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#### Celebrating our agricultural roots

The 31st Annual Agricultural Heritage Days was held Sept. 21-22 at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds in Luxemburg. The event featured several demonstrations, antique tractor pulls, steam engine wagon rides, garden tractor pull, classic cars and more. To the right, the Mark Jirikovec Orchestra performs on Saturday.

Kevin Jacobs photos



# Another shipwreck found off shore of Algoma

**BY STAR-NEWS STAFF** 

ALGOMA – Another shipwreck has been found four miles northeast of Algoma.

Friday, the 13th, proved to be a lucky day for Wisconsin maritime historians Brendon Baillod and Bob Jaeck as they located the wreckage of the steam tugboat.

"The 54-foot Evenson was built in 1884 at Milwaukee as a harbor and towing tug. She was lost on June 5th of 1895 while assisting the big steamer I. Watson Stephenson in entering the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal with a string of schooner-barges in tow. The Evenson's captain ran across the bow of the much larger Stephenson, which struck the tug, capsizing her and sending her



The steam tugboat John Evenson circa 1890. Harold J. Benash family photo

immediately to the bottom. The tug's five crew were cast into the water and rescued except for the tug's fireman, Martin Boswell, who was asleep below decks and was carried down with the vessel

and lost," said a release from the team.

"The Evenson's loss was widely reported in marine newspapers, but the locations given varied significantly. Some stated that the vessel sank in 300 feet of water, others 50 feet. Divers began looking for the Evenson in the 1980s without success. A local dive club even offered a cash reward for her discovery, but she continued to elude searchers."

Baillod and Jaeck used newspaper accounts as well as the customs house wreck report, prepared by Captain John Laurie, to plot the locations given.

The team noticed a few clustered in the same area that was given in the wreck report —approximately four miles northeast of Algoma.

On Sept. 13 at 9 a.m., Baillod

and Jaeck had just sent out their remote sensing equipment to start a three-day search "when a huge boiler crawled across the screen only five minutes" into the search," the release stated.

"The tug's hull-bed is present along with all of her machinery, giving a fascinating look at the steam technology of the late 1800s."

Wisconsin State Underwater Archeologist Tamara Thomsen and diver Zach Whitrock arrived on Saturday to survey and document the find.

"A 3D photogrammetry model was created by capturing over

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The Evenson's steam boiler today.

Wisconsin State Underwater Archeologist Tamara Thomsen photo



#### Algoma 2024 Homecoming Court

Algoma High School recently announced its homecoming court for 2024. Pictured, from row from left, are Sierra Slaby, Maisen Luedke, Kenna Bishop, Olivia Cabino, Gracie Robinson, MyLee Jones, Madison Schneider, Natalie Ray and Sikoya Neuzil; back row: Alex Kirchman, John Kirchman, Cody Kirchman, Carson Leist, Isaac Yunk, Aiden Tweedy, Brogan Ray, Jack Schwader and Preston Delebreau.

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#### It's tradition

Toilet paper is strewn across Kewaunee on Friday, Sept. 20, after students "TPed" the city in a "generational tradition" to decorate for homecoming. **Kevin Jacobs photos** 



# **Luxemburg-Casco students named National Merit semifinalists**

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

LUXEMBURG Luxemburg-Casco High School students, Cady Bevins and Hudson Thiry, have been named as semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship

Program. The pair of Spartans will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 6,870 National Scholarships, worth nearly \$26 million in totality, that will be offered next spring.

More than 1.3 million juniors in approximately 21,000 high schools entered the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program bv taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit



**Bevins** 

Thiry

Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The nationwide pool of 16,000-plus semifinalists represents less than 1% of high school seniors, including the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

Bevins is the daughter of Jamey and Stacey Bevins of Luxemburg.

Thiry is the son of Jason and Catrina Thiry of Luxemburg.

"Academic excellence is one of the pillars of the Luxemburg-Casco tional experience," says Tyson Tlachac, L-C High School principal. "We congratulate Cady and Hudson for being among the top performers in the entire United States, and look forward to supporting them as they take the next steps in the National Merit Scholarship Program."

Semifinalists must now fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition, including the submission of an essav.

Students who advance to the finalist level will be notified in February 2025.

