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Eis Implement to be acquired by Riesterer & Schnell

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN — Eis Implement, a third-generation, family-owned John Deere dealership in northeast Wisconsin, recently announced that it is being acquired by Riesterer & Schnell.

“This partnership brings together two longstanding leaders in agricultural, residential, and commercial equipment solutions, further strengthening their commitment to customers, employees, and communities,” a release from Eis stated.

“Our focus has always been on treating our customers and employees the way we would want to be treated. This philosophy has built lasting relationships and fostered a loyal and hardworking team. We are confident that Riesterer & Schnell, with their similar values and dedication to Wisconsin communities, is the perfect fit to continue and enhance what we’ve built over the years,” Chris and Jon Eis stated in the release.



Eis Implement, a third-generation, family-owned John Deere dealership recently announced that it is being acquired by Riesterer & Schnell. Pictured from left are Jon Eis of Eis Implement, Tom Vande Corput of Riesterer & Schnell and Chris Eis of Eis Implement. **Submitted photo**

Riesterer & Schnell said it is committed to carrying forward Eis Implement’s tradition of excellence while expanding opportunities for growth and innovation.

“We are appreciative of the

opportunity to expand our footprint in Manitowoc and Kewaunee counties. This is a great opportunity to now work alongside their team to ensure a seamless transition and together offer a high

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Kewaunee native to be inducted into WBCA Hall of Fame

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN — The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) recently announced its 2025 Hall of Fame induction class.

Inductees include Kewaunee native Kevin Orr and two Green Bay men.

Inductees

- High school coaches**
 Todd Fergot, La Crosse Central
 Shelli (Yenter) Haferbecker, Amherst
 Mitch Hauser, Lodi
 Angie Murphy, Verona
 Kevin Orr, Rice Lake
 Melody Owsley, The Prairie School
 Dave Shaw, Whitefish Bay/Pulaski
 Kristine Young-Gabriel, Lena
- College coaches**
 Tony Bennett, University of Virginia
 Jack Hervert, UW-Waukesha
 Rod Popp, Viterbo



Assistant coaches

- Brian Maki, Lakeland
- Bruce Parkovich, Clintonville

Friends of the game

- Scott Krueger, UW-Stevens Point/SPASH/Pacelli
- Earl Williams, Dodgeville

Referees

- Lee Kornaus, Green Bay
- Sam Plumeri, Franklin/Milwaukee

Players-girls

- Krystal L. Ellis, Racine St. Catherine’s/Marquette University
- Janet (Otto) Gibson, Kimberly
- Mary Henderson, Madison West
- Angela Jackson, West Allis Central (posthumously)

- Erin Monfre, Waukesha South
- Teresa (Theder) Triana, Watertown

Players-boys

- Steve Amundson, Madison La Follette
- Tony Bennett, Green Bay Preble
- Peter Krull, Wittenberg-Birnamwood
- Wesley Matthews, Madison Memorial/Marquette
- Jim Rappis, Waukesha
- Jeff Webb, West Milwaukee
- Jose Winston, Milwaukee Vincent

A Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

For more information, visit www.wisbca.org/wbca-events.



Kewaunee County Fair 2025 royalty announced

The 2025 Kewaunee County Fairest of the Fair Lashawna Vogel, at left, and Junior Fairest Evie Micolichek. Vogel is a Denmark High School graduate and a senior at UW-River Falls studying Ag Marketing Communications. She is a member of the Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters and served as a Wisconsin FFA State Officer in 2021-22. Micolichek is a student at Southern Door.

Kewaunee County Fair photo



On Jan. 13, the Kewaunee School District Board of Education unanimously approved presenting school district residents with a facilities improvement plan to solve the district’s most pressing facility needs.

Kris Leonhardt photo

Kewaunee School District proposes district-wide improvements for April referendum

FROM THE KEWAUNEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEWAUNEE — On Jan. 13, the Kewaunee School District Board of Education unanimously approved presenting school district residents with a facilities improvement plan to solve the district’s most pressing facility needs, and better utilize the

district’s educational spaces. School district residents will vote on the proposed plan on April 1.

The referendum will ask residents permission to borrow up to \$24.5 million for a school building and facility

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Looking Past; Looking Forward

Dear Reader,

When the love of your life dies, the impact is profound and life-altering. The grief can feel as though it will never subside, and the absence of that person—your partner in all things—casts a shadow over even the smallest moments of your day. The process of losing them, from illness or sudden tragedy to the final goodbye, is one of life's greatest challenges.



own. Consider joining a grief support group where others who've experienced similar losses can share their insights and struggles. Knowing you're not alone in your feelings can be deeply reassuring.

