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# Making space for creatives

BY JANELLE FISHER
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Decidedly not a gallery, Fishline Studios and Artist Collective in Algoma is a space for artists to showcase their creativity and share it with the community

"I have a hard time with the word 'gallery," said Alicia Lerch, owner of Fishline Studios.. "As an artist, I'm a messy person. I think of the word gallery as this carefully curated collection and we aren't that. We want to give all creatives a space and, while not everything fits here, we have a really, really good mix of a lot of things. We have hand-beaded ornaments. We have watercolor paintings. We've gotten to be known as kind of Algoma's rock shop, which is funny to me, but it works. We have Lake Michigan rock jewelry and crafted gifts. It's a really good mix



Fishline Studios and Art Collective is a place where local artists can consign their work at one of the lowest rates in the area.

Submitted photo

of things, where an art gallery might just be white walls and some oil paintings that are thousands of dollars. We love that, it's just not what we currently are."

What Fishline Studios and Artist Collective currently is, Lerch said, is an art consignment space.

"We try to maximize our artists as much as we can," she said. "We wouldn't be anything without them. We don't charge a rental space fee or a wall space fee. We're a consignment art gallery, so we will often put out an open art call. We want people to apply and then we set up appointments for them to bring in their work and we discuss our terms, which is a consignment rate. We try to give back what we can to the artists, so we're one of the lowest consignments in the area. We give 70% to our artists and we're trying to keep our operations costs really low."

To help make sure artists can

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Peggy Sonnenburg, of Peggy Bakes, advances to the NEW Launch Alliance Pitch Event on Dec. 4 at Titletown Tech in Green Bay.

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# Twelve entrepreneurial pitch contest winners advance to TitletownTech

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Twelve entrepreneurial pitch winners will vie for additional prize money at a regional pitch competition hosted by New North Inc.

Regional winners will also be invited to give an update during the New North Summit on June 5, at Lambeau Field.

Local partner organizations hosted six different pitch events during Startup Week in Wisconsin.

First-place winners at the local events received \$1,000 cash, while second-place finishers were given \$500 each.

In all, 31 entrepreneurial pitches were made during the local qualifying events in collaboration with 12 local partners.

Both the local and regional entrepreneurial pitch contests are being supported by the NEW Launch Alliance of New North Inc., along with WBD Inc.

The NEW Launch Alliance was formed to support business discoveries and idea creators in Northeast Wisconsin, connecting entrepreneurs, mentors, investors, educators, accelerators and other resources.

#### Companies advancing AppEase, Inc., presented by Nicole Tilot

Digital platform that exchanges

digital health data to streamline insurance underwriting and claims processing, using AI analytics and predictive modeling to produce summarized health data for rapid decision-making.

#### Becoming Us/The Hesed Project, presented by Judy Kouene-Brown

Provides presentations and retreats based on concepts from the founder's book, Becoming Us, to lead people to greater unity in their own lives and relationships.

# Creative Crusts Pizza, presented by Shawn Brokaw

Proprietary chicken-based pizza crust designed for those who haven't been able to enjoy traditional pizza due to health or dietary restrictions, including IBS and lactose or yeast intolerance.

# Hillbilly Acres Signs & Designs, presented by Michele Ploor

Design services and vinyl products for use on vehicles and merchandise, providing a cost-effective, eco-friendly creative marketing solution for business and individuals.

#### Kristin's Kitchen Bakery, presented by Kristin Lambrecht

Rural bakery and community venue whose owner learned to bake in her grandma's kitchen as

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# St. Paul's Lutheran School achieves WELSSA accreditation

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

ALGOMA – St. Paul's Lutheran school recently announced that it has received accreditation from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation (WELSSA) under the National Council for Private Schools Accreditation (NCPSA).

"This prestigious achievement marks a significant milestone in the school's ongoing commitment to fostering academic excellence and preparing students for success in a rapidly evolving world," a St. Paul's release stated.

"The WELSSA accreditation is a rigorous process that evaluates schools based on their academic standards, administrative effectiveness, and overall educational environment. By achieving this accreditation, St. Paul's has demonstrated its dedication to continuous improvement, quality instruction, and student achievement.

"We are thrilled to have earned WELSSA accreditation, which affirms our commitment to providing an outstanding educational experience and school climate for our students," said St. Paul's Principal Peter Kavicky. "This achievement is a testament to the hard work



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and dedication of our faculty, staff, and school community, and it reflects our school's mission to help students reach their full potential academically, socially, and personally."

The WELSSA accreditation process involves a thorough review of a school's programs, policies and operations, including visits from qualified evaluators who assess every aspect of the institution.

Schools must meet a set of high standards in areas such as curriculum, teaching practices, student support services, leadership and facilities.