The National Merit Scholarship winners of 2025 will be announced from April through July of next



The Luxemburg-Casco **School District is** seeking a **Transportation** Coordinator

This position manages all transportation services of the L-C School District to ensure safe and efficient transportation of students within the district. A CDL license and willingness to drive a school bus is required. A successful candidate will have positive interpersonal skills, be able to successfully manage conflict, pay attention to details, and have strong record keeping skills.

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e position is 220-days within the July 1 - June 30 school fiscal year. Salary is based upon experience. This position qualifies for the state retirement system.

Please send letter of application, resume, and references to: Rebecca Dobbe, Director of Business Services 318 N. Main St. Luxemburg, WI 54217 rdobbe@luxcasco.k12.wi.us 920-845-5982

# **Algoma School District Student Services** supports success beyond the classroom



## **School Scoop**

BY JESSE BRINKMANN ALGOMA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

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High school is filled with academic pressures and personal challenges for

Algoma Middle/High School Counselor Courtney Schmidt joined the district last year and has made it her priority to helping students navigate this critical period.

Schmidt meets with students individually and in groups, offering guidance college applications,

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# **Door County Medical Center** Algoma Clinic Welcomes...

## Cynthia LaLuzerne, APNP

Cynthia LaLuzerne provides Family Medicine services at Door County Medical Center Algoma Clinic.

Cynthia is from Algoma, WI and earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Bellin College - Green Bay. In her free time she enjoys spending time with family, cooking and baking, hiking, swimming, exercise, and being outdoors.

Cynthia is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.



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# Lambeau: Crossing paths

BY KRIS LEONHARDT **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** 

Continued from previous edition

Curly Lambeau's issues with stress were likely the result of the tumultuous atmosphere he had been living in over the previous year, professionally as well as personally.

On Dec. 13, 1932, Lambeau and 17 of his players boarded a Milwaukee Road train to commence a "barnstorming" tour - playing postseason exhibition games — which took them to Los Angeles where they boarded the SS MARIPOSA headed for Hawaii.

The exhibition in Hawaii had been orchestrated between J. Ashman Beaven, of the Honolulu Stadium, which was just six years old at the time, and the Green Bay Packers' Johnny Blood.

"...the Green Bay Packers, four times national professional football champions, will invade Hawaii for two games during the Christmas and New

Year's holidays has started the tongues wagging in local gridiron circles," the Star-Bulletin Honolulu stated earlier that month in anticipation. "Comments heard over the weekend were about 10 to 1 in favor of the invasion by the renowned pro stars.

"The McKinley Alumni and Kamemahema Alumni teams, recognized as the strongest aggregations in the local senior football league, have been chosen as opponents for the invaders and it is probable that both of these 11s will be strengthened by the addition of several other players who performed this year with the town team and St. Louis Alumni."

The Packers would win both games and head back to the mainland's West Coast for two more exhibition games.

Blood chronicled the trip for the Green Bay Press Gazette, writing articles and sending them back, including one as they boarded the MARIPOSA for Hawaii.



Honolulu Stadium's J. Ashman Beaven, center, greets Packers Coach Curly Lambeau, left, and Johnny Blood, right, as they Honolulu Star Bulletin photo arrive in Hawaii.

"A large crowd was at the dock, but not to see us off. Some movie actress was going to Honolulu for the holidays and many of her admirers and friends came down to the dock to bid her farewell," Blood said.

Aboard the ship was 24-year-old Billie Copeland.

"She was traveling with her 52-year-old mother, Addie Johnson, and 26-vearold Christine Copeland, presumably her sister," Packers Historian Cliff Christl wrote.

In August 1927, Copeland

Miss Ventura crowned Miss California in San Francisco.

Less than two weeks after being crowned, Copeland was disqualified.

"The disqualification of Billie Copeland came after a thorough investigation based on charges of 'professionalism," a statement from the San Francisco Chronicle, who held the contest, stated.

"According to the rules of the Atlantic City pageant committee — whose representative The Chronicle is



Miss California Billie Copeland, left, and Miss Southern California Linda Burrage, right, pose for a photo in 1927 before Copeland was disqualified from the Miss America pageant.

