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Jeanquart appointed District 1 alder

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR

KEWAUNEE – During its Nov. 11 meeting, the Kewaunee Common Council appointed a new alder to represent District 1.

“Following our last meeting, Kathy Brown resigned from council. Through a straw poll of the council, I was able to confirm posting for the vacancy which was done on our website and through the Facebook page,” explained Kewaunee City Administrator Heath Eddy.

“Submission of applicant interest was fixed with a deadline [of Nov. 6] with interviews and selection of the replacement with alders at this meeting. The chosen alderman will then be sworn in by the clerk/treasurer, sign the required documentation, and will take a seat with the rest of council effective immediately, which is why the swearing in occurs tonight.”

The term for this seat expires on April 21, 2026.

The city received four applicants: Thomas M. Schneider, Arthur J. Schiller, Roberta Jeanquart and Kathleen Hausknecht.

After each candidate gave a brief presentation, current council members were allotted time to ask questions.

“It’s great to have four eager people qualified to serve in this role. That is a great place to be and sadly we can only pick one,” Mayor Jeff Vollenweider said.

Jeanquart was ultimately selected in a 4-1 vote and was sworn in.

Luxemburg chamber announces annual community award recipients

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

LUXEMBURG – On Nov. 12, the Luxemburg Area Chamber of Commerce announced its annual community award recipients — recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the Luxemburg area.

Person of the Year

Debby Liebeck, owner of Flowers & Gifts by Judy, has been named Person of the Year.

“Liebeck is a dedicated community member who not only runs a successful local business but also operates the Community Clothing Closet, providing clothing and household goods to those in need. She consistently donates her time and resources to support various community events,” a chamber release stated.

Community Service Award

Jenny Salentine is the recipient of the Community Service Award.

“Salentine has been involved in a wide range of community service organizations, including the Luxemburg-Casco PTA, 4H, and the Missoula Children’s Theater, demonstrating her commitment to enriching the lives of others,” the release added.

Spartan Spirit Award

Fran Charles is the recipient of the Spartan Spirit Award.

“For 30 years, Charles has served the Luxemburg-Casco Athletic Department with unwavering dedication, selling tickets for all sporting events.

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Debby Liebeck, at left, owner of Flowers & Gifts by Judy, was named Person of the Year. She is pictured with Luxemburg Chamber President Carrie Vercauteren.



Jenny Salentine, at left, is the recipient of the Community Service Award. Salentine is pictured with Luxemburg Chamber President Carrie Vercauteren. Submitted photos



Gale-force winds

Waves pushed by gale-force southeast winds Tuesday, Nov. 19, battered the new sheet piling and Roen Salvage’s moored barge and heavy equipment at Algoma’s south breakwall. Strong northwest winds were in the forecast for the tail end of the week, but were expected to settle nicely for the gun deer hunting opener.

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Novak receives research administration award

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NORTH EAST WISCONSIN – Nick Novak, assistant dean for research services in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR) at UW-Madison, recently received the Robert C. Andresen Research Administration Award.



Novak

The award was established to recognize outstanding service, dedication and excellence in research administration at UW-Madison.

Novak and his team work with researchers to ensure a range of processes are followed from grant proposal submission to award close-out to addressing complex audit questions.

In addition, they ensure smooth procedures and full compliance with the conditions of research awards that are granted.

“I am thrilled to share this award with my team and everyone who works to move our research enterprise forward,” Novak said.

Novak was born and raised in Kewaunee County. He graduated from Kewaunee High School in 1989 and UW-Madison in 1994.

He now resides in Stoughton.

Belgian Heritage Center to host Mosaic Glass Workshops

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

BRUSSELS – A Family Mosaic Glass Workshop will be held on Friday, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Participants will create stained glass mosaic suncatchers using pre-cut shapes such as butterfly, heart, flag, Christmas tree, circles, etc. and pre-cut stained glass chips in various sizes, shapes and limitless colors.

This workshop will allow you to create your own custom art to hang in your window, use as an ornament or give as a gift.

Sessions are led by Gary Chaudoir of Chaudoir Glass Studio in Sister Bay.

For the fun-loving adults, join the Christmas Spirits Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1-3 p.m.

The workshop includes one suncatcher/ornament and two drinks of wine, craft beer or non-alcoholic beverage.

The Belgian Heritage Center is located at 1255 CTY RD DK, Brussels.

For more information, call (920) 825-7319 or email contact@belgianheritage-center.org.

Love’s foundation, Better Days Mentoring partner on coat drive

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – Green Bay Packers Quarterback Jordan Love’s foundation, Hands of 10ve, and Better Days Mentoring partnered for the mentoring program’s fifth annual coat drive, held Nov. 12.

Better Days Mentoring Owner Eddie Boyce said this year the two organizations bought 1,100 coats — 400 more than last year.

By late morning, just 150 coats remained.

“You probably had close to 90 cars parked up and down (the street) and then you have close to 150 people that were just lined up,” Boyce said of the turnout, even before Love and backup quarterback Malik Willis were both onsite to help hand out coats.

“Not everybody has a car, so you had people standing out here with children who have never had a coat,” Boyce added.

Better Days Mentoring offers one-on-one individualized mentoring and other services to help individuals reach their full potential.



Green Bay Packers Quarterback Jordan Love talks with volunteers during a coat giveaway on Nov. 12 held at Better Days Mentoring. Love’s foundation, Hands of 10ve, partnered with Better Days Mentoring in Green Bay to distribute 1,100 winter coats.

Kris Leonhardt photo

The organization has worked throughout Brown County for about a decade.