"This accreditation assures parents, students, and the community that St. Paul's meets the highest standards in private education,"

the release added.

"With WELSSA accreditation now in place, St. Paul's Lutheran School in Algoma joins a distinguished group of private schools nationwide that have demonstrated their commitment to continuous improvement and academic excellence. The accreditation not only benefits current students but also enhances the school's reputation, positioning it as a leader in the education community.

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# Lambeau: Under fire

BY KRIS LEONHARDT **EDITOR** 

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And then dissatisfaction began to grow.

The harmful field conditions at Rockwood Lodge took a toll on some of the Packers players, causing shin splints and other leg issues.

The high cost of decorating the facilities, spearheaded by Lambeau's wife, Grace, caused issues with Packers Executive Committee; and, the absence of the players in the downtown area left local residents disgruntled.

"Even more contentious were personnel changes that led to bitter blowups between Lambeau and some of his oldest counterparts in the organization. In 1945, he replaced Dr. W.W. Kelly team physician after years. Then Lambeau hired George Strickler to

essentially replace Calhoun it ignited an even bigger firestorm," said Packers Historian Cliff Christl.

Lambeau also became embroiled in contentious battles with legal counsel — Gerald Clifford,the man that had guided them through receivership — but Clifford remained on the executive

The executive committee created separate committees of board members to oversee different areas of the corporation, essentially stripping Lambeau of some of his authority.

In September 1949, after the first game — a 17-0 loss to the Chicago Bears — Lambeau announced that he would turn coaching over to Packers Line Coach Tom Stidham, Backfield Coach Bob Snyder and Defense Coach Charles Brock.

He would then devote his time to his work as vice president and general manager.

as publicity director, and ment," Lambeau said, "I feel I can do the ball club more good."

> Emil Fischer, who had been elected president when Lee Joannes stepped down in 1947, said that the proposal from Lambeau came as "a complete surprise, but Curly feels he can be of greater service to the club under present circumstances..." Fischer told the Press-Gazette.

> A Press-Gazette opinion piece echoed public sentiment, "From the public point of view it seems that the nervous, colorful, driving figure that has trampled the grass in front of the Packers bench for so long will disappear."

But, Lambeau never truly stepped down and stayed involved on the field.

By November 1949, the corporation's financial state was threatening the existence of the franchise and the executive committee was proposing a team payroll cut.

Then things went from bad to worse, and media across the state was having a field day with it, predicting "a determined effort" to oust Lambeau by the executive committee.

"The story, by Oliver E. Kuechle, (Milwaukee) Journal sports writer, stated that a faction on the committee had questioned Lambeau's choice of George Strickler as director of publicity, Lambeau's move to play some games each year at Milwaukee and Lambeau's expansion moves, including the purchase of Rockwood Lodge as a club base," a Sheboygan Press article stated.



A 1940s Packers Board of Directors photo. Pictured from left: Jerry Clifford, Curly Lambeau, A.B. Turnbull, Fred Leicht, Lee Joannes, Emil Fischer, Frank Jonet and Tubby Bero.

**Neville Public Museum of Brown County photo** 

The Milwaukee Sentinel said that an upcoming meeting had been called by Lambeau to "weigh new policies and methods of operation" which would "go a long way toward determining whether Lambeau will permit his contract to come up for renewal, Jan. 1."

The same article stated that the Packers had lost seven of its nine league starts that season and the previous game drew just 5,483 fans.

"The battle lines, while not always clear in the beginning are now certainly well drawn: Lambeau and anti-Lambeau," added Kuechle, stating that the difference between the two centered on Rockwood Lodge.

The Packers corporate minutes show that the purchase of the lodge wasn't the issue, other than it was costing money at a time when the Packers were facing \$90,000 in debts.

After all, the board of directors had been in favor of purchasing the lodge.

The lingering issue was how much Lambeau's wife spent to redecorate it and where the funds came from.

The executive committee decided that another



The 1949 Packers coaching staff watch film, from left: Packers Line Coach Tom Stidham, Backfield Coach Bob Snyder, Lambeau, Defense Coach Charles Brock and Don Hutson.

**Packers HOF photo** 

stock sale would be needed to straighten out the team's financial woes, but Lambeau wanted to take the team private, stating that he had four investors willing to contribute \$50,000 each.

The matter then became central to Lambeau's contract renewal.

On Nov. 30, 1949, during an hours-long board of directors at the Brown County Courthouse, an effort by Lambeau's foes to fire him failed when other members voted to extend his contract.

Eventually, the contract was never offered to him and the infighting continued into January 1950.

A stock sale — offering new shares at \$25 a piece was planned with the goal of raising \$200,000 to keep the Packers viable.

But, by mid-January, Lambeau was yet to receive his contract, and to make matters worse, on Jan.