The Sacramento Union photo

for California — any contestant aspiring to the title of 'Miss America' is ineligible if she has had any stage, screen or professional modeling experience.

"Conclusive evidence was discovered that Miss Copeland had appeared in a revue at two theaters in this state, played at least a week in each."

Though married Marguerite for over 12 years, Lambeau's charm, attraction to the ladies and competitiveness got the

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# 'Remembrance of the Great Fire of 1871' is Oct. 5

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

BRUSSELS - The Belgian Heritage Center (BHC) will host a "Remembrance of the Great Fire of 1871" day on Saturday, Oct. 5.

In October of 1871, fires devastated the landscape

#### **SHIPWRECK**

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2000 high-resolution images, recording the site in detail," the release said.

The site will now be nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

This is the third significant shipwreck discovered by Baillod and Jaeck in the last two years.

The remains of the schooner Trinidad were located in June of 2023 and the schooner Margaret A. Muir in June of 2024.

An interactive 3D model may be found at https:// sketchfab.com/3d-models/ john-evenson-1884-b73787a-1ba274628b4235e0ef29039f1.

on both sides of the hav of Green Bay including a large part of the Belgian settlement area in Door, Brown and Kewaunee Counties.

"The Great Fire forever changed the lives of the Belgian settlers and influenced the region for generations. This is a story of courage, suffering and rebuilding lives after one of

the worst natural disasters in United States history," a release from BHC stated.

"At 10 a.m. Captain David Siegel (retired) from the Green Bay Metro Fire Department, will speak about the unusual nature of the Great Fire of 1871 and why it was so deadly for so many. Afterwards, Barb (Englebert) Chisholm

will re-enact the story of survival as told by her great grandmother, Emerence (Gaspard) Englebert."

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#### PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### **Unrequited Love: A Timeless Muse In Poetry**

Dear Reader,

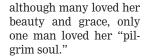
To be straightforward with you, I have a consistent dialogue in my head regarding the concept of unrequited love.

Unrequited love has been a compelling theme in literature throughout the ages, touching the

daughter about William Butler Yeats' questioned whether Yeats' poem truly deals with unrequited love, particularly when compared to its inspiration, a French poem by Pierre de Ronsard.

ceived. The lines often cited are:

And nodding by the fire, take down this book, And slowly read, and dream of the soft look Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep The poem continues, suggesting that



According to the Notre Dame professor, "When You Are Old" may not be primarily about unrequited love. Instead, it can be interpreted as a reflection on true, deep

love that transcends physical beauty. The speaker laments that while others loved the beloved for her outward appearance, only he cherished her inner self. This interpretation suggests a sense of melancholy and loss, but not necessarily unrequited love.

Yeats' poem is inspired by Pierre de Ronsard's sonnet to Hélène. Ronsard's poem, "Quand vous serez bien vieille," similarly envisions a future where the beloved, now old, reflects on her past. The French poem carries a tone of regret and unrealized love, which can be seen as unrequited:

Quand vous serez bien vieille, au soir, à la chandelle, Assise auprès du feu, dévidant et filant,

Direz, chantant mes vers, en vous émerveillant: Ronsard me célébrait du temps que j'étais belle. Ronsard's lines suggest a longing for a love that was never fully reciprocated or realized, aligning more closely with the theme of unrequited love.

Is Yeats' poem about unrequited love? The answer may lie in a nuanced understanding of both poems. While Yeats' version focuses on a love that sees beyond physical beauty and feels a profound loss, it does not explicitly state that the love was unrequited. However, when seen through the lens of Ronsard's influence, we can infer a deeper laver of longing and unfulfilled desire in Yeats' work.

In the end, both interpretations hold merit. Yeats' "When You Are Old" can be seen as a reflection on true love that transcends time and beauty, while Ronsard's original poem hints more strongly at unrequited love. This duality enriches our understanding of Yeats' work, allowing readers to appreciate the complexity of love in its many forms. Unrequited love remains a timeless muse, continually inspiring poets to capture its bittersweet essence.

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# OBITUARIES



Christine Marie Kinjerski, age 60, of Mishicot, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee.