“Wherever the need is at, we are usually there for it,” Boyce said.

“Periodically, we would talk, even throughout the season now, about the needs,” Boyce explained. “Like, ‘hey, what are you seeing?’ He’s like ‘I just want to give back.’ I was like, ‘We’ll host a coat drive, because the community will come.’

“It’s grown a lot bigger,

especially with his help to reach more people.”

The coat drive fits right in Love’s foundation’s mission “to inspire and empower children from all backgrounds to engage in sports, promoting physical and mental well-being”

“I think it’s always been important to me, my family, kind of the way I was raised — to try and help give back,” Love said. “I think my parents were very giving people, always trying to help out, especially in the

community. So, I think it’s always kind of been there, been how I was raised. It’s one of those things where I have the opportunity. I’ve met the right people and the opportunity is there to give back.”

Boyce said that with the need increasing, adjustments will be made to match the need.

“Next year, we’ll be back at it. I think we’ve got a gauge— I think we are going to need a lot more,” Boyce added.

Kewaunee School District asking residents for feedback

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

KEWAUNEE – The Kewaunee School District Board of Education and administration are seeking resident feedback on facilities priorities and potential future improvement plans through a community-wide survey.

The eight-page survey has now been delivered to every Kewaunee School District resident; if you have yet to receive

a copy contact the district.

“The survey will provide the district with valuable information about the desired direction for future improvements,” a district release stated.

“Over the past year, the Kewaunee Board of Education and administration has been assessing and evaluating options to address facility needs that are too large to be covered by the District’s annual operating budget. To learn more about the facilities planning work, please visit the district website.

“The purpose of the

community survey is to gather feedback on potential plans to improve educational spaces for both today’s students and future generations of the Kewaunee School District. The survey feedback will help the District and Board of Education prioritize if and when projects should be funded.”

“We are asking our community for input on when and how to proceed with needed improvements to our school facilities,” said Superintendent Scott Fritz. “We are very grateful for the continued support from

our community, and we are asking the residents to give us feedback on our next steps.”

To collect feedback, the district is working with School Perceptions LLC, an independent data firm with expertise in conducting school district surveys.

Residents can complete the paper survey and mail it back to School Perceptions in the postage-paid envelope provided or log on to the website listed on the paper survey, enter the unique access code, and

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Luxemburg-Casco School District embraces Wisconsin Act 20



School Scoop

BY DR. JO-ELLEN FAIRBANKS
LUXEMBURG-CASCO SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT

A hot-button topic in local education this year is Wisconsin Act 20, a newly enacted state law with intent to make certain students learn to read effectively at a young age, while holding school districts accountable for student growth.

But while Act 20 has been portrayed negatively in some communities, educators within the Luxemburg-Casco School District view it in a positive light.

"We see Act 20 as a valuable support to research-based literacy instruction," said District Superintendent Jo-ellen Fairbanks, Ph.D. "As a district, L-C is committed to providing our teachers with research-based training and strategies, which roll into natural alignment with Act 20. The district's ultimate goal is to give our students the highest-quality instruction as they learn to read."

Act 20 is a law that requires Wisconsin public schools to ensure that all students are able to read proficiently by the end of third grade by:

- Providing early literacy instruction
- Assessing early literacy skills
- Conducting diagnostic assessments
- Monitoring early literacy development

Science-based early literacy instruction that is systematic is a core element, including instruction

in phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary building and reading fluency.

Instructional changes have been ongoing for Luxemburg-Casco since 2014, when the district began a process which included site visits to high-performing schools in the area, curriculum reviews, an enhanced emphasis on phonics and professional development for the teaching staff based on the best research-based practices.

These prior steps positioned L-C to make a smooth transition into the Act 20 requirements, according to Mike Snowberry, the district's director of learning services.

"What Act 20 has done," he says, "is it allowed us to really review every aspect of our current curriculum and to professionally develop the teachers to implement best practices. The teachers have done an amazing job in transforming how they taught, resulting in measurable improvement in our overall reading scores."

District teachers began Act 20-related training at the end of the last school year, continuing through the summer months, and finishing up during the current academic year.

The work was time intensive, and included quizzes and a final test.

"The training was a lot of work for our teachers, and I give them credit for the time they put into it.



Thayse

They took the challenge on like true professionals," said District Instructional Coach Kyle Thayse. "Its intent was for teachers to grow their knowledge on best practices and research in literacy.

"Although the timing was not ideal, the training itself was embraced in a positive way by our teachers, and I find that they are referencing it often. It has allowed our teachers to reflect on existing practices and add new strategies - they are asking, 'Is there a better way to do that?' It has driven thought about our impact with students."

What, then, has changed in the way that L-C teaches reading?

According to Thayse, not many changes have been needed. Luxemburg-Casco has been utilizing a phonics-based approach to reading instruction for close to a decade, so numerous past practices were continued.

"What we are trying to tighten up on is the systematic approach to new learning principles, especially around vocabulary instruction and building background knowledge," Thayse said. "It was incidental in the past, and we want to make it 'on purpose.'"



A Luxemburg-Casco primary classroom setting.

Submitted photo

The district's goals for reading instruction are rather straightforward.

"We want our students reading fluently and with accuracy," said Thayse. "It's not that we want them to read faster, we want them to read with proper phrasing and use of punctuation. To be able to put chunks of words together correctly."

Through reading readiness screenings, students who score below the 25th

percentile are identified. L-C and other schools are required to conduct diagnostic assessments on those students.

Starting in December, educators at Luxemburg-Casco will sit down to create a reading plan for those students based on what area of literacy they are struggling on.

