

Here's what to know about the bill.

What is the Farmland Preservation Program?

Though agriculture is central to Wisconsin's identity and economy, the state has lost a significant amount of it to residential and commercial development. Since 2010, farmland has declined by about a million acres, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farms and Land in Farms report from earlier this year.

Once that land is gone, it's likely gone for good. "Once agricultural lands are converted to different land uses, they're rarely, if ever, converted back to agricultural land," said Wednesday Jordan, the Farmland Preservation Program manager at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

The Farmland Preservation Program was born in the 1970s to help protect Wisconsin's agricultural resources and was updated in 2009 to function the way it does today.



Dairy cattle graze on Bert Paris' dairy farm in Belleville on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Paris, with Paris Family Farm, is a longtime organic dairy farmer. Dairy farms are getting hit with rising costs, and it's been especially tough for the organic ones. Sen. Tammy Baldwin and other members of Congress have called for immediate assistance from the USDA to keep organic farms from failing. MIKE DE SISTI/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Farmers have two ways to enter into the program. The most common is by living in a certified farmland preservation zoning district, which is adopted by their city, town or county, and choosing to enroll in the program. A local community can also petition to create an Agricultural Enterprise Area, under which farmers can sign a 15-year farmland preservation agreement with

Once farmers are enrolled, they have to comply with Wisconsin's soil and water conservation standards – such as limiting soil erosion and phosphorus runoff, having a nutrient management plan and properly disposing of animal waste — to claim their tax credit. County land conservation staff check for that compliance every few years.

How much land is enrolled in the program?

In 2010, more than 15,000 farmers were claiming the farmland preservation tax credit with almost 3 million acres of land in the state enrolled, Jordan said. Today, claims average around 11,000 with about 2.1 million acres enrolled.

Why the decrease? In a 2018 survey of landowners who participated in the program, DATCP found that many said the tax credit was not worth the cost of compliance with the conservation standards. Some farmers who signed the 15-year agreements said it was too long a time to limit what can be done with the land.

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CLARIFICATION

Kewaunee High School senior Matt Wery will compete in the annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin Culinary Arts Competition on April 14 at Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee. The event, originally scheduled for March 10, was postponed due to a potential winter storm after the March 11 edition was sent to the printers.



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David Coenen

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Wisconsin banks much safer than banks that collapsed, analysts say

Genevieve Redsten

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

Wisconsin banks don't face the risks that brought down three banks in high-profile collapses last week, industry analysts said.

Two California-based banks — Silicon Valley Bank and Silvergate Bank — and a New York-based bank, Signature Bank, collapsed last week, after their clients rushed to withdraw funds.

The now-shuttered banks worked closely with the tech industry, which has been hemorrhaging money in the last year. Silicon Valley Bank, which was the 16th largest bank in the United States, had an unusually large share of its money tied up in long-term government bonds that lost value as interest rates rose.

and less risky clients, analysts said.

Nonetheless, investors began questioning the stability of the nation's entire banking system.

At the close of markets Monday, Green Bay-based Associated Bank's stock was down 10.5% since Thursday, when the depths of Silicon Valley Bank's problems became apparent. Green Bay-based Nicolet Bank was down 9%. Those declines pale in comparison to the drop in the stock prices of larger regional banks like Minneapolis-based U.S. Bank, which has lost almost 20% of its value.

Associated and Nicolet shares also started to bounce after sinking early Monday morning, posting end-of-the-day declines 3.8% and 2.9%, respectively, while U.S. Bank's stock fell 10%.

"I think this is temporary, just due to the nature of the news over the last three or four days," Rose Oswald Poels, president and CEO of the Wisconsin Bankers Association, said of the drastic fall in stock prices.

onsin mostly insulated from tech crash

Each of the banks that collapsed worked closely with the tech industry. The largest bank to crash,





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High school art competition accepting entries

Entries for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition are now being accepted. The competition is open to high school students who live or attend school in Wisconsin's 8th District. This annual event is hosted by the Congressional Institute.

Eligible art will be part of an exhibition April 25 to May 14 at the Trout Museum of Art, Appleton, in the third floor "Room with a View Gallery." It will be judged by an independent panel of local

The first-place selection will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year, and the next two runners-up will have their artwork displayed in Rep. Mike Gallagher's Washington, D.C., and District offices.

All art and required forms must be received by 4 p.m. April 20. Artwork, when framed, may not exceed 26 inches by 26 inches and 4 inches in depth and must weigh less than 15 pounds.

Two-dimensional artwork mediums accepted include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer generated art and photography.

For more information and entry forms, visit gallagher.house.gov/services/art-competition or call Rep. Gallagher's district office at 920-301-4500.

Free skin cancer screenings offered April 29

The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is partnering with Prevea to host a free skin cancer screening 8:30 a.m. to noon April 29 at the Prevea Luxemburg Health Center, 101 School Creek

Trail, Luxemburg.

Medical professionals will offer spot checks, discuss the signs of skin cancer and share advice on protecting your

The screening is open to all age groups. To schedule an appointment, call the Kewaunee County Public Health Department at 920-388-7160.

'Wrinkle in Time' is next performance for Forst Inn

TISCH MILLS - The Forst Inn Arts Collective will present the James Sie adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's popular novel, "A Wrinkle In Time." Performances run weekends from March 17 to April 2 at E2910 County BB.

The pub is open 90 minutes before curtain and features live music for the hour prior to the performance. Tickets start at \$20 for seating in the cabaret theater. Options for light dining are available. Purchase tickets online at forstinn.org or call 920-310-7228.

Ugly Purses sought for fire department fundraiser

Donations of purses that maybe aren't all that stylish are being sought for the sixth annual Ugly Purse Auction taking place April 29.

The auction, which will take place at 7 p.m. at Rendezvous of Luxemburg, E896 County N, is a fundraiser for the Casco Volunteer Fire Department, with 100% of the profits going to the depart-

To donate a purse, be a sponsor of the auction or for more information, call organizer Debbie Haumschild at 920-255-

Farmland

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Still others said the program's benefits weren't clear enough, or that they did not want to participate in a government program.

What changes would the bill make?