Chris was born June 14, 1964, in Manitowoc, to Tom and Judy Hoeft. She was a graduate of Kewaunee High School with the Class of 1982. On July 7, 1984. Chris married Rich Kinjerski in Krok, Wisconsin, at St. John's Church. She was employed at Shoto Cornoration

and was a part-time Nana to her grandson, Beckett, who she loved more than anything. Chris had been really looking forward to meeting her newborn granddaughter, Luella. She was a loving and devoted mother, and would do anything for her children and grandchildren. Chris loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed her girl's weekends with her sisters, cousins, and aunts, shopping, and reading. Chris had the best sense of humor, even in a tough situation. She was the bright light and happiness in everyone's life and she will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved

Chris is survived by her husband: Rich Kinjerski; son: TJ (Samantha) Kinjerski; grandchildren: Beckett and Luella Kinjerski; father: Tom Hoeft; siblings: Sandy (Bill) Bosman, Pat Hoeft, Debbie (Kurt) Koerner; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Gloria (Greg) Habeck, Bill (special friend Shirley) Kinjerski, Gary (Lynn) Kinjerski, Ron (Joanne) Kinjerski, Wayne (Dawn) Kinjerski, Dean (Tina) Kinjerski; sisters-in-law, Linda Kinjerski, Pam Kinjerski, and Dionne Kinjerski; and special family friend Shane Strauss. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter: Samantha Kinjerski; mother: Judy Hoeft; father and mother-in-law: Joe and Mabel Kinjerski; grandparents: Augie and Mae Hoeft and Joe and Betty Brooks; sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Jane and Charlie Rohr; brothers-in-law: Dan Kinjerski, Louie Kinjerski, and Roger Kinjerski.

Cremation has occurred at Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Crematory in Manitowoc. A visitation will be held for family and friends on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, at the Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home, 628 N. Water Street, Manitowoc, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A private burial will take place at a later time at Knollwood Memorial Gardens in Manitowoc.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the CVICU Team at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center for the compassionate care provided to Chris.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials in Chris' name which will be donated to the Epilepsy Founda-

The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Crematory, North 11th and St. Clair streets, Manitowoc, is assisting the Kinjer-ski family with funeral arrangements.

#### hearts of readers with its poignant and universal resonance. A long past conversation with my poem "When You Are Old" brought this theme into sharp focus. Our discussion, enriched by insights from a University of Notre Dame professor.

Yeats, an Irish poet, penned "When You Are Old" in the late 19th century. The poem speaks to a future where the speaker's beloved, now old and gray, reflects on her past and the love she re-

#### **LAMBEAU**

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better of him, and by the time they ported in Hawaii, Lambeau's home life was about to change.

"The one thing with the second wife - you know how it happened, how he met the gal he divorced Marguerite for? They were going over to Hawaii. This gal was a starlet. Two of the

players got in a fight over her, and Curly stepped in to break up the fight and walked off with the girl," Marguerite's friend Pat Vandeveld recalled in a 2011 interview with Christl.

"He came home from that and asked Marguerite for a divorce. She was shocked."

To be continued

The Press Times staff thanks Deb and Hannah at the UW-Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame Inc., Packers Historian Cliff Christl, Mary Jane and Jeff at the Brown County Library History Room, Kristin and Joe with the Belgian Heritage Center, Tom Hutchison and all of those individuals who shared their knowledge and memories over the past year of research.

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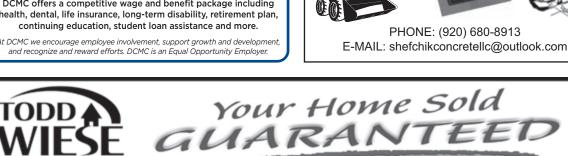
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James J. Sisel May 8, 1935 - September 22,

James J. Sisel, 89, Jesus took his hand and led him home on September 22, 2024, in Kewaunee WI. He was born on May 8, 1935, in Casco, WI to the late Edward and Marv (Kalcik) Sisel. James graduated from Casco High School and later married Daune Shimek on January 21, 1961. Together they had 4 children. James was best known for his love of refurbishing and selling