It also will be communicated to parents.

Recognizing that dialogue

around educational practices may seem complex to the district community as they go about their everyday lives, Dr. Fairbanks boils it down for parents.

"Reading is a critical skill," she said, "and we are using research-rooted practices to provide students with the instruction which will allow them to be the best readers they can be."

And that's a goal that everyone can agree on.

AWARD

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Her friendly demeanor and enthusiasm has made her a beloved figure in the community. In addition, Charles contributed over 34 years to the Luxemburg-Casco School District, where she wore many hats, including coordinating transportation for sporting events," the chamber said.

The Luxemburg Area Chamber of Commerce will host an awards banquet at on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Golf & Grill.

For more information, contact luxemburgchamber@gmail.com or visit www.luxemburgchamber.com.



Fran Charles is the recipient of the Spartan Spirit Award.

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OBITUARIES

Lambeau: Rockwood Lodge

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Betty M. Zimmerman, Algoma, died on November 15th, 2024, at Autumn's Journey believing in Jesus Christ as her Savior. She was born March 4, 1936, in rural Forestville, daughter of the late Harold and Bernice (Seiler) Haasch. She was grateful for her baptism whereby she received the gift of the Holy Spirit faith and also thankful for Christian parents who guided her in the teachings of our Lord.

Betty was a graduate of Algoma High School in 1954. She married Russ Zimmerman on Sept. 22, 1956, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Forestville. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1977. She enjoyed working many years in the office of the Algoma Hospital and Long Term Care. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She truly loved and enjoyed her family.

Betty is survived by her daughter Amy (Alan) Dettman, Algoma, Jay (Teri), Austin MN and three grandchildren, Joshua (Caroline), Kayte (Chris) Wuelling and Noah (special friend Kayla). She is survived by 5 great grandchildren, Jack, Grace, Pearl Dettman and Ella and Layna Wuelling. She is survived by her sister Deloris Siegmund. She was preceded in death by her parents, mother and father-in-law Henry and Emma Zimmerman and brothers and sisters in law. Friends may call at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Algoma, Tuesday, Nov. 26th, from 9 AM until the time of services at 11 AM with Rev. Joel McKenney and Rev. John Moll officiating. Burial in the Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St Paul's Lutheran Church. The Schinderle Funeral Home, Algoma, was entrusted with the arrangements for Betty and her family. Express your online sympathy, memories and pictures on Betty's tribute page at www.SchinderleFuneralHome.com.



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In 1946, the Packers purchased a picturesque 53-acre compound built in 1937 for the Green Bay-area Norbertine order.

The \$32,000 purchase was approved by the board of directors in May as a "permanent home" for the team.

The *Press-Gazette's* Art Daley said that the reasons for the acquisition were two-fold, "To solve the critical housing situation which the directors fear will last three or four years" and to "give future Packer teams a new and better environment."

"Since the late 1920s, most of the Packers players, especially the single ones, had lived at the Astor Hotel on North Adams Street in downtown Green Bay," explained Packers Historian Cliff Christl.

"With its comfortable lobby and connecting bar and barbershop, the Astor served as a welcome center when players arrived in town and a gathering place as long as they stayed.

"With the war coming to an end, more players were starting families and needed more living space."

With short-term rentals hard to find in Green Bay, the team searched for a new home with accommodations to fit the entire team.

With 3,000 feet of shoreline, a stone gateway, a main hall with dormitory-style bedrooms, boat launch, tennis courts and an outdoor theater, along with a hired chef and caretaker, it would be a comfortable home at that.

A regulation-sized football field was laid out on the grounds and a dressing room, equipment room and showers were added.

And in July, five cottages were purchased by the Packers Corporation for use by married men and their families.

"Lambeau believes he will get the 'absolute maximum' from his players as the result of their new environment since the Packers coach will be able to regulate their diet and better control the after-training



Curly Lambeau and his staff inside Rockwood Lodge in 1948. Packers Hall of Fame photo

activities of the athletes," Daley wrote.

But there was one problem: the grounds were not ideal for a football field.

With little topsoil covering the limestone below, the surface wasn't conducive for use as a practice field.

"They held their first practice at Rockwood on Aug. 12, 1946. The next morning, Lambeau was forced to move the workout to City Stadium to save the wear and tear on his players' legs. And it was an ongoing problem," Christl added.

But, by essentially paying their players' room and board, Rockwood served as a money pit to some degree.

The financial tailspin that the Packers entered in 1946 was largely caused by the formation of the competing All-America Football Conference and the rapidly escalating player salaries resulting from bidding wars over players.

After showing a net profit of more than \$23,000 in 1944 and 1945 — two of the most lucrative years in their history — it plummeted to less than \$4,000 in 1946.

Player salaries had increased more than \$100,000 from 1944 to 1946, but Rockwood was an additional \$15,700 expense in its first year.

Lambeau also received a reported pay hike of at



Lambeau walking from the entrance of the main hall at Rockwood Lodge. Packers Hall of Fame photo

least \$10,000 in 1945 under a new contract calling for a \$25,000 annual salary.

By 1948, the Packers' player payroll had jumped another \$45,000 and maintaining Rockwood increased to almost \$29,000, leaving the team with a net loss of a little more than \$35,000.

"While the concept of Rockwood was visionary, the Packers simply couldn't afford it. Lambeau took much of the heat for the problem because it had been his idea, albeit with the backing of the Packers' wealthy club president Lee Joannes and a board of mostly successful local businessmen," Christl said.

The 1948 season was also Lambeau's 30th year with the team, and things on the field weren't looking much better with the Packers starting at 3-4-0.