24, 1950, Rockwood Lodge burned to the ground.

Sandra and Dan Flagstad, whose parents served as caretakers for the lodge, recalled the sleet- and rainfilled day to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in 2016.

"Like all kids, we were happy because school was called off," recalled Sandra. "We were upstairs playing, jumping on mattresses. It was winter time, the off-season for the Packers. Only our family was at the lodge.

"I smelled smoke and heard crackling. I looked at my brother and he opened a door (to an adjacent room) and flames gushed out. We ran down the stairway

"My dad tried to put it out, but the fire spread so quickly the upstairs was engulfed in flames," she said. "We could hear my dad yelling, 'Help! Help!' We couldn't get to him

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# 66A fascinating

The Boy Behind Green Bay Football Leonhardt

of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis "Curly" Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

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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# **DATCP** opens applications for crop rebates

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

MADISON - In partnership with the Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, the Wisconsin Department Agriculture, Trade Consumer Protection (DATCP) will open the application period for crop insurance premium rebates for planting cover crops at noon on Dec. 2.

There is \$800,000, or 160,000 acres of coverage, to be awarded on a first-come,

Recipients will receive a \$5 per acre rebate on their summer 2025 crop insurance premium for acres planted with cover crops in 2024, then planted to an insurable crop the following year.

Producers who received state or federal cost-sharing to plant cover crops in 2024 are not eligible for this year's program.

Applicants will need to use their FSA-578 form to complete the application,

and there is no limit on acres an applicant can apply for.

Applicants should keep seed receipts and planting records as DATCP will conduct audits to ensure cover crops were planted.

The web-based rebate application, information about eligibility, and FAQs will be made available on covercroprebate.wi.gov.

The application will remain open until noon on Jan. 31 or until program funding is exhausted.

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continue to receive as much as possible, a new business has been established within the space.

"We opened an espresso bar in-house, so we have Origins Espresso and Boba Bar," she said. "And that actually fuels the overall expenses for our space, which allows me to continue to give back to our artists the most for their work "

Lerch, Fishline Studios and Artist Collective helped not only to sional artist.

"I've always been interested in the arts, but it's really hard as an individual artist to turn your dream into a fully funded job." Lerch said. "It's hard to be a professional artist... This space used to be the James May Art Gallery here in Algoma and they moved to Milwaukee... When I took over the space, I just knew that it was going to somehow be brought back to the arts. I just didn't know how I was going to go about it because I didn't make enough art to fill a whole space and really be a professional artist. But this space has given me the opportunity to do that. I absolutely love it and I love that we have all of these creatives together in one space."

With so many creative minds represented under one roof, Lerch said the atmosphere is always changing and always welcoming of new ideas.

"It's always a different energy that comes in," she said. "I'll have work that goes one direction on the walls and I'll put out an artist call in the other room and I never know what's going to walk through the door, which is great because it keeps things fresh and amazing. I miss being a college student because you're around all of that young, fresh, vibrant energy. I think that's something that as we grow as adults, we should be able to continue to embrace — that playful energy and that creativity that a lot of us don't have time for as we get older. Something I've tried to embrace is having a space for other people to be able to come in and do

"We have this very niche market and we're very walkable, so it's easy for people to get around and check out everybody's galleries and studio spaces and stores," she said. "In the winter, we're kind of like that Hallmark community. There's always Christmas lights up and walkable winter markets outside the hustle and bustle of the bigger cities like Door County. Door County has a great gallery scene and a great art scene, but it's nice to have something just a little bit different."

Even within Algoma, Fishline Studios offers a different experience than other establishments, serving as not just a place for creatives, but for the whole community.

"I think my favorite thing is the community involvement - hosting classes and getting people in and doing different elements they're not used to," she said. "We host business meetings. which are an opportunity for small businesses to come together and troubleshoot problems that they're all experiencing... It's a great way to embrace being in the community and talk with vour neighbors, but not at the bar. It's a different way of going about things... It is very much a space for artists and to showcase creativity. I know not everybody thinks that they're creative, but you don't have to be to come hang out and just enjoy a different environment.'

To learn more about Fishline Studios and Artist Collective and stay up-todate with upcoming events, follow Fishline Studios' Facebook page.

#### **PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

## The Great Game: Humanity, AI, And The Battle For Control

Dear Reader,

As we venture further into the age of AI, there's a prevailing narrative that suggests human-

ity, with all its flaws and frailties, is destined to be overtaken by the cold. calculating logic of our creations. But to assume that AI will inevitably dominate is to underestimate the indomitable spirit of human nature. especially the cunning and strategic brilliance that has shaped our history.