Vintage Cars, Trucks and John Deere Tractors. He entered many car shows and received awards for his meticulous work. He loved giving gator rides around the trails he cut through the woods. He enjoyed working with his tractor hauling ground around the farm, snow removal, and clearing land. Through the years James farmed, worked for Joe Baierl Welding, was a crane operator for Schuster's construction and owned and operated Sisel Weld and Repair where he helped the local farmers and neighbors with their machinery repairs. James and Daune lived in Pound for 16 years and moved back to Casco in 1999 where they built a home by the maples on the home farm. James also served in the 101st Airborne in the US Army

He is survived by his wife, Daune Sisel; children, Victoria (Kevin) Ropson, Wrightstown, Jamie L. Sisel, Casco, Wayne (Sandy) Sisel, Rosemont, MN; grandchildren, Heather (Chas) Treml, Adam Haen, Joshua and Callie Sisel, Adam (Hannah) Ropson; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Laney, and Ellisyn Treml, Raygen and Roland Ropson; sisters, Diane (Nic) Rabideau; and brother-in-law, Clyde G. Shimek; also survived by nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Mary Sisel; infant son, John David Sisel; brother Floyd (Erma) Sisel; sisters-in-law, Lynn (Wally) Adams, Emma Darlene Shimek (infant); nephews, Perry Sisel, Jon Rabideau, and niece Karen Michelle Adams.

Visitation will take place at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 8:30 – 10:15 am with the Funeral Mass being held at 10:30 am with Fr. Daniel Schuster officiating. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed on the Kinnard Funeral Home Facebook page. A link will be provided on our website prior to the funeral service starting. Burial to follow in the church cemetery. Kinnard Funeral & Cremation services is assisting the family with arrangements, online condolence messages may be shared at KinnardFCS.com.

Special thanks for the outstanding and wonderful care at Kewaunee Health Services and Sturgeon Bay Health Services. Also, a special thanks to Unity Hospice, the Milo C. Huempfner VA Health Center, and the ADRC Kewaunee Transport services. As well as a sincere thanks to our special friend Jack Treml.

# WLUK 70: The land of milk and money

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** 

Continued from previous week

"On my arrival at WLUK, I saw a copy of Standard Rate & Data, the broadcasters' national ratings book. Printed on the spine of the thick periodical, which published current ad rates for all television stations in the country, was an advertisement which read, 'The Land of Milk and Money - Green Bay, Wisconsin," Former General Manager Tom Hutchison recalled.

'The slogan was created by Haydn Evans, the longtime general manager of WLUK's strongest competitor, WBAY-TV."

By then, Evans was gone from WBAY and serving as a consultant for WLUK.

"By the time Post went to get money for the WLUK building, the company was cash poor but somehow managed to borrow \$300,000 to complete the building.

"Operating profits for 1966 were \$160,000, but when the corporation adjusted for the interest payments, depreciation and amortization. taxes were paid on less than \$10,000.

"There would be no additional capital for programming, staff or equipment. Starting the very first month, we had to figure out a way to take in more money than we spent."

While state legislators were still working on a statewide educational network, WLUK would be ahead of the trend.

WLUK's Russ Widoe began producing a series of 64 15-minute video tapes that taught fourth-grade students how to read music.

Widoe - also known locally as "Colonel Caboose"was later named managing editor of Northeastern Wisconsin In-School



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WLUK photo

Television and left WLUK. Shortly after Hutchison's

organized.

"WLUK was the only staarrival, a union was tion in the market with a

neering, production and the photo shop were represented, and the Post was one of the few companies unfazed by dealing with union members," Hutchison explained.

"The contracts the to arbitration."

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#### ALGOMA

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career pathways and course offerings.

Her proactive approach not only helps students succeed academically but also builds their confidence and resilience

As an Algoma alumni, Schmidt is able to relate to our students and provide first-hand knowledge.

#### Laying foundations in elementary school

At the elementary level. counselor Angie Kinjerski focuses on the importance of emotional and social development.

Kinjerski implements programs that teach coping strategies and conflict resolution so students have the tools to express their feelings and manage stress.

By fostering a positive school climate, she ensures that students feel safe and valued from an early age, setting the stage for lifelong learning.

Kinjerski also co-facilities our Breakfast Club so that students have the opportunity to check-in with a trusted staff member before their school day begins and are set up for success.

Connecting families and schools

The role of the school social worker is equally crucial. Avery Robinson acts as a bridge between home and school, addressing the needs of students who face external challenges.