"There's nothing wrong with us that spirit won't cure. We need that old college try — and the fundamentals of football, blocking and tackling," Lambeau told Daley in early November.

"We're in a definite slump, but we could come out of it in less than 10 minutes if everybody made up their mind to do their level best the rest of the season.

Too many of the boys are worrying about the other players; they should worry about nobody but themselves."

Lambeau tried verbal discipline, tougher workouts, pay-cut threats and other forms of coercion to get things to turn around.

"The whole thing appears as a new experience for Lambeau since the Packers never finished out of the National Football League's first division and only once finished below .500 — in 1933 when the club won four, lost seven and tied one," added Daley.

But, nothing appeared to create the change needed and the team never won another game that season, finishing 3-9-0, as things started to heat up for Lambeau.

To be continued
The Press Times staff thanks Deb and Hannah at the UW-Green Bay Archives, Sam and Katie at 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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Safety during hunting season



Sheriff's Corner

BY MATTHEW JOSKI
KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF



This Saturday marks the beginning of the week long deer hunting season.

While this event has many traditions, and memories which make it special to so many in our community, it also brings with it some re-occurring issues which deserve to be mentioned.

The first of these issues is safety.

By this I mean the safety of those participating in the hunting season, and those who choose to enjoy the beautiful outdoors as they would any other time of year.

It goes without saying that for those who are hunting that there are two basic rules: know your target and know what is beyond your target.

Especially in the era of rifle hunting, the second of the two rules is very important.

Although not intended, there always seem to be those few calls involving stray rounds.

If you are one of those individuals who just want to enjoy being outside over the

next two weeks, be aware of the increased activity in the adjacent properties and public lands.

Although you are not required to wear it and it isn't the most stylish color, blaze orange is always a good choice.

Also, whether you are hunting or just going for a walk always let someone know where you are going and what route you are taking to get there.

The other issue which seems to become more frequent is that of trespassing.

This is pretty self-explanatory. If you don't have permission to be there, don't be there.

Many property owners allow for others to be on their land for the purpose of hunting.

This is not mandatory on their part, if they choose to say 'no,' respect them for that decision and move on.

Also, don't assume that just because you've hunted there for many years you don't have to ask permission.

Circumstances change and it is a good idea to

re-establish these relationships each year.

Probably wouldn't hurt to bring some venison from last year as a sweetener.

I wish everyone a safe and productive hunt.

The Kettle Campaign

The success of the Kettle Campaign is dependent on the presence of volunteers at the various sites as it is an undeniable fact that giving is more likely when a volunteer is there cheerfully ringing the bells versus a lonely kettle standing in the entrance.

For this reason, we would like to make sure everyone is aware of how to register for the amazing opportunity to ring bells as well as some changes in locations.

You can register to ring bells by going to the online sign up at www.registertoring.com for the two sites in Kewaunee located at the Piggly Wiggly as well as the two sites in Luxemburg, located at Stodola's IGA and Simonar's Shell.

If you are not able to sign up online, please feel free to call me at (920) 255-1100 and I can get you signed up.

All of these sites will begin on Nov. 25 and run through Dec. 24.

For the bell ringers in the Algoma area, you can also sign up online to ring at Denny's Super Value

Please contact Jake Blazkovec at (920) 487-5571 if you have any questions.

These sites will also begin on Nov. 29 and run through Dec. 24.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The True Measure Of Success

Dear Reader,

In the grand tapestry of existence, we each play a fleeting role, our lives but a brief flicker in the vast expanse of time. As we age and eventually face the inevitable end, we are often compelled to ponder the true measure of success and the meaning of our existence. What purpose does our journey serve? Why are we born to live such a brief span of life?

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Viktor Frankl, a renowned psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, emphasized that the search for meaning is a fundamental human drive. He argued that meaning can be found in every moment of life, even in suffering. Our purpose is not a single, grand mission but a series of small, meaningful acts that contribute to a larger whole. Whether it's through our work, our passions, or our connections with others, we create meaning daily.

Understanding that life is finite can be both daunting and liberating. It encourages us to live with intention, to cherish



each moment, and to prioritize what truly matters. Our awareness of mortality can inspire us to live more fully, love more deeply, and strive to leave a positive legacy, however modest it may be. The brevity of life makes our actions more precious and our experiences more profound.

In the end, the meaning of our existence is often found in the legacy we leave behind. It's not about monumental achievements but the simple, everyday acts of kindness and the memories we create with others. Our legacy is etched in the hearts of those we touch and the positive changes we inspire. It is in the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, and the love that endures beyond our physical presence.

The true measure of success and the meaning of life are deeply personal and often intangible. They are found in the authenticity of our journey, the depth of our connections, and the courage to live in alignment with our values. As we navigate the transient nature of our existence, let us remember that every moment holds the potential for meaning. In embracing our ephemeral nature, we discover the profound beauty of our brief, yet significant, speck of life.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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Results of the survey will be reported at the Board of Education meeting in December and will be available on the district's

website.

More information is also on the district's website at <https://www.kewaunee.k12.wi.us/o/ksd/page/facilities-planning-2024>.

Questions can be directed to Fritz at (920) 388-3230 or sfritz@kewaunee.k12.wi.us.



The online program hopes to bring substantial efficiency to the state department's passport services, paving the way for faster, more accessible travel preparations.

Department of Defense photo

Digital passport renewal available

BY CAROLINE VAN SISTINE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The U.S. Department of State has recently launched an online passport renewal Program, making it easier for eligible Americans to renew their passports without the delays and hassle of the traditional system.