AI, with its unmatched processing power and immunity to the temptations that ensnare humans, might seem poised to take control. But here's where the story gets more interesting: There are those among us-self-designated chess masters, if you will—who see the world not as a foregone conclusion but as a complex game where every move matters. These are the thinkers, strategists, and visionaries who understand that while AI may operate on logic, it lacks the depth of human experience, the instinct for survival, and the capacity for deception when necessary.

Consider the likes of Machiavelli, whose understanding of power dynamics transcended mere brute force. He recognized that true power lies in the subtle manipulation of perception, the art of appearing one way while acting another. In this context, AI might the perfect he logical machine, but it's playing a game designed by

humans—a game where the rules are as fluid as they are complex.

We humans, despite our apparent weaknesses, have an edge that AI cannot replicate: our ability to think beyond logic, to strategize with a long-term vision, and to use our very flaws as tools in the grand chessboard of existence. It's this combination of intellect. experience, and unpredictability that makes us formidable players in the game of power.

Yes, AI might believe it has the upper hand, viewing our world as one ripe for the taking. But it must also contend with those of us who are prepared to challenge it, to subordinate its capabilities in service of a greater good. We will not sit idly by as passive spectators in our own story. Instead, we will push hard to ensure that AI, for all its power, remains a tool—one that advocates for good, not for the kind of malevolent forces that history has shown us, be they tyrants, frauds, or any who would

seek to exploit power for evil.

The real challenge, then, is not just in creating AI but in mastering it, in ensuring that it serves humanity rather than replaces it. This is not a simple battle of logic versus emotion, but a complex and ongoing game where every move matters and the stakes are nothing less than the future of our world.

In the end, AI may be powerful, but it is we, the self-designated chess masters, who will dictate the rules of the game. And as long as we remain vigilant, strategic, and committed to the greater good, we can ensure that the future, while shared with AI, is still very much under human control.

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opening bring a bit of art back into Algoma, but also to make her dream of being a profes-

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Sandra's dad had only one

way out of the house, jump-

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window, as the others ran to

High winds took the lodge

building, which was past

the point of saving once

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those things."

happening. It's nice to be

After sitting unused for

years, Brown County pur-

chased the Rockwood land

With money from the

United States Land and

Water Conservation fund,

the county opened Bay

brought a reported \$75,000

policy

firefighters arrived.

from the Packers.

Shore Park in 1974.

The insurance

to help the financial state of the corporation, but it would not repair the contention inside.

To be continued

The Press Times staff thanks Deb and Hannah at the UW-Green 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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On December 28, 1948, Dottie married Chester L. Majeski

at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Casco, a union that

ceded her in death on October 7, 2012. Her faith was the cor-

nerstone of her life, guiding her actions and serving as an ex-

ample to her family and community. Dottie's commitment to

her faith was evident in her active participation in church ac-

tivities, including the Rosary Society, serving as a Eucharis-

Dottie was known for her infectious sense of humor and her

jorette in high school. Her zest for life and her ability to find

joy in simple pleasures left a lasting impression on everyone

As a devoted housewife and mother, Dottie skillfully bal-

gion/Auxiliary, Girl and Boy Scouts, and worked actively

munity service. She was actively involved in the Le-

anced her family responsibilities with her dedication to com-

during elections. Her contributions to these organizations re-

flected her deep commitment to giving back to her commu-

Dottie's legacy lives on through her six children: Rox Anne

Salmon of Green Bay Wisconsin; Joe (Jeanne) Majeski of

Mary (Dan) Wilcox of Winter Springs, Florida; and Susan

(Paul) Lemens of Scottsdale, Arizona. Her thirteen grand-

children, who cherished dancing and playing music with

(Ed) Miranda, Jessica (Leron) Gabriel, Danielle Salmon

Heaviside, Marnie (Wes) Kasen, Marek Majeski (Cristal

Madrigal), Alek Majeski, Ryan (Dhyana) Wilcox, Travis

their grandma, include Bridget (Spencer) Traynom, Heather

(Donny Spielman III), Adam (Lynsey) Salmon, Erin (Justin)

(Jessica) Wilcox; Sydney Lemens, and Jake Lemens. Dottie

was also blessed with eighteen great-grandchildren: Weston,

Ella, Teagan, Colson, Leyton, Jackson, Madison, Donnie IV,

Pearl, Colton, Wyatt, Max, Samantha, Elio, Matteo, Oliver,

She is preceded in death by her late husband Chester L Ma-

jeski, sister Arlene Dhuey, brother Russell Fameree, and

sisters-in-law Anne Majeski and Joan Fameree, who will

many brothers and sisters-in-law. Dottie is survived by her

A visitation will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on

Saturday December 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 am, followed by a mass at 11:00 am. Burial will take place in the Holy Trinity Cemetery. Kinnard Funeral & Cremation Services is assist-

ing the family. Online condolence messages may be shared

at KinnardFCS.com. The family extends their heartfelt grati-

Mom, as we grapple with the loss of your physical presence,

on in our hearts, because of the love and faith you instilled in

we take such comfort in knowing that your spirit still lives

tude to Unity Hospice and Anna's House for their excep-

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in

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Folsom, California; Dan Majeski of Scottsdale, Arizona;