The heart of the bill is an increase to the per-acre tax credit farmers who participate in the program can claim — one of the chief concerns in the 2018 survey. That includes:

- An increase from \$7.50 to \$10 per acre for farms that are in a farmland preservation zoning district but not subject to a preservation agreement.
- An increase from \$5 to \$10 per acre for farms that are subject to a preservation agreement but not in a farmland preservation zoning district.
- An increase from \$10 to \$12.50 per acre for farms that are both in a farm land preservation zoning district and subject to a preservation agreement.
- A new, \$10-per-acre tax credit for farms that are located in a farmland preservation area and covered by an agricultural conservation easement.

It also decreases the length of time farmers who participate under the Agricultural Enterprise Area have to stick to their contract, from 15 years to 10 years.

Previous versions of the bill also attempted to provide DATCP with funds to help municipalities and counties implement farmland preservation plans. Oldenburg said that piece was shaved from the current bill in hopes of guaranteeing it easier passage, but that lawmakers plan to pursue that in separate legislation. Gov. Tony Evers' biennial budget includes a line item that would achieve it, though it's currently unclear what Republicans will cut.

Because much of the work to carry out farmland preservation plans falls to county land conservation departments, which are already strapped for resources, it will be essential for that money to eventually be available, said Matt Krueger, executive director of the nonprofit conservation organization Wisconsin Land + Water.

Who supports this bill?

The bill has support on both sides of the aisle, including from Democratic Sens. Lena Taylor, Brad Pfaff and Mark Spreitzer.

It's backed by a number of the state's agricultural organizations, including the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, the Dairy Business Association and the state's soybean, corn, cranberry and potato and vegetable groups. Wisconsin Land + Water and The Nature Conservancy have also signaled their approval.

Steve Richter, director of agricultural strategies for the Wisconsin chapter of The Nature Conservancy, said the organization supports incentives for farmers to try out conservation practices on their land, understanding that trying new things means added cost and added risk. Since farmers have to verify that they are implementing those practices to claim the tax credit, he said, it also shows the public that their money is well spent.

The Nature Conservancy cares a lot about protecting existing farmland, Richter said, because the land will need to be as resilient as possible to feed a growing world population. Making changes that improve soil health, for example, will naturally make the land more productive, he said.



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Breaking down how the sheriff's budget gets spent



Sheriff Matthew Joski

In this article, I would like to share information related to the financial aspect of operations here at the Sheriff's Department.

All of the amazing work that is being done throughout the year by so many dedicated staff would not be possible without the financial infrastructure to sup-

As with so many local businesses, we pride ourselves in providing second-to-none service, while keeping a close eye on our bottom line.

We truly appreciate and take seriously our obligation as stewards of our community's resources, as we apply them to keeping Kewaunee County a safe place to live and work.

Just like you, we are also taxpayers and are affected by rising costs and increased financial demands in our personal lives.

Let's start with the overall budget here at the Sheriff's Department, which for 2022 was \$4,269,355. This was a 0.97% increase from the previous year's budget of \$4,157,404, with the majority of that budget (\$3,867,141) dedicated to the wages and benefits of our greatest resource, our staff.

The next largest portion of our budget is dedicated to capital outlay, which was at \$132,114 for 2022. The expenses within this line item include items such as the rotational replacement of our squads and associated equipment, technology updates and other equipment rotations.

After capital outlay, the next biggest expense that we have budgeted is the out of county housing for our inmates - \$54,000 in 2022. It is our expectation that once our new facility is up and running these costs will

We are very grateful for the various county facilities that have been willing to house our inmates over the years, which has allowed us to operate within our current facility limitations.

Right behind this line item was the cost for fuel, which in 2022 was budgeted at \$50,000.

Another significant expense for the Sheriff's Department is the cost for medical services within our jail facility at \$80,000 along with our inmate food budget at 34,000, which as I wrote about in previous week's article are part of our statutory obligations.

Just as in all of the line items, we do our best on a daily basis to find every possible means by which to curtail spending while meeting our basic obligations.

We are very grateful for the various county facilities that have been willing to house our inmates over the years, which has allowed us to operate within our current facility limitations.

From there, the various line items decrease in amounts with squad maintenance, building maintenance and equipment leases accounting for approximately \$81,000 combined.

Overall, our budget consists of 75 different line items, which allow us to accurately track both expenses and revenues so that we can target those areas where we see either the need for increased support or in some cases decreased allocations to those specific

While we have always been proud of the fact that we have stayed within budget over the past 16 years, this year we were met with two significant challenges. The first was our fuel costs, and the second was the cost of

Due to these two factors, we did have to make a request for utilization of contingency funds for the first time. In fact, at this time, we are still awaiting the delivery of our squads that we ordered for the 2022 budget cycle. These squads were ordered in late 2021 once the 2022 budget was approved.

This is an example of how we have all been affected by the current state of our economy. Our ability to navigate in this uncertain and unstable times is both a statement to the accurate estimating of future costs by our command staff, along with our finance director and county administrator. This is also a testament to the flexibility and dedication of our staff who are asked routinely to make adjustments to their personal lives to manage schedules, fill in open shifts, and think outside the box on cost savings in our day-to-day opera-

If you have any questions regarding what I have very briefly covered in this article, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

If you would like greater detail into our budget process, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Also, the entire county budget is available on our website at www.kewauneeco.org.

Next week will be my final article of this series, where I will be sharing some insight into our future goals here at the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Depart-

Matt Joski is the Kewaunee County sheriff.

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Asian American professionals group kicks off with Green Bay launch party

Jeff Bollier

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ASHWAUBENON - A national group founded to mentor and develop current and future generations of Asian American and Pacific Islander professionals launched its eighth chapter in northeastern Wisconsin last week.

Asian Corporate Leaders & Entrepreneurs Northeast Wisconsin (ACEL) is open to residents of the New North region, which stretches from Fond du Lac north to Marinette and from Manitowoc to the western edges of the Appleton and Oshkosh metro areas.

Increase belonging, visibility

The Northeast Wisconsin chapter of ACEL's roots go back to 2020 when AAPI professionals in the region wanted to better support each other, increase their sense of belonging and impact the community.

Northeastern Wisconsin's core counties saw a 35.3% increase in residents who identify as Asian American and Pacific Islander between 2010 and 2020. In the Green Bay School District, the fourth largest in the state, 9% of students identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander.

Barbara Koldos, the ACEL chapter's president, pointed to a 2021 Wello well-being survey that showed the region's non-white residents' sense of belonging in the Green Bay area lagged behind white residents' sense of belonging.