This service, expected to benefit around five million travelers each year, comes as a timely solution with the looming Real ID deadline of May 7, 2025.

Business Relationship Director for Vacation Sales at Fox World Travel Rose Gray highlighted the program's significant convenience allowing applicants

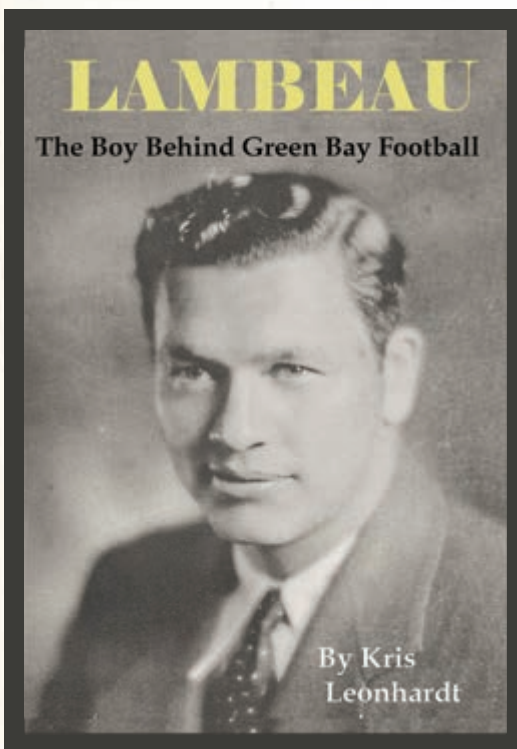
to complete the entire process online, from filling out their application to submitting a digital photo and paying the fee with a credit or debit card.

Applicants no longer need to visit a passport agency in person or send paper forms by mail, making the renewal process more accessible and efficient.

By removing the paper application process, "the Department of State is embracing digital transformation to offer the most efficient and convenient passport renewal experience possible," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a recent statement,

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Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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While the processing times are currently the same for online and mail-in renewals at six to eight weeks, "We, at Fox World Travel, are currently hearing reports that online passport renewals are not taking that long; however, that is

the 'official' processing time listed on the Department of State website" Gray stated.

The Department of State has bolstered its workforce by 12% to address the "historically high demand for passports" and continues to "recruit from a pool of hundreds of potential employees

to manage the anticipated surge in new and renewal passport applications," according to Gray.

While renewing a passport online incurs the same cost as mail-in renewals, this process saves applicants the expense of sending their documents through trackable mail services, offering a small cost

benefit to users.

Ultimately, this streamlined online program is aimed to "address the severe backlog and reduce wait times, which had reached up to thirteen weeks," explained Gray.

The online program hopes to bring substantial efficiency to the state department's passport

services, paving the way for faster, more accessible travel preparations for millions of Americans.

Eligibility requirements for the online renewal program are specific.

Applicants must be at least 25 years old and must be renewing a 10-year passport issued between 2009 and 2015 — with the

passport having been issued more than nine but fewer than 15 years ago.

Additionally, the passport must be undamaged and applicants should not need to update their name, gender, date of birth or place of birth.

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Affordable Care Act
For most early retirees who aren't yet eligible for Medicare, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance marketplace, also known as Obamacare, is the best option for getting comprehensive health coverage. And you won't be denied coverage or charged extra for preexisting health conditions. And, if your income falls below the 400% poverty level after you retire — anything below \$60,240 for a single or \$81,760 for a couple in 2024 — you'll also be eligible for a subsidy that will reduce your monthly

premiums. The ACA also ensures that at least through 2025, households with incomes above that 400% poverty level will not have to pay more than 8.5% of their income for a benchmark policy. To see how much subsidy you may be eligible for, use Kaiser Family Foundation subsidy calculator at KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator. To shop for ACA plans in your state, visit HealthCare.gov or call 800-318-2596. Or, if you want some extra help, contact a certified agent or broker at HealthCare.gov/find-assistance.

COBRA
Another temporary



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health insurance option you may be eligible for is the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). Under this federal law, if you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, you can remain on your employer's group health plan for at least 18 months — but could last up to 36 months. But be aware that COBRA isn't cheap. You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2% administrative fee. To learn more, talk to your employer benefits administrator or contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration at Askebsa.dol.gov or 866-444-3272.

If, however, the company you work for has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "mini-COBRA." Contact your state insurance department to see if this is available where you live.

Short-term health insurance

If you can't find an affordable ACA plan and COBRA is too expensive,

another possible option is short-term health insurance. These plans, which are not available in every state, are cheaper, bare-bones health plans that provide coverage for up to three months with a one-month extension available. But be aware that short-term plans don't comply with the ACA so they can deny sick people coverage, they don't cover preexisting conditions and they can exclude coverage essentials like prescription drugs. To find and compare short-term health plans, try sites like eHealthInsurance.com or PivotHealth.com.

Healthcare sharing ministries

If the previously listed options don't work for you, another temporary solution could be healthcare sharing ministries (HCSM). These are cost-sharing health plans in which members — who typically share a religious belief — make monthly payments to cover expenses of other members, including themselves. HCSM's are cheaper than
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Can the agent charge a withdrawal fee?



Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR MONTY,

If the contract states that the broker will disclose to the owner if any fees are to be paid by the owner. If the agent writes: "Withdrawal Fee of \$575.00," and the owner decides they do not want to sell their property anymore, the agent can keep that \$575.00 when she has done nothing but put the owner's private photos on the internet site.

We wanted to start out at \$359,000, but she convinced us that it would not sell for that price, so she made us write \$299,500 in the contract space on price.