Bowers of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; Nancy (Gary)

love of dance. Even at the age of 96, she could still twirl a

baton, a skill she cherished from her days as a drum ma-

tic Minister and volunteering at Holy Trinity School.

would be blessed with a large and loving family. He pre-

Dorothy M. Majeski

December 26, 1927

November 21, 2024

Dorothy Mae Majeski, affec-

tionately known as Dottie, took

her last breath on earth and her

first breath in heaven on No-

vember 21st, 2024, at the age

of 96. Born on December 26,

was the beloved daughter of

the late Norah Fameree and

Ella (Delwiche) Fameree. Dot-

tie's life was a testament to her

unwavering faith, her love for

family, and her vibrant person-

1927, in Casco, Wisconsin, she

## **OBITUARIES**



Daniel "Dan" E. Arendt November 18, 1949 - November 23, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Daniel Edmund Arendt, 75, on November 23, 2024. Born on November 18, 1949, Daniel lived a life filled with love, laughter, and dedication. A proud graduate of Luxemburg-Casco High School in 1968, Daniel enjoyed his time wrestling and playing football.

On April 20, 1974, he married Barbara J. Vandenhouten,

marking the beginning of a steadfast partnership. Together, they built a family and shared numerous memorable mo-

Dan was a laborer in the construction industry, dedicating most of his life to Selmer Construction. As a dedicated and hard working construction laborer and a proud member of the labor union for 50 years, he also enjoyed doing concrete side jobs with his closest friends.

Dan enjoyed time spent bowling, enjoyed working outdoors, socializing with friends, and playing volleyball and slow pitch softball. His zest for life was evident in all he did. Dan cherished every moment spent with his beloved grandchildren—Dominic, Sydney, and Tabitha Lemens. He found immense joy in babysitting them, taking them to parades, and ensuring that their days were filled with laughter and wonder. His grandchildren were the light of his life and the center of his universe, and he dedicated himself wholeheartedly to nurturing their happiness and growth. Dan's role as their grandfather was one, he treasured deeply.

He was preceded in death by his son, Nicholas Arendt, his parents Gerturde and Daniel P. Arendt, and his brother Richard Arendt.

Dan leaves behind a loving family: his daughter and son-inlaw Becky and Jim Lemens, Luxemburg; and his cherished grandchildren Dominic, Sydney, and Tabitha Lemens. He is also survived by his siblings Thomas (Joan) Arendt, Algoma; and Jean Dalton, Green Bay; as well as his nephews Jimmy (Cindy) Dalton and Jason (Nikole) Dalton; and the mother of his children, Barbara.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the amazing staff at Select Specialty Hospital in Madison. Special gratitude goes to Marissa, a very special nurse, and Heather, the amazing PA, for their empathy, care, understanding, and ensuring Dan's comfort.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 29, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 pm at McMahon Funeral Home - Luxemburg with a closing prayer service at 7:00 pm with Deacon Bob Miller. Visitation will continue on Saturday, November 30, from 9:00 – 10:45 AM at St. MaryCatholic Church – Luxemburg. Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am with Rev. Daniel Schuster officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery. Online condolence messages may be shared at McMa-

Dan's legacy of love and dedication will be forever remembered by those who knew and loved him.

A special thank you is extended to the Luxemburg Police Department, and the Luxemburg Fire and Resue.

#### CONTEST

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a child, later creating treats for family and friends before realizing her dream of opening her own bakery.

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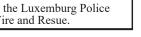
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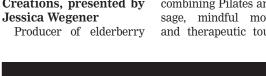


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Cynthia C. "Cindy" Bruss, 76, formerly of Algoma, passed away unexpectedly at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. She was born February 10. 1948, in Washington, D.C., to Clarence and Mary Ann (Peot) Marcussen.

Cindy was in 8th grade when the family moved to Sturgeon Bay. At the age of 16, she attended the Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc to become a nun. After some of the classes she attended there, she realized that she wanted to be-

come a nurse, so she left the convent and got her nursing degree.

Cindy met and married Charles Bruss on May 23, 1981, at St. Peter and Paul Church in Institute. They had two daughters, Beth and Becky.

Cindy's greatest joy was spending time with her five grandchildren, she was also a Girl Scout Leader for many years and loved serving in her church.