Visibility and professional support will help young adults and students of all backgrounds feel they belong, help current AAPI professionals develop and play a part in broader efforts to retain and attract more working-age professionals to Northeast Wisconsin, Koldos said.

'It's important for us: They need to belong, to be here," Koldos said. "We need to do something to make sure the Asian population does feel like they belong, whether it's in the United States or in northeast Wisconsin."

2023 goals: Build membership, InspirASIAN speakers in Appleton, Green Bay

ACEL NE WI is offering memberships for \$100 that will help the group cover event costs for initial programming plans. As the group grows, members-only events may be created.

The group's main focus this year will be to launch an InspirASIAN speaker series that brings five AAPI speakers to the Appleton and Green Bay areas.

Members also will get access to newsletters, mentorship programs, national ACEL programming, and connections to ACEL's network of chapters. For example, Koldos said, if a member from Oshkosh is in Denver on business, now "they have a connection before they even go there."

The group estimates its target audience, northeastern Wisconsin-based professional Asian American and Pacific Islanders ages 20 to 64, is about 22,000 people. U.S. Census Bureau data from 2021 showed 55.1% of the nation's AAPI residents have at least a bachelor's degree.

Membership is not limited to people who identify as



The Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders Northeast Wisconsin chapter board, from left to right: Vice President of Programs Jackie Krutz, President Barbara Koldos, Vice President of Events Mai Nu Vang, Secretary/Treasurer Joyce Gao and Vice President of Marketing Anna Yang. COURTESY OF ANNA YANG

AAPI. About 20% of ACEL members nationally do not identify as part of the AAPI community, said Jason Wong, founder and president of Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders.

Establishing connections among northeastern Wisconsin's future leaders

Mai Nu Vang has been a teacher in Green Bay for six years, but only began to connect with other Asian American and Pacific Islander teachers in the last two years. She expects other AAPI professionals may want those same connections she did. and joined ACEL NE WI to help offer them.

"I wonder how many more Asians are out there and don't know or don't have the opportunities to get together, to have a professional setting to learn, inspire and grow together," Vang said.

Vang is the group's vice president of events and now considers Koldos, New North Inc.'s vice president of business development, as a mentor who has helped her begin her own leadership journey.

"I get to join the board with Barbara, she's awesome," Vang said. "To have all these connections and mentors is really nice to have in the community, to grow that and be a part of it. No matter what culture, having that representation is such an inspiration."

Koldos said it's ACEL Northeast Wisconsin's mission in action.

"I am a seasoned professional who has had the op-

portunity to work on boards and committees," Koldos said. "I'm pulling others with me. I'm giving back to my community and having someone like Mai Nu who is just joining the board world."

Looking for mentorship, finding none

Wong founded ACEL 17 years ago in Phoenix. He said the northeastern Wisconsin chapter leaders' experiences echo his own search for a group about more than just socializing. Wong, who works in the finance industry, said most professional and AAPI groups he joined before founding ACEL didn't offer what he

"I was the first Asian American manager (at my first) and the only minority manager in Arizona," Wong said. "I was looking for mentorship and wasn't getting

ACEL now offers mentorship connections, professional development workshops and an AAPI speaker series. It's also added a couple of chapters at universi-

Wong said one thing that sets ACEL apart from other, similar groups is that it is not only for young professionals or those working in specific industries.

"No need to be a lawyer or CEO. Anyone who's a working professional and wants to develop their soft skills and leadership skills, can join," Wong said.

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Banks

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Silicon Valley Bank, served a large number of star-

tups and venture-capital firms.

During the pandemic, cash was pouring into the tech industry as lockdowns moved businesses online, creating more demand for tech services. Interest rates were low, which meant investors were willing to bet money on not-yet-profitable businesses.

Then, as the Federal Reserve began raising interest rates, the tech industry got squeezed and began withdrawing large amounts from their bank accounts. That posed problems for their banks, which couldn't liquidate their assets fast enough.

Wisconsin doesn't have a robust tech sector. But unlike California, Wisconsin's economy doesn't depend as much on tech and banks aren't as heavily involved in tech company finances.

Wisconsin banks safer because their investments are more diverse

Banks make money by loaning out their clients' deposits. During the tech boom, Silicon Valley Bank's startup clients had lots of money on hand, which meant their deposits were far greater than the demand for loans. So Silicon Valley Bank parked its money in long-term Treasury bonds.

These bonds are typically a safe investment; they're guaranteed by the federal government. However, the value of older bonds fell, as the Fed increased interest rates to fight inflation.

With better interest rates available to investors, Silicon Valley Bank had to sell its bonds at a discount. It lost \$1.8 billion in the process.

Wisconsin banks also invest in Treasury bonds, but those bonds make up a much smaller share of their overall portfolio.

What happened at Silicon Valley Bank was unique to that bank and its business model, said Jon Bruss, managing partner and CEO of Fortress Partners Capital Management.

'I don't think that there are any banks in southeastern Wisconsin, probably in the entire state, and even arguably in the Midwest, that have a faulty business model like Silicon Valley Bank," Bruss

Obituaries



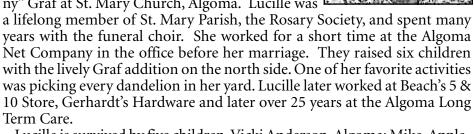
There are several obituary options available.

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Lucille Graf

ALGOMA - Lucille Graf, 95, Algoma, went into the arms of the Lord on Monday evening, March 6, 2023. She was born in Algoma to the late Jacob and Lucy (Fabry) Kostichka on July 31, 1927. She was a graduate of St. Mary Catholic School and Algoma High School with honors as Salutatorian of her class. She was a lifelong lover of music from first chair clarinet to 50 plus years of church choir. She loved her time singing with the Sweet Adeline Quartet with Colette, Enid and Gert.

On November 10, 1948, she married Merlin "Johnny" Graf at St. Mary Church, Algoma. Lucille was



Lucille is survived by five children, Vicki Anderson, Algoma; Mike, Appleton; Jim (Teri), Algoma; Susie (Dan) Werner, Green Bay; and Tom (Alison), Two Creeks; seventeen grandchildren: Jake, Luke, Emily, Jon, Heidi, Amber, Heather, Catina, Chris, Gus, Gabe, Betsy, Ali, Andy, Austin, Dillon and Desi; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister Shirley Holtz, Green Bay; one brother Bob (Kathy) Kostichka, St. Paul, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, daughter Kathryn (Mick) Jordens; daughter-in-law Luanne Graf; sisters Ruth (Fritz) Bader and Carole (Charles) Densow.