He approaches situations that are often challenging for families so that they feel valued and have a voice.

Robinson joined Algoma School District last year and has been an excellent resource for connecting families with community resources.

His goal is to strengthen the entire school community, so that every child has

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feels connected and can thrive.

Robinson also helps out after school at our Wolf Den program and assists in delivering meals to families participating in the backpack food program.

#### **Supporting students** where they are at

Hayley Vaske, Algoma school psychologist, brings vital expertise to the team.

Her knowledge about special education and analysis of student data is valued.

She makes informed decisions that are based on can be made is an attribute we value.

Through assessments, meeting with students in small groups or oneto-one and collaboration with teachers, she plays a critical role in supporting student well-being and academic success.

Vaske is also the co-facilitator of our Breakfast Club.

#### **Collaborative** approach to student wellness

Algoma School District's dedicated student services team ensures that all students are able to succeed.

They work in tandem with teachers, administrators, and parents to create a comprehensive support network for students.

Their collective efforts are vital in fostering resilience and encouraging positive mental health among students of all ages.

Algoma School District is fortunate to have our student service team because their dedication not only impacts individual lives but also cultivates a nurturing community that prioritizes the well-being and success of every student.

In recognizing their contributions, we celebrate the foundation upon which our future leaders are built.

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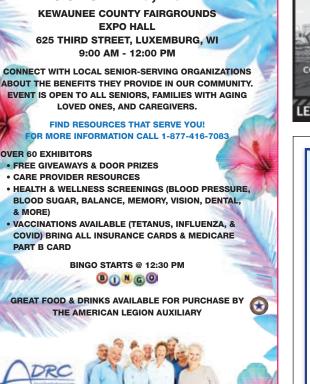
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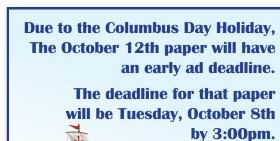
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#### **WLUK**

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Hutchison said the most significant idea they had involving the employees "was not only a morale booster, but added to the station's revenue."

The plan was that any employee with an idea for a show was asked to come forward with the concept and cost projection.

"The ideas started coming in, and several significant programs were developed," Hutchison said.

"Don Schunke, a sales service coordinator, hosted the annual 'Letters to Santa' show that was fully sponsored by Mills Fleet Farm stores. On the show, Don would read letters from kids in the days leading up to Christmas. One season after the final show, I stopped in the studio to ask how many letters had been received. It was a giant bag full. I was told we didn't read all that mail, but each week randomly selected a few letters to read over the air.'



Though cash poor, the TV station had equipment and ingenuity. **WLUK** photo

Hutchison had staff read through the remaining letters to make sure there were no letters from youth clearly in need.

Finding one from an eight-year-old boy in Iron Mountain, Mich., asking Santa to bring his sister a doll "because she had never had one" and that if there was anything left could he "please get a little wagon," something needed to be

After contacting a friend in Iron Mountain and finding out the family's true need, Hutchison and the station had a bunch of toys for the siblings delivered to the home on Christmas Eve with a note that read, "Thanks for writing - Santa."

To be continued Many thanks to Dan Spangler, Jay Zollar and Juli Buehler of WLUK and Tom Hutchison for their assistance with this article.



#### **OUTDOORS**

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advocates for habitat restoration and protection.

Federal fish and wildlife restoration programs — using excise taxes from sporting equipment and fuel purchased by hunters, anglers and target shooters — provide a significant portion of funding for state conservation efforts, including \$39.5 million for the DNR this year.

The money comes back to the states based on the number of hunting and fishing licenses sold, as well as land and water area.

Anyone who has mentored or plans to soon is invited to take the #GuidetoOutside pledge and submit a photo for a

chance at NHF Day prizes. Learn more at https:// nhfday.org/pledge.

#### **Southern Zone** opener

The southern zone duck season opens Saturday.

Check out a map and all the rules at https://dnr. wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/ waterfowl.

The daily bag limit statewide is six ducks, including no more than four mallards (only two can be hens); to submit entries in five

three wood ducks: two black ducks, redheads and canvasbacks; and one pintail.

In addition, hunters are allowed five mergansers, of which two may be hooded mergansers.