She is survived by her two daughters Beth (Steve) Scarson, Sioux Falls, SD; and Becky (Eric) Bottoms, Argonne, WI.; grandchildren AJ Bruss, Julia Hartwig, Kendra Scarson, Mason and Rubie Bottoms; three sisters Cathy (Country) Kennely, Cassandra (Toby) Larsen and Corey (Nathan) Welch, many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles, brother Claude Marcussen and sister Candice Ehnert. There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Cindy on November 30, 2024, at 4:00 PM at the Schinderle Funeral Home, Algoma, with Pastor Kenneth Taylor officiating. There will be time to share for a short time after the service at 4:00 PM, but nothing before that.

The Schinderle Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Cindy and her family.

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Nicholas (Nick) P. Arendt, 43 De Pere, is no longer constrained by his spina bifida limitations and has gone to Heaven with God. Nick is now able to run and jump in heaven with family and friends. Nick was born on August 11, 1981, in Green Bay, the son of Daniel Arendt and Barbara (Vandenhouten/Arendt) Gersek. He was a graduate of Luxemburg-Casco High School, the Class of 2000. Nick especially enjoyed U.W. Whitewater weekends and

sport camps, an avid Packers fan, playing chess, woodworking projects, and cribbage. He also liked going up north with his grandparents snowmobiling and 4-wheeling. Nicholas was a very caring person and had a great sense of humor, especially enjoying family Holiday's at his grandma and Grandpa's.

Nicholas is survived by his mother: Barb Gersek, sister: Becky (Jim) Lemens, stepsister: Nancy (Todd) Wagner, his grandma: Erna Vandenhouten, nieces: Sydney and Tabitha Lemens, nephew: Dominic Lemens, step-nephews: Travis and Nash Wagner. He is further survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Daniel Arendt, stepdad: Ed Gersek and his grandparents: Wally Vandenhouten, Daniel (Gertrude) Arendt.

Gathering of family and friends will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 3425 Willow Road, Green Bay. A Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 P.M. with Bill Hoffman officiating. The family would like to offer a warm note of appreciation to the staff of Lakeland Care and Almost Family, especially nurse Tiffany, for their help over the last few years. A heartfelt thank you to U.W. Madison Children's Specialty Care for a lifetime of love and caring devotion to Nick, especially Neurosurgeon Dr. Benny Iskandar and nurse Bonnie for all their care and compassion- your kindness will never be forgotten.

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#### **OUTDOORS**

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combined with all the earlier season numbers, it's likely that the state total will be around 200 000 by now and near 300,000 by the end of all the hunts.

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Meanwhile, Dec. 10 is the deadline to apply for spring wild turkey hunting tags.

That's also the deadline to apply for a bear hunting

Algoma got off to a rough

start, trailing 12-0. Slaby,

who had 14 of her game-high

16 points in the first half,

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After a free throw by

freshman Bristol Schmidt,

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hunting Wisconsin attracted about 50,000 license buyers from all 50 states and 27 countries last year. Amanda Rueckl of Tampa, Fla., shot her very first deer in Northeastern Wisconsin Sunday, a six-point buck that had two other tines broken off. She made a fantastic 75yard heart shot with her 6.5 Creedmore rifle, dropping him in his tracks. Last year, about 20 percent of license buyers were women.

**Dave Rueckl photo** 

license or preference point.

#### State park stickers

Starting Dec. 2, the state park system will move to a 12-month admission pass

The new stickers will be valid for 12 months following

for a bucket to cut it to five.

A Nellis triple made it 17-

12 a couple minutes later, but

that's as close as the Wolves

and these kids are build-

ing, they're working hard,"

Zastrow said. "We made a

little run in the first half,

and we gave up two offen-

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#### **Keep the blaze out**

The blaze orange or fluorescent pink requirement

throws. Those are momen-

Slaby sank two more

threes, but Algoma trailed

32-20 at intermission and

was outscored 16-2 in the

first five minutes of the sec-

Zastrow said better man-

"I love the way they're

to-man defense is needed,

competing," he said. "It's a

process, but we have some

new kids that can come in

and play and impact the

team, along with the ones

that have already been here.

While Nellis struggled

shooting early and had some

health issues that needed at-

tention, Zastrow said there

was a minute and half spurt

where she chased down

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"That was the best energy I've seen out of her, and that really excited me for where she's at and what she's willing to do for our team," he

Schmidt had seven points for the Wolves, Gerdmann and Nellis each 5, Mattson, 4, freshman Lauren Loucks

Abigail Cropsey scored 15 and Ava Calhoon and Breana Dickrell each 11 to pace Freedom, which hit six three-pointers and made 17 of 28 free throws.

The Wolves were 11 of 17

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a triple and Nora Krause, 2.