Friends may call at the Schinderle Funeral Home, Algoma, Friday, March 10, 2023, from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM given by Father Andrew Kurz. Visitation will continue on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at St. Mary Church from 9:00 AM until the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM with Father Andrew Kurz officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A special thank you to her daughter, Vicki Anderson for providing excellent care to Lucille for the past two plus years and Unity Hospice.

We lost the most amazing, thoughtful, Strong, faith-filled, kind and hardworking woman. She was there for every important moment in our lives.

Lucille's favorite saying was "It could have been worse". Express your sympathy, memories and pictures on Lucille's tribute page at www.schinderlefuneralhome.com

Book store

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As a volunteer support group for the Kewaunee Public Library, the Friends' mission is to provide added support to the library that allows it to offer services that would not be provided for in its budget.

The book store is one of the group's avenues to raise funds. It carries gently used books and magazines for children and adults, CDs, puzzles and games. Carter said about half of their inventory is donated by people clearing space on their shelves, in some cases moving and not wanting to pack and transport all that media, and half comes from the library itself.

Packing and transporting books and other media is what the Friends faced last year when the landlord of their preThe Friends of the
Kewaunee Public Library
Book Shoppe is at
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Saturdays. For more
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vious store, which was in a building that also housed three apartments, gave them six months' notice to close and move no later than Dec. 1.

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The Friends were able to find an

available building late in the year and spent three months – from November to February – setting up shop.

The new store is a little smaller than the previous one – 750 square feet versus 920 – but Carter said it offers several advantages.

For one, the Friends were able to set up the main room of the shop with bookshelves all around, instead of two tables of merchandise on the middle of the room with shelves against the walls as it was before.

Also, the store will now remain open year-round.

The rent was less for the old site, Carter said, but it had no heat, so the store would close from November to April each year and rely on space heaters, if needed.

The new store does have heat, so it can, and will, stay in business through the cold winter months.

Plus, Carter said the ambiance of the

new space is an improvement.

"It actually looks better, sets up better," she said. "It's lighter and brighter. This is one of the coziest, nicest and brightest book stores around."

The shop also has a children's room that not only has books but also games, including hopscotch, to keep the young 'uns entertained while the adults snoop around for books.

"When children come in and see the room, they just squeal with delight," Carter said.

The Friends of the Kewaunee Public Library Book Shoppe is at 513 Milwaukee St. (State 42).

It is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, visit facebook .com/kewauneelibfriends.

Contact Christopher Clough at 920-562-8900 or cclough@doorcounty advocate.com.

Local events

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Algoma. Masks required for those who are not vaccinated; curbside pickup available. Proceeds benefit Algoma Public Library. 920-304-9214 or algomabookcorner.com.

Friends of the Kewaunee Public Library Book Shoppe, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, 513 Milwaukee St., Kewaunee. Proceeds benefit the Kewaunee Public Library.

"A Wrinkle In Time," March 17 to April 2, Forst Inn Arts Collective, E2910 County BB, Tisch Mills. For show times and

tickets, contact forstinn.org or 920-310-7228.

Still Alice Book Club, February/March, Algoma Public Library, 406 Fremont St. In collaboration with ADRC of the Lakeshore, this club is reading "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova during February and March. The discussion will take place at 2:30 p.m. April 12. Register with the ADRC at 877-416-7083.

Saturday, March 18

Troop 4160 Girl Scout Cookie Booth, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Piggly Wiggly, 931 Marquette Drive, Kewaunee. Winter Concert Series: Koepke/La-Force Acoustic, noon to 3 p.m., von Stiehl Winery, 115 Navarino St., Algoma.

Sunday, March 19

Booyah Fundraiser, 11 a.m. until gone, Fire Station 1, 451 N. Wall St., Denmark. Supports Denmark Volunteer Fire Department. Drive thru service. Burgers, brats and baked goods also available. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Saturday, March 25

Chicken Booyah fundraiser, noon until gone, Tisch Mills fire station, N110 County B. Bring your own containers. \$4 a bowl, \$16 for 1/2 gallon, \$32 a gallon and hamburgers at \$4. Drive thru serving only.

Cooyah Tournament, 1 p.m., Algoma Hunting & Fishing Club, N7809 Willow Drive, Bruemmerville. \$20 per team, 100% payout to four places, lunch served. Sign up by calling Susie at 920-255-0813.

Roar off the Shore Brewfest, 2 to 6 p.m., Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, 625 Third St., Luxemburg. roarofftheshore.com

Marv's Bin Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., Holy Trinity Church, 510 Church Ave., Casco. Open to anyone living in the Luxemburg-Casco School district. Drive-thru pickup available by calling Jackie at 920-536-0163.

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ALL-NORTH EASTERN CONFERENCE WRESTLING

L-C's Worachek earns top wrestler award

uxemburg-Casco won the WIAA Division 2 state team wrestling title this season – its 13th state championship all time – so, appropriately, practically its entire team earned first-team all-North Eastern Conference status this season.

The one who stood at the top of the pile, as NEC wrestler of the year, was team captain Easton Worachek.

The senior competed at 132 pounds and finished with a 47-6 record, culminating his final high school season with a second-place finish at the state individual tournament.

Joining Worachek on the first team were seven Spartans teammates.

Two of them were voted unanimously: Ryan Routhieaux and Blakelee Bas-

Routhieaux is a senior who competed at 160 pounds and finished his final high school season with a 33-16 record.

Bastien is a sophomore who competed at 126 pounds, finishing third at the state individual tournament and closing with a 44-11 record.

The other five first-teamers for the Spartans were Trace Schoenebeck, Michael Bostwick, Caleb Delebreau, Jake Jandrin and Reese Barbiaux.

Schoenebeck is a senior who competed at 182 pounds and placed second at the state individual meet, finishing with a 44-10 record.

Bostwick is a junior who competed at 113 pounds and finished with a 40-13 record after placing sixth at the state individual tournament.