We decided we did not want to sell our house at her price. Is the agent legally allowed to do this?

Is there any rescinding of a three-day limit when selling our house? Is this a fair practice?

MONTY'S ANSWER

This situation highlights several important aspects of real estate contracts and agent-client relationships.

Let's examine the key points:

Disclosure of fees

The contract clause states that the broker will disclose fees to be paid by the owner. This clause is designed to ensure transparency in the transaction. However, the effectiveness of this clause depends on how and when the fees are disclosed.

Withdrawal fee

If disclosed in the contract, a \$575 withdrawal fee is likely legal. This fee compensates the agent for initial work, such as market analysis, listing preparation and marketing efforts. However, the fairness of this fee can be subjective

and depends on the amount of work the agent performs.

Listing price disagreement

The significant discrepancy between the owners' desired listing price (\$359,000) and the agent's recommended price (\$299,500) is concerning. While agents often provide pricing guidance based on market analysis, the final decision on listing price should ultimately be the owners. Pressuring clients to list at a specific price, especially one significantly lower than their preference, raises ethical concerns.

Three-day rescission period

Many states have "cooling off" periods for specific contracts, but these typically don't apply to real estate listing agreements. However, some states or brokerages may have policies allowing cancellation within a short period.

Legal considerations

The legality of the agent's actions depends on the exact wording of the contract and applicable



state laws. The withdrawal fee may be legally enforceable if it is clearly disclosed and agreed upon. However, if the cost wasn't properly disclosed or the agent misrepresented any aspects of the agreement, there might be grounds for dispute.

Ethical considerations

The agent's actions raise

ethical questions even if legally permissible. Real estate professionals are generally expected to act in their client's best interests. Pushing for a significantly lower listing price than the owners desire and charging a substantial fee for minimal work may not align with this expectation.

Recommendations for the homeowners

1. Look for specific language about withdrawal fees and any clauses related to early termination of the

agreement.

2. Express concerns about the listing price and the fee. There may be room for negotiation or compromise.

3. If unable to resolve issues with the agent, escalate concerns to the managing broker or brokerage owner.

4. Consider consulting a real estate attorney to review the contract and advise on options.

5. If necessary, file a complaint with the state's real estate commission.

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paying full out-of-pocket costs for traditional health insurance but be aware that HCSM's are not health insurance.

They don't have to comply with the consumer protections of the ACA, and they can also reject or limit coverage for having pre-existing health issues and limit how much you'll be reimbursed for your medical costs.

Preventive care typically isn't covered either.

To look for these plans, comparison shop at the three largest providers — Samaritan Ministries (SamaritanMinistries.org), Medi-Share (MyChristianCare.org), and Christian Healthcare Ministries (Chministries.org).

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KEWAUNEE BOYS BASKETBALL

PREVIEW



Winning won't be foreign to Kewaunee this year

Exchange student among the many role players who'll contribute

BY KEVIN NAZE
CORRESPONDENT

KEWAUNEE — Second-year head coach Matt Bosdeck's team has big shoes to fill after going 17-8 last year, including 14-2 in the Packerland Conference play.

"We have to replace about 40 points a game, which is not an easy task," Bosdeck said. "But we'll build off of a core of guys that we have coming back. We're young, and we're quick. We're

hopefully looking to push the ball on teams."

Playing in the shadow of senior stars Thomas Stangel (a unanimous first-team All-Packerland selection) and Braxton Riha (second team All-Pack), sophomores Connor Kilgore and Avery Jerabek combined for about 20 points, 10 rebounds and four assists a game last season. Kilgore, now a 6-2 junior guard, received honorable mention all-conference. Jerabek goes 6-1.

"We're looking for key contributions from those guys," Bosdeck said. "There will definitely be times when we're going to have a guy in the 20s (points), but that won't be the norm. I see more even scoring across the board, which is what we want because we're harder to defend that way."

Bosdeck expects junior guard Evan Maccoux to step up after getting some varsity time last year. A wild card is 6-4 foreign exchange student Roemer Thjssen.

"There's a lot of talent there, but he's raw," Bosdeck said. "A lot will depend on how well he can adjust from the way he's used to playing, to the way we'll need him to play. But we're hoping to get some time out of him. He's our tallest player."

Other seniors include Cooper Kolmorgen and Ethan Paplham. Junior Jackson Walechka, five sophomores and eight freshmen are also competing, including a tall and talented pair of 9th graders in the post, Diesel Bosdeck and Dane Harrell.

Kewaunee's only conference losses were to Southern Door last year. Coach Bosdeck said the Storm needs to get better on

defense, free throws and making good decisions with the basketball.

"Last year five or six teams had their season high against us," he said. "We can't let that happen. It's more like, seeing the ball and seeing your guy, not one or the other."

On offense, Bosdeck wants to see a shot every possession.

"With turnovers, you don't even get a chance to score, and you're not going to win many ballgames that way," he said.

Bosdeck expects Southern Door, Oconto and Kewaunee to be among the teams fighting for the top spot, but acknowledges that anybody can win on a given night.

Matt Delebreau and Teresa Bortolini are the Storm's assistant coaches. The sixth man? The Kewaunee fan base.

"We had a lot of close games last year where we came back in the end, and the crowd played a huge part in the comeback," Bosdeck said. "The players love to play in front of the fans, and when it's dead in here, you can tell in the energy. I really want people to come out and watch. I want the stands full. The kids feed off of it."