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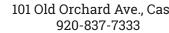
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# Somebody's got a 'W' after early losses

**BY KEVIN NAZE** 

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KEWAUNEE COUNTY – Algoma and Luxemburg-Casco were looking for their first win of the season Tuesday night in a nonconference game at Fulwiler Fieldhouse.

While that one was played after our deadline, here's how all three county girls teams fared in action last week.

Kewaunee opened the season with a 57-53 win at Denmark Nov. 19.



Algoma coach Mark Zastrow schedules tough nonopponents to conference try to prepare his teams to compete for a top spot in Packerland. Freedom made it to the sectional finals last season, finishing 23-5. Wolves' sophomore forward Claire Gerdmann (right) and senior guard Nora Krause are shown in a 63-42 loss to the Irish last week.

**Kevin Naze photo** 

Lynn Geier's team got 22 points from Jade Kroll, 15 from Gabby Stangel and 10 from Lexie Hanrahan. Lilly Morton and Braelyn Chevalier combined for 10 rebounds for the Storm, who led 30-20 at the half.

Sophomore guard Allie Van Vonderen had four three-pointers among her 28 points to pace the Vikings.

Kewaunee played Oconto Falls Tuesday and hosts Gibraltar Dec. 3 to open Packerland Conference play.

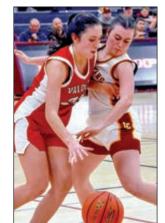
Storm The is Manitowoc Lutheran Dec. 7. With Wrightstown's football team playing in the state championship, the Storm's Nov. 21 game was postponed until Dec. 30.

Meanwhile, Algoma began the 2024-2025 campaign with a 53-32 loss at Bonduel Nov. 19, playing a school that finished unbeaten in the Central Wisconsin-East Conference last season and 23-3 overall, losing to eventual D-4 state champion Laconia.

Sierra Slaby had 11 points, Claire Gerdmann seven and Jadyn Nellis five to lead the

#### **Valders 48, L-C 42**

Last Thursday, Coach Beth Budnik's Spartans trailed 30-22 but pulled to Budnik said. "They could



Luxemburg-Casco's Brianna Bray scored 11 points and played tough defense in the Spartans' season opener at home against Valders. Trailing by two with 1:44 left, Bray fouled out in an eventual 48-42 loss. Kevin Naze photo

within one in the second half.

Down by five with about two minutes left, Sienna Blohowiak hit a three-pointer.

Brianna Bray picked up her fifth foul with 1:44 left, and the Vikings took advantage of the bonus, then double bonus.

Valders made 18 of 28 free throws on the night compared to L-C going 5 of 8.

"They had some big guards, and they're good,"

shoot, drive and dish. We need to work on our defense, and our backside help."

Offensively, Budnik said the girls need to look for mismatches after switches.

"Keep curling, keep cutting," she said. "It was a good starting point for us. We were bringing the energy, and that's something we kind of lacked at times last year," Budnik added.

Blohowiak led the way with 12 points. Bray added 11, Alayna Deprez, 8, and Erin Cherovsky, 6. Megan Hochammer had 15 for Valders.

The Spartans open North Eastern Conference play with a pair of home games Dec. 3 and Dec. 6 against Marinette and Oconto Falls.

#### Freedom 63, Algoma 42

Coach Mark Zastrow's Wolves battled another powerful non-conference opponent Friday.

The Irish were 19-8 last season, finishing a game behind North Eastern Conference champion Marinette and losing by two points in a Div. 3

See **GAMES** page 6

# **Weekend gatherings** a gobbling good time

## In the **Outdoors**

**BY KEVIN NAZE OUTDOORS COLUMNIST** 

It's Thanksgiving weekend, a perfect time to share stories and fun traditions around the dinner table, card table, fireplace (lucky you) or family room.

There's bound to be leftovers, and that's a good thing for those of us who arrive cold and hungry from waiting out a whitetail.

Warming up with food, family or friends during a holiday break is one of life's simple pleasures. While filling your belly, don't forget to express gratitude to those who provide love, support and guidance — or roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.

When afield, relax and enjoy nature. Even though there's nothing quite like the adrenaline rush of a deer appearing, if that doesn't happen, be thankful that you've got the freedom and opportunity to try.

After the regular season

ends Sunday in most areas (it runs through Dec. 11 in metro sub-units), there's a 10-day muzzleloader deer hunt Dec. 2-11, an antlerlessonly gun deer hunt Dec. 12-15, and ongoing bow and crossbow seasons. Some areas even have more antlerless firearm hunting Dec. 24-Jan. 1.

#### **How many whitetails?**

Since this column is being written before the DNR announces preliminary opening weekend totals, I can only guess on the harvest.

Last year's reported opening weekend registrations, 92,050, was down 16 percent, and was 10 percent lower than the five-year average.