Per U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations, the daily scaup bag limit varies from one to two depending on the date.

Check the regulations for details.

The regular Canada goose hunt is underway, with a three-bird daily bag limit for the first portion of the season.

The daily bag limit increases to five birds in the Southern and Mississippi zones during the holiday hunt.

#### Youth deer hunt

The annual youth gun deer hunt is set for Oct. 5-6.

Learn more at https:// dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ hunt/youth, or pick up a copy of the 2024-25 hunting regulations wherever licenses are sold.

#### **Photo contest**

The 11th annual Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin Photo Contest runs now through Nov. 1, with photographers invited categories for a chance to win prizes and be featured in the group's magazine.

The contest is meant to raise awareness about conservation showcase the state's natural beauty, and engage natural photographers in conservation efforts.

Last year, more than 600 photos were entered. For more information about prizes and submission guidelines, visit wisconservation.org/photo-contest.

#### **Snapshot Wisconsin**

Some of the best trail cam images from the state's Snapshot Wisconsin effort are now available. Search by species or county at https://wi-dnr.widencollective.com/portals/zssbwavl/ SnapshotWisconsinPhotoLibrary.

Some wildlife species rarely are photographed. Find out about five of those "camera-shy" residents https://dnr.wisconsin. gov/snapshot/articles/ Aug2024#articleTwo.

#### **Fish Art Contest**

Wildlife Forever's 2024-2025 Art of Conservation Fish Art Contest is

entries accepting through Feb. 28.

The annual program invites K-12 youth to connect with nature and learn about fish and aquatic habitats while exploring creative art and writing.

Find more information, educational resources, and submission guidelines at www.FishArt.org.

#### **Lakes conference**

The 2025 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention is set for March 26-28 in Stevens Point.

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Learn more at https:// wisconsinwaterweek.org/ home/lakes-and-rivers-convention/.

#### **Antierless tags**

Hunters in our area have access to abundant free antlerless deer tags, but that's not the case in the northern and central forests.

However, some counties do have limited bonus tags available.

See what's left by county and public or private land at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/ permits/bonusavailability. html.

#### Water levels dropping

Lake Michigan and Green Bay water levels have dropped five inches in the past month, and as of Sept.

20 were down three inches from this time last year.

Levels were about an inch above the 100-year average.

Now in the seasonal decline, the lake is expected to drop another three inches by late October.





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Algoma's 1974 Packerland Conference champion football team was honored at halftime of the Wolves' 36-7 win over visiting Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Oneida/Providence Co-op on Sept. 20.

# Algoma 1974 Packerland Conference champions honored

#### FOR THE STAR-NEWS

ALGOMA - Algoma's 1974 Packerland Conference champion football team was honored at halftime of the Wolves' 36-7 win over visiting Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Oneida/ Providence Co-op on Sept.

In the final game of the 1974 campaign, Algoma traveled to Kewaunee on Coach Steve Mayheu's 32nd birthday, playing before a standing-room-only crowd with the Wolves leading

Kewaunee had the ball with only minutes left and the opportunity for a

touchdown; however, Pat Boucher intercepted a pass and returned it 79 yards for a touchdown, cementing the Wolves as Packerland champs for the first time in 25 years.

The team was met with fire trucks and paraded through town in celebration.

Players, cheerleaders and managers were able to attend last week's game to celebrate the 50th anniversary, including head coach, Steve Mayheu, and assistant coach, Bob Hafeman.

Deceased team meminclude assistant coaches Lyle Schmiling and Gaylord Mauer, and players Phil Denault, Mitch Groessl, Pete Guth, Joe Haegele, Brad Stacie, Mike VandeWalle and Norm Oshefsky, a first-team all-Packerland selection.

Other first-teamers included conference MVP Roger VanLanen (first team offense and defense), Tom Swoboda (defense) and Mike Zastrow (first team offense, 2nd team defense).

Other second teamers included Randy Berg, Roger Groll and Kurt Holtz on offense and Pat Phillips and Denis Schinderle on defense.

Other members include Scott Bennett, John Dettmann, Frank DeVillers,

Dan Fulwiler, Scot Hafeman, Lee Koehler, Joel Krautkramer, Paul Moede, Lyle Nell, Russ Nell, Pete Peterson, Ed Rutledge, Ron VanLanen, Dennis Villers, Luke Zastrow and Dan Zeman.