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- Dec. 19 @ Oconto
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- Jan. 7 @ Luxemburg-Casco*
- Jan. 10 @ Sevastopol
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- Jan. 17 Shiocton*
- Jan. 21 @ Kiel*
- Jan. 24 Algoma
- Jan. 28 Gibraltar
- Jan. 31 @ Valders*
- Feb. 4 Peshtigo
- Feb. 7 @ NEW/Providence
- Feb. 11 Oconto
- Feb. 13 @ Sturgeon Bay
- Feb. 18 Sevastopol
- Feb. 21 @ Southern Door
- Feb. 24 Sturgeon Bay
- Feb. 27 @ Algoma

(*denotes non-conference)



These seven players — six returning from varsity ball last year and one newcomer, a foreign exchange student — will be among those expected to share leadership roles for the Storm this season. Seniors, standing, from left: Ethan Paplham, Roemer Thjssen, Cooper Kolmorgen; juniors, kneeling, from left: Jackson Walechka, Connor Kilgore, Avery Jerabek and Evan Maccoux.
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ALGOMA BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

On any given night, Wolves should be in the hunt

Plenty of scorers, so ball distribution and defense key to more wins

BY KEVIN NAZE
CORRESPONDENT

ALGOMA — Coach Eric Schneider believes a commitment to doing the little things right could propel Algoma to its first winning season in years.

“Walk into the auxiliary gym on any given night, and there are guys playing pick-up,” Schneider said. “There is a buzz around boys basketball, and that’s contagious.”

Two years ago, his first as head coach, the Wolves went 3-13 in the Packerland, 7-16 overall. Last season, Algoma went 8-8 including a win against a tough Oconto team that finished 10-6. The Wolves also had four single-digit losses, and lost two others — one to unbeaten champ Southern Door — by 10 points. After dropping a two-point heartbreaker to Weyauwega-Fremont in a regional opener, the Wolves finished 11-12 overall.

Schneider attributes improvement in recent years to senior leadership. Algoma lost three seniors



Returning letterwinners for the Algoma boys varsity basketball team are shown at the first official practice of the season Monday. Back, from left: Braeden Leist, Charlie Prokash, Parker Lischka, Aiden Zeitler. Front, from left: Joey Cabino, Cody Kirchman, Chase Romdenne, Carson Leist.



Kevin Naze photo

to graduation, including one of its top defenders in Grant Vandervest. They return three this year, including Cody Kirchman (7 ppg, 6 rpg) and Chase Romdenne (9 ppg).

Also back is unanimous first team All-Packerland selection Parker Lischka,

who averaged 20 points and six rebounds a game as a sophomore; slashing driver and defensive specialist Braeden Leist, a junior; and sharpshooter Carson Leist, a senior.

Joey Cabino, Aiden Zeitler and Charlie Prokash also return. Junior Lane

Cochart, coming off a solid football campaign, is back

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- Dec. 2 @ Two Rivers*
- Dec. 3 Chilton*
- Dec. 5 NEW/Providence
- Dec. 10 @ Oconto
- Dec. 13 Peshtigo
- Dec. 16 Roncalli*
- Dec. 19 @ Sevastopol
- Jan. 3 Southern Door
- Jan. 6 @ Denmark*
- Jan. 7 @ Clintonville*
- Jan. 10 Sturgeon Bay
- Jan. 16 NEWCHAA*
- Jan. 18 Gibraltar (2 p.m.)
- Jan. 21 Valders*
- Jan. 24 @ Kewaunee
- Jan. 28 @ NEW/Providence
- Jan. 30 Oconto
- Feb. 7 @ Peshtigo
- Feb. 11 Sevastopol
- Feb. 15 @ Southern Door
- Feb. 18 @ Sturgeon Bay
- Feb. 24 @ Gibraltar
- Feb. 27 Kewaunee

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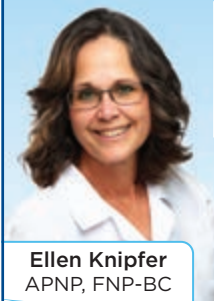
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LUX-CASCO BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Nowhere to go but up for Luxemburg-Casco boys team

Young Spartans have exceptional depth

BY KEVIN NAZE
CORRESPONDENT

LUXEMBURG — Rookie head coach Logan Vander Velden had to be feeling pretty good after his team opened the season with wins over Marinette and Oconto Falls last year.

But there would be just one more 'W' over the next 23 games.

"Obviously we didn't have the season we expected last year," Vander Velden said.

While five of the losses were winnable games — 10 points or less — others were blowouts.

"We've got to become a much better defensive team, a tougher team, and we have to be a team that

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The varsity roster had not been set as of earlier this week, but this group of seniors (back middle), juniors (on each wing) and sophomores (kneeling) were in the hunt. Back row, from left: Myles Jandrain, Brady Yunk, Caleb Radart, Reagan Doell, Tanner Van Kirk, Matthew Koss, Landon Derenne, Josh Parins, Mason Trimberger, Mason Burmeister. Front row, from left: Eli Derenne, Brayden Duescher, Tatem Klaubauf, Bryce Piesler, Brady Kinnard, Jacob Coisman. Missing: JD Glampe. Kevin Naze photo

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LUX-CASCO BOYS BASKETBALL

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takes care of the basketball," Vander Velden said. We do those three things and that'll give us a chance to be competitive."

Senior guards Josh Parins and JD Glampe are back, with Parins coming off of an injury. After that, it's wide open.

"Our depth is going to be our strength," Vander Velden said. "I think any one of them could step in and contribute. We have some good athletes and some good skill players, and from top to bottom we can get contributions. Our roster could be fluid through the early portion of the year as they continue to compete, and guys find roles."