Delebreau is a junior who competed at 138 pounds and placed sixth at the state individual tournament with a 45-13 record.

Jandrin is a junior who competed at 106 pounds and finished with a 47-10 record after placing fifth at the state individual tournament.

Barbiaux is a sophomore who finished with a 15-10 record competing at 120 pounds.

ALL-NORTH EASTERN CONFERENCE WRESTLING TEAM

BOYS WRESTLER OF THE YEAR Easton Worachek, Luxemburg-Casco, senior

FIRST TEAM

Nick Alexander, Wrightstown, senior Reese Barbiaux, Luxemburg-Casco, sopho-

Blakelee Bastien, Luxemburg-Casco, sopho-

more (unanimous) Michael Bostwick, Luxemburg-Casco, junior

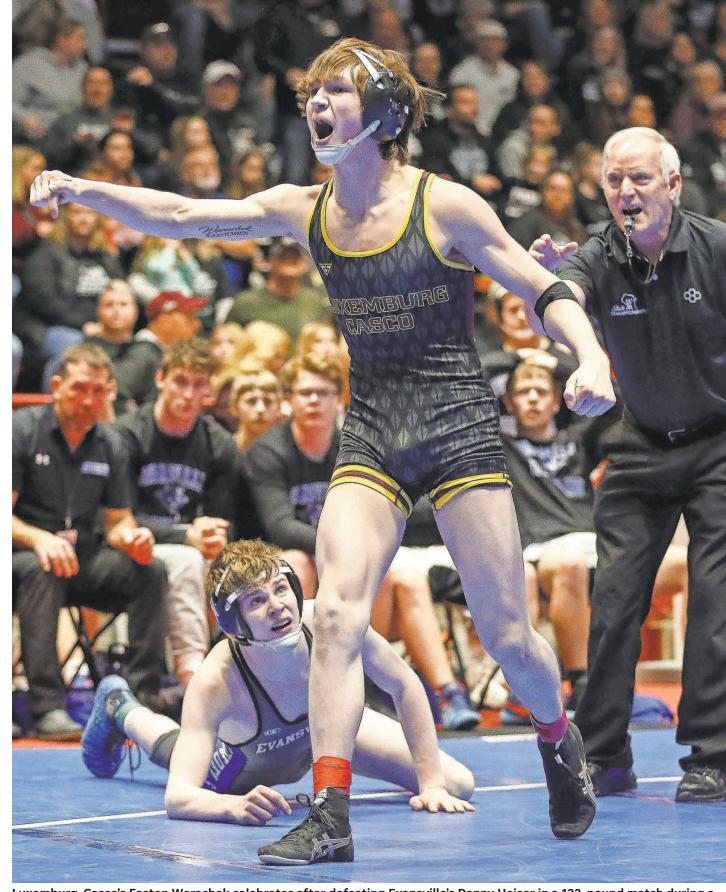
Tucker Brockman, Freedom, senior (unani-Caleb Delebreau, Luxemburg-Casco, junior

Jake Jandrin, Luxemburg-Casco, junior Austin Kufner, Fox Valley Lutheran, freshman Ryan Routhieaux, Luxemburg-Casco, senior (unanimous)

Trace Schoenebeck, Luxemburg-Casco, senior Brett Soquet, Denmark, senior Nathan Vande Hey, Freedom, senior Henry Vander Heiden, Freedom, sophomore Hunter Vander Heiden, Freedom, sophomore Noah VanLankveldt, Little Chute, sophomore Easton Worachek, Luxemburg-Casco, senior

SECOND TEAM

Bo Alberts, Denmark, senior



Luxemburg-Casco's Easton Worachek celebrates after defeating Evansville's Danny Heiser in a 132-pound match during a semifinal at the WIAA Division 2 team state tournament in Madison. TORK MASON/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

JJ Azuara, Waupaca, senior Cole Bozile, Oconto Falls, sophomore Cole Czarneski, Denmark, senior Garrett Ganter, Oconto Falls, junior Isaac Jerebek, Luxemburg-Casco, junior Sam Keuler, Wrightstown, junior Everett Koltz, Wrightstown, junior Owen Krueger, Wrightstown, senior Patrick Moore, Freedom, junior Parker Peterson, Oconto Falls, sophomore Sam Schutz, Luxemburg-Casco, junior Peter Tomazevic, Freedom, sophomore Jack Van Rossum, Freedom, senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Hunter Bozile, Oconto Falls, sophomore Brenner Cole, Oconto Falls, junior Drew Demmin, Denmark, junior Jacob Durocher, Wrightstown, junior Jonah Goetsch, Denmark, senior Louis Hock, Wrightstown, sophomore Steven Kielpikowski, Denmark, freshman Sam Krause, Fox Valley Lutheran, senior Trystan Krueger, Clintonville, senior Isaiah Pennenberg, Wrightstown, senior Grant Shea, Fox Valley Lutheran, freshman Jaxon Smith, Marinette, sophomore Luke St. Peter, Denmark, senior

Thomas Ullmer, Denmark, senior Ezra Waege, Luxemburg-Casco, junior

GIRLS WRESTLER OF THE YEAR Kaylee McFadden, Marinette, senior

FIRST TEAM

Keela Deering, Clintonville, sophomore Brooke Hansen, Wrightstown, freshman Grace Holguin, Marinette, sophomore Kaylee McFadden, Marinette, senior Sophia Wunderlich, Fox Valley Lutheran, soph-

Brook Lopez, Chloe Marotta give big assists off the court



Chin Up Lori Nickel Milwaukee Journal Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK - WIS.

They don't know each other. Two players, from different worlds, at entirely different points of their careers.

But Brook Lopez of the Milwaukee **Bucks and Chloe Marotta of Marquette** University both decided to do remarkable things during their seasons, which, as it has turned out, happen to be great ones. And both of them did it to honor their parents.

Lopez is donating money to provide books for kids in Milwaukee, based in part on how many blocked shots he gets this season.

And Marotta started a fundraising campaign to support research for brain aneurysms, based on how many rebounds she gets this season.

You will not meet two more kind players off the court, or ruthless specialists on it, and they share a like-minded approach to both their craft and their interest in helping others.