Managers were Paul Rodrian, Tom Vandenack and David Villers.

Cheerleaders were Peggy Curtain-Exner, Holly Defnet-Zimmerman, Julie Delwiche-Ray, Diane Feuerstein-Pinkham, Carrie Haegele-Brackeen, Jill Rodrian-Vlies, Jean Swoboda-Rabas and Susan

# **National Hunting &** Fishing Day is Sept. 28



## In the Outdoors

**BY KEVIN NAZE** GUEST COLUMNIST

aturday is National Hunting & Fishing Day, an annual observance to celebrate the contributions of hunters, anglers and shooters to conservation.

Goals of the more than 50-year-old special day include recruiting new participants and increasing public awareness of the connection between hunting, fishing and conservation.

Many sportsmen and women are active in sporting and conservation clubs,

volunteering time and resources for programs and projects that benefit the public at large.

That includes teaching young people about wildlife, conservation and responsible outdoor recreation.

Hunters, anglers and target shooters bring billions in economic activity to Wisconsin each year. Hunting is also crucial for managing the populations of many species, and outdoors enthusiasts are often

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If you took a break during summer, now's a good time to put out fresh suet or seed cakes. Common autumn visitors include downy and hairy woodpeckers, red-breasted and whitebreasted nuthatches, chickadees, blue jays and starlings.

**Kevin Naze photo** 

# Nicolet PRESENTS Senior Spotlight

# Matthew Koss, Luxemburg-Casco High School

Sports: Football, Basketball and Track Parents' names: Denice and Pete Koss

Siblings: Morgan Koss

Position or events: Offensive tackle, defensive line, center, shot put and discus

Career Highlight: Driving a guy 25 yards down field and then pancaking him.

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

Who introduced you to the sport? With the help of my offensive line coaches Walt Tenor, Jack Stephen, Blake Yagodinski and Ryan Scanlan who were the first to really introduce me to the sport and made me fall in

Has this always been your favorite sport? Football has not always been my favorite sport — it actually was originally basketball.

How has balancing academics and athletics been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year? I feel like things definitely got easier to balance as the years progressed because I found a groove.

What is your favorite part about this sport? My favorite part about the sport is playing with my brothers which makes it enjoyable and the overall atmosphere that it

What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long? I think the biggest reason I have stuck with football all four years is my love of the game which has been fostered by my coaches, myself and my overall skill.

Is there a professional athlete you look up to? If so, why? Muhammad Ali has always been an idol of mine because he was an athlete who dominated his field for a long period of time and worked for everything he had. He wasn't handed anything by anyone; he was a success thanks to his own efforts which is something that I can admire.

What would you say is your biggest asset on the field/ track? My biggest assets on the field are my leadership and experience. I have started varsity for three years now and have played with some of the greatest leaders and players that I've ever had in my life. It allows me to have a model of what I need to be to be the best teammate on and off the field.

What has been your most memorable experience in high school sports so far? The most memorable moment for me in football has to be going down to Camp Randall with the team and watching them play in the state game because I was injured. It was a bittersweet moment that makes me want to be back there this year even more.

How does it feel as a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth (as a person and athlete)? Looking back on my past three years, it puts in perspective how much I've changed as a person and an athlete. The biggest changes to both of these are how much I've improved as a leader and my overall confidence level.

Do you have any pre-match rituals/routines/ superstitions? I always read two Bible verses before



every game as well as my personal favorite verse, John

Do you take any extra steps to prepare for a big match/game/meet, outside of regular practices? I would say proper nutrition and hydration have been subtle keys to my success as well as setting myself up to succeed by working out in the offseason.

Any memorable coaches or teammates you'd like to give a shout out to? Neil Seering, Andrew Klass, Max Thayse, Ezra Waege, Brett Yunk, Ryland Day, Max Ronsman and Braedan Schley.

Any hobbies outside of sports? I like to play the ukulele.

Favorite song? "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water? Tropical punch Body Armor.

Future Plans? (college, major, career, etc.) I plan to major in sports medicine and either become a PT or PA.