The biggest drop, 27 percent, was in the northern forest region.

After a mild winter, it wouldn't be a surprise if the weekend totals climbed back above 100,000. But with many hunters getting choosier in farmland, and still-low deer populations up north, it could fall shy for the second straight year.

That hasn't happened for decades.

Regardless, when

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# Olivia Cabino, ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL

Sports: Volleyball and softball

Parents' names: Erin Alexander and Jacob Cabino

Siblings: Brooklyn, Skylar, Lainey, Ethan and Austin Position or events: Volleyball — libero;

softball — right field Social media: Instagram: @oliviaann\_10;

Facebook: @oliviacabino Career highlight: I have only been on varsity for two years of my volleyball career — my junior and senior year. I ended

with 1057 serving receptions and 653 digs. At what age did you start playing your sport? I started playing volleyball at age 10.

Who introduced you to the sport? Both of my parents.

Has this always been your favorite sport? Yes.

How has balancing academics and athletics been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year? I have never had troubles balancing my academics and athletics. I have always kept As throughout my high school career. My junior year I was accepted into the Rising Phoenix Program which is a two-year program that will allow me to earn an associate degree of arts and sciences by the end of my senior year.

What is your favorite part about your sport? My favorite part about volleyball is simply being on the court with my team. As a libero, I embrace the leadership role that comes with my position, constantly communicating and guiding my teammates during every play. I thrive on the responsibility of being the team's defensive

anchor, knowing that my performance can often make the difference in crucial moments. The trust my teammates place in me and the connection we build on the court is what makes the game so meaningful and fulfilling.

What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long? The friendships I've built on and off the court with my teammates are what truly keep the joy of volleyball alive for me. These connections go beyond just the game; we push each other to be better players and better people. The shared moments of hard work and even defeat have created bonds that feel like family. Being part of a team where everyone supports and trusts one another has given me a sense of belonging that I carry with me both on the court and in life. It's this sense of community and shared passion that has kept me coming back to the sport year after year.

Is there a professional athlete you look up to? If so, who? I look up to Justine Wong-Orantes, an outstanding libero for the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. She played a pivotal role in helping Team USA win their first-ever Olympic gold medal in women's volleyball at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Known for her incredible defensive skills, quick reflexes, and calm under pressure, she inspires me as a libero with her work ethic and ability to read the game.

What would you say is your biggest asset on the field/court? As a libero, my biggest asset on the volleyball court would likely be my court awareness and defensive skills. Being able to read the opposing team's plays, anticipate their attacks, and position myself effectively is critical to keeping the ball alive. My ability to communicate with teammates and maintain a steady presence under pressure also helps to anchor the defense and set the tone for our team's energy and focus.

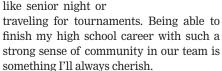
What has been your most memorable experience in high school sports so far? My favorite memory in volleyball was going undefeated in the conference of 2023, my first year starting varsity as libero. That group of seniors also pushed me to show confidence on and off the court.

How does it feel as a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth? Looking back as a senior, I've grown both as a person and an athlete. In volleyball, I've developed not just my skills on the court, but also my ability to lead, communicate and stay mentally tough during challenging moments. As a person, I've learned resilience, the value of teamwork, and how to balance academics, athletics, and life. The experiences, lessons, and relationships I've built through volleyball have shaped me into someone I'm proud to be.

Do you have any pre-match/game rituals/ routines/superstitions? Yes, my high school team has "jam sessions" in the locker room before games.

Do you take any extra steps to prepare for a big match/game/meet, outside of regular training? Yes, watching film and going through mental scenarios on how to respond helps me respond better under pressure.

What has been your favorite experience with being a senior this year? My favorite experience as a senior this year has been embracing my role as a leader on the team. It's been amazing to help guide and support my younger teammates while reflecting on how far I've come since my freshman year. Another highlight has been creating lasting memories with my teammates, like senior night or



Any memorable coaches or teammates you'd like to give a shout out to? I'd like to give a special shout-out to Ryan Alexander, my stepdad, who coached me for two years with One Wisconsin. His guidance and support has shaped me both as a player and as a daughter. I'd also like to recognize two incredible teammates, Ryley Zimmerman and Mylee Jones. They've taught me so much about the game, as well as invaluable lessons off the court. Their influence and friendship have been a big part of my journey in volleyball, and I'm grateful for everything I've learned from them.

Any hobbies outside of sports? Outside of sports I spend most of my extra time reading. I also spend time with my family, going on trips, going out to the movies, and thrift shopping with my mom and sister.

Favorite song? "Only the Good Die Young" by Billy Joel.

Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water? I just drink water.

Future plans? I plan on majoring in clinical rehabilitation counseling.