Brook Lopez's story

"Brook Fairs" – a play on words from school 'book fairs - is Lopez's commitment to give more than 2,000 kids at Allen-Field Elementary, Hayes Bilingual Elementary, Marvin E. Pratt Elementary, Kilbourn Elementary and Bryant Elementary five books each this season, with the contribution totaling approximately \$75,000.

He started this project a few years ago and expanded it before the this season. Last November, his mom - and inspiration - Debby Ledford, joined him at one of the Brook Fairs.

Additionally, Lopez pledged to support Next Door Foundation and Milwaukee Public Schools by donating \$500 for every block he makes this season, up to \$25,000. Donations to the "Blocks for Books" program will go toward the

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Students gather at an MPS library in November to collect books that were donated by Bucks center Brook Lopez, who is pictured in a cutout beside Bango. The star center has been supporting Milwaukee elementary kids with his "Brook Fairs" and "Blocking for Books" campaigns, in part by donating \$500 for every block he records this season. PROVIDED BY THE MILWAUKEE BUCKS

A LEGACY CARVED FROM WOOD

Durand's Constantine is a preeminent turkey call maker, wildlife carver



Outdoors Paul A. Smith Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

DURAND — As sunlight streams through a cobalt sky and warms the early March afternoon, a seasonal rhythm is playing out in the Chippewa River valley.

A trio of longbeards has broken from their bachelor winter tendencies and joined a flock of 20 hen wild turkeys picking for grain in a farm field outside Durand. It won't be long before the toms start to strut and display in the birds' annual mating season.

On the river, ice floes break and jostle in the current. Soon the Chippewa will be dominated by soft water.

And in a workshop set in a nearby hardwood stand, Dave Constantine of Durand, one of America's preeminent turkey call makers and wildlife carvers, sits at a bench and chisels life into a block of basswood.

"It's coming," Constantine says, nodding to the sunny landscape and changing season out the workshop window. "I've got a turkey tag in April and I can't wait. For now, I've got a few more things to finish in here.'

Life in this rural stretch of Wisconsin has been marked by these early spring events for several decades.

But it wasn't always so. In fact, the restoration of the wild turkey to Wisconsin and Constantine's carving career share a similar timeline.

The wild turkey is one of the modern conservation success stories in Wisconsin. After being wiped out by unregulated hunting and habitat loss, the native bird was brought back thanks to a reintroduction effort begun in the 1970s by the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Department of Natural Resources. The birds are now found in all

Contantine, 70, grew up in Durand but didn't see a wild turkey until he prematurely ended his college studies in wildlife management and art in 1971 and



Dave Constantine of Durand carves a turkey out of a block of basswood in his workshop. In February, Constantine was inducted into the Grand National Custom Call Competition Hall of Fame. PAUL A. SMITH

traveled west to Hawaii.

As hard as it may be to believe, the Aloha State had wild turkeys (Rio Grande subspecies transplanted from the continental U.S.) before Wisconsin's flock was restored.

Constantine worked as a commercial fisherman in Hawaii and also hunted turkeys and other game.

"I'll never forget the sight of those birds up in big, tropical trees," Constantine said.

After a couple years in Hawaii, Constantine returned to Durand where he married his wife Nancy and embarked on a career first as a butcher and later as a produce buyer.

But art was his passion. He continued to produce pieces, mostly wildlife carvings and paintings, and in time his work became recognized for its originality. Local conservation groups enthusiastically bought his creations to sell at fundraising banquets.

For those first years Constantine didn't quit his day job. But he made a pact with Nancy that if he reached a point where he earned as much doing art as he did in the grocery business he'd

quit the 9 to 5.

That happened In 1983, the same year Wisconsin held its first spring turkey hunting season.

"I was happy and scared all at once," Constantine says, shaking his head at the momentous change 40 years ago. "It's turned out to be a blessing."

Constantine focused his talents and gifts on decorative turkey call making.

Considered one of the true American folk arts, turkey call making has a centuries-old history but is now being re-

discovered by sportsmen and collectors. Constantine says he was inspired by James Yule, a decorative call maker from Kentucky.

"In my early years, James would come to a contest and lay a call on the table and it was a hands-down winner,' Constantine said. "I wanted to be able to make a call that could create that level of interest.'

It didn't take long for Constantine to establish a reputation as one of the nation's best.

He became an annual award winner at the Grand National Call Making Competition held in conjunction with the National Wild Turkey Federation convention, now held each year in Nash-

He declines to say how many individual national awards he's won, but it's in the several hundreds.

And he's won the Earl Mickel Award, given annually to the top call maker at the Grand National event, an unprecedented 11 times. He also won the group's callmaker of the year award - given before the Mickel was created - three

His entries earned about \$500,000 for the NWTF when auctioned off at the annual convention.

It's not uncommon for Constantine to spend 300 or more hours on a single call. His 2012 grand prize winner called "Snow Birds" depicted Merriam's wild turkeys walking through a snowy, western landscape. It was hand-carved and hand-painted and included American black walnut, red cedar, poplar, Russian linden, fossilized mule deer antler, elk antler, western whitetail antler and sil-

Not only was it a beautiful, original work of art. It was a functional turkey

"He is the rare combination of artist, wood carver and turkey hunter that can envision a call and execute it with extraordinary detail," Chris Karinja, a call making judge, said about Constantine.

When a film was produced in 2012 and 2013 about turkey call makers, of course it included Constantine. "Grand National Glory" is a full-length documentary that details the lives of three competitive, decorative, turkey-call carvers as they prepared for the 2013 Grand National Call Making Contest.

The producers described Constantine as "The Grand Champ of Grand Nationals and a long-time legendary carver who has won the highest honor of Best in Show at the annual event almost ten times in his competition call-making career. Enough said."

The number is now 14. But their reverence for Constantine's call-making abilities is on target.

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Wisconsin to receive record wildlife, fish restoration funds

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Americans participation in outdoor recreation and purchases of related equipment, particularly firearms and ammunition, continued at high levels last year and resulted in a record \$1.6 billion allocation for 2023 from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced last week.

Wisconsin's share of the distribution is also a record, \$46.8 million, up from \$43.7 million in 2022 and \$32.4 million in 2021. The money is generated through excise taxes and fees on firearms, ammunition, certain fishing and archery gear and motorboat fuel.

The funds are distributed to states by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through laws including the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Act) and the Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 (commonly referred to as the Dingell-Johnson Act).