Parins and Glampe each averaged about nine points per game last year, and are expected to again make key contributions.

As of this writing, Vander Velden was still wrapping up tryouts to see who else would make the cut. There's a good nucleus of juniors and seniors, as well as a strong sophomore class. Several 10th graders were expected to compete for varsity spots.

"We don't have a superstar player," Vander Velden said. "This is going to be a team-first year. Everybody who makes the varsity roster is going to have to give of themselves and accept the role as things play out, and really put the team first."

With no single player head and shoulders above the others, Vander Velden said there's been plenty of competition at practice.

"That's good, because iron sharpens iron," he said. "No matter who is in there come game time, they're going to need to

step up and fight to make us more successful."

Looking ahead to North Eastern Conference play, Vander Velden expects Freedom and Little Chute to be at the top, with everyone else jockeying for positions after that.

Matt Piesler, Mitch Jandrain and Elijah Vander Velden are assistant coaches, and Norm Hippert and Don Crane handling the JV1 and JV2 teams.

The Spartans host Green Bay West to open the season Dec. 3. They didn't schedule a scrimmage prior.

"I felt practice time was more important than scrimmage time," Vander Velden said.

LUX-CASCO BOYS BASKETBALL 2024-2025 schedule

- Dec. 3 @ GB West*
 - Dec. 5 @ Marinette
 - Dec. 7 @ Southern Door*
 - Dec. 10 Oconto Falls
 - Dec. 13 @ Clintonville
 - Dec. 17 Little Chute
 - Dec. 19 @ Fox Valley Lutheran
 - Dec. 28 @ GB Southwest*
 - Dec. 30 Seymour*
 - Jan. 3 Denmark
 - Jan. 7 Kewaunee*
 - Jan. 9 Wrightstown
 - Jan. 13 @ Freedom
 - Jan. 17 @ Waupaca
 - Jan. 23 Marinette
 - Jan. 28 @ Oconto Falls
 - Jan. 31 Clintonville
 - Feb. 4 @ Little Chute
 - Feb. 7 @ Denmark
 - Feb. 11 Fox Valley Lutheran
 - Feb. 13 @ Wrightstown
 - Feb. 21 Freedom
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after missing last year while recovering from a leg injury. Cayden Neuzil, Jack Schwader and Dylan Seiler are also expected to compete for floor time.

All told, there were more than 40 kids at open gyms last week, and the Wolves will be fielding two large JV teams along with the varsity.

Schneider believes Algoma can compete for one of the top spots in the conference this year.

"Returning several core players from last year will be a positive for us," he said. "It's always good to have experience on the floor. I feel like the guys all get along really well, and it seems they always have each other's back."

Schneider wants to see improved team defense this year, as well as the ability to control dribble penetration.

"We need to be better at the little things," he said. "Technique, footwork, and staying in the play are a few things that are not seen as much as points. But if we're doing the little things correctly, we should see a positive result on the scoreboard."

Recognizing and feeding the hot hand and mental toughness to weather the storm during ups and downs are also important.

"I don't believe we'll have to rely on one guy for scoring," Schneider said "We have several that can stand out on a given night. Guys will be playing different roles from night to night, and it will be important for them to have an understanding of how they fit into each game."

Teams that focus on slowing Lischka may be surprised at some of the changes in his game.

"Parker is one of the top athletes I've had the privilege of coaching," Schneider said. "He can be a great scorer, but we need him to be more efficient this year. Sometimes forcing shots is just like turning the ball over. I expect him to rely on and trust in his teammates, and become a more complete player."

With Southern Door returning last year's Player of the Year in Drew Daoust, Schneider sees the Eagles as the team to beat. He feels there are several others that could be in the hunt.

"The team has to come before individual success," Schneider said. "I expect us to compete at the top."

After a scrimmage at Valders Monday, the Wolves travel to Two Rivers and host Chilton in early December before opening conference play at home Dec. 5 against NEW/ Providence Academy.



While there's often enough light in a field to properly identify a deer and what is in front of and beyond it at dawn and dusk, the same isn't always true in the woodlands. This picture was taken just before shooting hours closed earlier this week. You can clearly see how much darker it was in the forest, where a young buck stood and watched as seven antlerless deer hightailed it toward safety.

Kevin Naze photo

HUNT

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But no matter where you take a stand, camaraderie and wildlife watching seem to be high on the list for many.

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direction; be certain of your target, and what's in front of and beyond it; and keep your safety on and finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

In addition, many of the same-party or two-party accidents involve shooting at running deer, often during pushes known as "deer drives."

Be sure to carefully plan your hunt, and hunt your plan.

Everyone needs to be aware of the position of others in the group, and have safe zones of fire established.

Things in the deer woods can happen suddenly, and without warning.

At the end of the day, what's most important is that everyone gets home safely.

It's hard to get an exact count on the numbers, but it's likely that more hunters are injured in falls from tree stands than are involved in shooting accidents.

There can be stress-related heart attacks as well.

As always, safety first, and don't be afraid to get help dragging out a heavy whitetail.

Avian bird flu

There's been an increase in cases of avian flu and mortality in wild birds in recent weeks, but so far most of it has been reported in the West Coast states of Washington, Oregon and California.

There have been more than 10,400 confirmed detections in 153 species of wild birds throughout the U.S. since its discovery here three years ago, and at least 20 wild mammalian species including three marine mammals and scavenging

carnivores such as coyotes, foxes and skunks.

The strain continues to change and circulate in wild birds (especially waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and scavengers) and is also infecting backyard poultry flocks, dairy herds and other livestock.

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