The federal government collects the excise taxes from manufacturers and. based on a formula that includes geographical size and number of hunting and fishing licenses sold, distributes the monies to all 50 states and several U.S. territories.

The state-industry-federal partnership was established nearly a century ago with the support of sportsmen and sportswomen, manufacturers and conservation professionals and has proven to be one of the most effective tools for conservation in the world, according to the Service.

This partnership is vital to wildlife and habitat conservation and outdoor



Brian Settele of Richfield, Wis. organizes tackle as he launches sunrise at South Shore public boat ramp in Milwaukee. Photo taken April 7, 2014 by Paul A. Smith. PAUL A. SMITH, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

pursuits throughout the country because it helps our state partners create opportunities for recreational access and monitor and manage wildlife and wild places," said Service Director Martha Williams in a statement on the 2023

Since 1937 the Service has distributed more than \$27 billion through annual apportionments for state conservation and public access projects, which have been matched by approximately \$9 billion in investments by recipient fish and wildlife agencies, according to federal data.

Through these combined funds, agencies have supported the stocking of 1 billion fish, managed and monitored more than 500 species of mammals and birds, provided hunter education to 1 million students and constructed or renovated more than 850 target ranges, according to the Service.

No state receives more than 5% nor less than 0.5% of the total funds available. The grants typically fund up to 75% of project costs, and most grantees must provide a matching share of up to 25%, usually from hunting and fishing license revenues.

For 2023 the wildlife restoration fund allocated \$1.2 billion (up 7% from 2022) while the fish restoration fund generated \$425 million (up 6%).

In Wisconsin the funds are received by the Department of Natural Resources and used for a variety of wildlife and fisheries management, shooting range

improvement, hunter education and boating access work.

For 2023, Wisconsin's allocation is \$33.8 million in wildlife restoration (up 7% from 2022) and \$13.1 million in fish restoration (up 8%).

The wildlife restoration program collects its funds through excise taxes on the sale of shotguns and rifles (11%), ammunition (11%), archery equipment (11%) and handguns (10%). The sport fish restoration program obtains its money through a 10% excise tax on fishing rods, reels and lures as well as a motorboat fuel tax.

The annual wildlife apportionment has continued to march upward in recent years due mostly to substantial increases in firearm and ammunition sales, according to Service data.

The WSFR program is hailed as a bulwark for American conservation funding and can be traced to the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937.

Even as the country struggled to emerge from the Great Depression, hunters and manufacturers rallied to create a self-imposed tax on firearms and ammunition to help fund conservation programs.

The "user pay, user benefit" strategy was later embraced by the fishing industry through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 and the boating industry through the Wallop-Breaux Amendment of 1984.

The wildlife restoration funding stream has increased three-fold from \$384 million in 2011 to \$1.2 billion in 2023 as gun and ammunition sales have set records. Meanwhile the fish restoration funding has increased more modestly, from \$350 million in 2012 to \$425 million in 2023.

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Carver

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This year Constantine's trip to the Grand Nationals in Nashville produced two new developments.

On Feb. 17 he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Grand National Custom Call Making Hall of Fame.

And the organizers of the Grand National event created the Dave Constantine Award, bestowed to the top amateur decorative call maker.

"I was very surprised and honored," Constantine said. "It's been a long road and I never saw this coming.'

Several years ago he stopped entering the decorative turkey call making competitions. He said he didn't want to prevent less experienced carvers from entering.

However this year he did enter a different category at the Nashville event: wildlife carving.

And to no one's surprise he took first place with a creation that depicts a brown trout in a stream. The work also earned him Grand National 2023 wildlife artist of the year.

Constantine says he plans to keep carving as long as his mind and body

will allow. This spring he'll finish a few last projects and then take more time to be outdoors, the source of his inspira-

He's begun to teach, too, and holds seminars in his workshop a few times a

"I've been blessed by making a living as an artist," Constantine said. "I'd be gratified if I can help others do the same.





Brewers' Burnes critical of pitch-clock rules

Curt Hogo

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GOODYEAR, Ariz. – Major League Baseball sent a memo out to teams in recent days with a new point of emphasis stating that pitchers cannot come set on the rubber until the batter is engaged and alert in the box.

This was news to Corbin Burnes.

The Milwaukee Brewers ace learned of the new ruling from the league during the second inning of his start against the Cincinnati Reds at Goodyear Ballpark.

With a runner on first, Burnes took a long hold after receiving the sign from catcher William Contreras, prompting Reds batter Will Benson to step out of the box in a 0-0 count.

The pitch clock reset to 20 seconds, but Burnes didn't budge on the mound. He wanted to attack Benson as quickly as possible yet was warned by home plate umpire Dan Merzel that he could not come set until Benson was engaged.

Benson waited until the 12-second mark of the clock to do so. Burnes, still engaged on the rubber but motionless, eventually came set and then ran the clock all the way down to one second before firing a cutter outside for a ball.

What appeared to be a standoff between Burnes and Benson was actually just a player learning of a new point of emphasis on the fly.

"I guess that was changed a few days ago and I didn't know about it," Burnes said.

Brewers manager Craig Counsell discussed the matter with Merzel after the inning.

"We've just got to figure out what

they're viewing as a quick pitch," Counsell said. "So we've just kind of got to get a clarification."

Burnes, one of the game's best pitchers, voiced his displaceure, with the

Burnes, one of the game's best pitchers, voiced his displeasure with the league altering how it was enforcing the pitch clock.

"The league's gotta do something about finalizing these rules," Burnes said. "Now that we're two weeks away from the season starting, we're still changing rules. That can't happen. We've gotta get on top of that. Umpires are still trying to learn the rules as they go.



Brewers starter Corbin Burnes isn't happy that Major League Baseball is still adjusting rules regarding the pitching clock. MARK J. REBILAS/USA TODAY SPORTS

"The thought coming in was that everything was finalized and we had a month to kind of figure everything out and as we're going, there are still things that we're changing. That's got to stop. That's got to be something that we have something finalized so these last two weeks we can get comfortable with

"I think a lot of players knew this was going to happen just because there were so many holes in all the rules that the league put in play."

MLB's new enforcement is in response to New York Mets starter Max Scherzer pushing the limits of quickpitching during his first spring start.

"After Scherzer did it, they waited a couple of days and then they sent some kind of clarification," Counsell said.

An automatic ball was called during a

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plate appearance that ended in a walkoff walk during Friday's game between the Dodgers and Angels.

"I think Scherzer exposed it, a lot of these guys that are trying to mess with it are exposing it and unfortunately now they're making changes to it to try to eliminate some of that stuff," Burnes said. "It just causes confusion and a lot of guys and umpires really don't know what's going on.

"It's something that's got to get cleaned up."

Burnes and Counsell each noted how the pitcher may be rushed, especially with a runner on base, if he can't come set until the eight-second mark.

"What happens then is the hitter doesn't have to be engaged in the box until eight seconds and it takes a couple seconds to get set. The pitcher's really only got five seconds to pitch, so that creates different timing as far as guys on base, it eliminates a little bit of uncomfortability in the box, the guy running it just shortens up your time frame,"

"It puts the hitter back in control after they've used a timeout. Originally, the way the rule was written, you couldn't pitch until the hitter was engaged. It had nothing to do with coming set until the hitter was engaged and now that they've changed that, something needs to be adjusted with the pitch clock. There's some wrinkles to figure out on that front, but it's gotta get figured out here pretty quick."

Or as Counsell succinctly summarized: "It kind of limits the pitcher's time on the rubber, essentially. It puts the pitcher in hurry mode."



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Assists

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purchase of books for Next Door's library. The funds raised in the previous three seasons of the program have helped to renovate the facility's library and purchase books.

The thing is, Lopez already has 146 blocks, fifth-best in his 15-year career, with five weeks to go in the season, so that's already in the \$75,000 neighbor-

"Yeah, we took the cap off," Lopez said. "Yeah, yeah, yeah."

He paused...

"I believe we did. Yeah... We had to. It's right at this point."

Lopez said it was his idea to ignore the cap and keep donating.

"And my mom's, of course. The season is going so well. It's a good thing so ... we want to take advantage of that and share that," Lopez said.

Lopez is the third-leading shot blocker in the NBA and his defense is something that should earn him the defensive player of the year honor, according to his Bucks teammates.

Lopez and his twin brother, Robin, got their love of reading from their mom and maternal grandmother.

"She had a couple of book rooms," Brook said. "One specifically in her house where it was like a library. Just a magic place for us."

Lopez was walking and talking about his book campaign last week at Fiserv Forum after the Bucks' 16th straight, but at this point stopped to talk to a young girl in the Bucks family area; the little girl complimented the star center for wearing a logo of a cartoon: "Daddy has those!"

'Yeah? He has these? Aren't they great?" Lopez says, bending over, cutting his size in half but still towering over her. "They're not as good as your dress though. I love the dress; Encanto dress? So prettyyyyyyy. ..."

A woman added: "With the Rapunzel

"Well, they go together – Rapunzel is purple, lavender. Yeah...it fits," laughs Lopez.

Lopez's grandmother was a librarian. He still reads a lot, his favorite genre being adventure fantasy. He read "Chronicles of Narnia" and "Lord of the Rings" but as a kid some classics like Babar and Dr. Seuss.

"She had tons of books," Lopez said. "She had a ton, and then she would pick them up at antique stores."

As much as Lopez loves being around kids in general and books in particular, he does take his work very seriously.



Chloe Marotta had 273 rebounds for Marquette in the regular season.

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That includes shot blocking.

Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said his start center has a knack for blocking the ball at meaningful times, and that's not by coincidence.

"Read how the refs are calling the game - if it's more physical or not. Take into account what fouls I have myself," Lopez said after he had four blocks, many of them late, in a recent Bucks

Chloe Marotta's story

Marotta, meanwhile, used her Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) opportunity to raise money for charity and honor her

Marc J. Marotta — a college basketball star at Marquette, community activist and political leader — died unexpectedly in 2015 at age 52. The one-time chairman of the BMO Harris Bradley Center board was found unresponsive in his car outside the Wisconsin Athletic Club in Glendale. First reports said he died of a heart attack, but it was actually a brain aneurysm.

He coached his daughter Chloe from fifth grade until eighth grade at Lumen Christi school in Mequon and would think of fun ways to get her to love the game, especially in the art of rebounding, his specialty.

"Rebounds was the big thing that we talked about," Chloe said. "The biggest thing was the motor, like how many times can you go to the board? Like, you're not tired, you're relentless on the glass, that type of mentality. Because he knew the game so well and he was a great rebounder, he was like: This is how you've got to do it every single game and every single possession.

"He saw me play my freshman year (at Homestead High School) and by that time, I already loved rebounding."

Marotta turned this specialty and

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bond with her father into "Rebounds for Research" to raise money for The Brain Aneurysm Foundation.

Marotta writes on Twitter: "For me, rebounding is all about heart and toughness. ... I lost my father in 2015 to a brain aneurysm. He felt pain for a few weeks before he passed away. Unfortunately, we were unaware of the signs, and the medical attention he received for his neck and headache at the time did not lead the doctors to determine he was having an aneurysm. I'm starting this campaign to help raise awareness and as much money as possible for The Brain Aneurysm Foundation to fund more research and save more lives. Thank you for your pledge! 100% of your donation goes to charity."

Marotta is among the best in the Big East. In 30 regular season games, she ripped down 273 rebounds, fourthhighest in the conference.

'Offensively, it's anticipating your teammates," Marotta said. "If I'm going to pass the ball to Liza Karlen or Jordan King, that shot is going up. So I have to anticipate that shot going up and crash immediately.

"Defensively when you're going against a really great rebounder - if I block her out after the ball leaves that person's fingertip, then I'm already too late. I have to expect that shot is already going up prior to it going up.

"Being a smaller post player, I have to do my work much earlier than others."

Marotta saw the donations pour in immediately. The very first was from Graceann Bennett, of Georgetown.

"I guard and I have guarded her for the last four years," Marotta said. "She's such a sweet girl. Yes, we compete and yes, we go against each other constantly. But the fact that she can support me off the court is really special and she actually lost her mom last year and so we've been communicating through that. The fact that that was my first donation is super sweet.

"And then we played each other the next day."

Seton Hall coach Anthony Bozzella donated. MU president Michael Lovell donated. And so many others, sharing their donations and their stories with Marotta.

Marotta, who played in the conference tournament with MU on Saturday and Sunday, said the rebound campaign had raised \$10,648 when she last checked. The campaign ends in early April.

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