Over time you can find new meaning and purpose. Though it feels impossible at first, try to slowly re-engage with the world. Take up an activity or explore something you've always been curious about. Join a class in art, writing, or history. Volunteer with an organization that aligns with your values. If you're physically able, activities like yoga, gardening, or walking in nature can offer both physical and emotional relief.

You may find some healing in honoring your loved one's memory. Create a ritual or space where you can remember and celebrate your spouse. It might be a small garden, a photo album, or even a weekly moment of reflection. This helps keep them present in your life in a way that feels healthy and comforting, rather than overwhelming.

But don't remain in a constant state of sorrow. Your loved one wouldn't want that. While they may no longer be physically by your side, their love and influence live on in you. Embracing life doesn't mean forgetting them; it means carrying their memory with you as you find joy again.

Take heart, dear reader. Though the journey of loss is painful, it's also a testament to the love you shared. Grief is a long and winding road, but it does not mean your own story is over. It's a new chapter—one you didn't ask for, but one in which you can still find meaning, connection, and even hope.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

After the funeral is over, the loneliness often sets in deeply. Friends and family may surround you for a time, offering kindness and support, but eventually, their lives pull them back to their routines. And there you are, left to grapple with the silence.

Many who experience such a loss have shared how the grief feels inescapable. The memories you shared with your spouse linger everywhere—in your home, your daily habits, and even in the way you think about the world. The ache is particularly acute when something good or bad happens, and you instinctively want to share it with them.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer to coping with such loss. Each person's grief is unique, shaped by the depth of the relationship and the individual personality of the one left behind. However, here are some thoughts that may offer comfort and guidance as you navigate this painful journey.

First, take it one day at a time. It's simple advice, but it holds profound wisdom. In the early days, just getting out of bed and facing the world can feel like a monumental task. Allow yourself to move at your own pace. Don't rush the grieving process or feel pressured to "move on" too quickly. Healing is not linear, and it's okay to have days when the sorrow feels overwhelming.

It's important to lean on others—but also seek to rebuild. Family and friends can provide crucial support, but their lives will naturally continue, and you may find yourself needing to rebuild parts of your



In a heartening display of compassion, the Luxemburg-Casco Intermediate School third graders worked to make this holiday season special for two local organizations. **Submitted photo**

Making a difference



School Scoop

SUBMITTED BY HEATHER MLEZIVA
WRITTEN BY KELSEY SACOTTE,
KATHY NELSON, AND EMILIE ADDISON

Christmas is a time of joy, family, and festive traditions, but it is also a season of giving.

While many children eagerly anticipate receiving gifts, more and more are learning that the true magic of the season comes from giving to others.

In a heartening display of compassion, the Luxemburg-Casco Intermediate School third graders worked to make this

holiday season special for two local organizations.

Instead of focusing solely on their own wishes, the students collected essential items to donate to The Violence Intervention Project (VIP) and Canine Kids.

On the last day before break, both organizations came in to speak with the third graders.

Each explained how they serve the community: The

VIP assisting families in need and Canine Kids offering daycare, boarding and training services to our canine friends.

The students were able to feel a sense of pride when hearing how their donations will help these two deserving organizations.

This initiative not only brought cheer to dogs and humans alike, but also instilled lifelong values of empathy and community service in the young hearts of these third graders.

As we reflect on the holiday season, let this story of these compassionate students inspire us all to share the spirit of giving.

DATCP offers Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant

KEWAUNEE COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites Wisconsin meat processors to apply for the Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant through Feb. 24.

The meat processor grant program aims to grow Wisconsin's meat industry and improve the long-term viability of the state's

livestock industry.

Eligible applicants must operate or intend to operate a meat processing establishment in Wisconsin licensed by DATCP or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and be engaged in livestock harvest or processing. Projects must increase harvest capacity or production.

Funding from these grants can be used for

operating expenses directly related to the grant project, including expenses for engineering, architectural design, construction, food safety consultation, equipment and equipment installation.

Access the grant application and materials at <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/MeatProcessorInfrastructureGrants.aspx>.

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level of customer support," Riesterer & Schnell CEO Tom Vande Corput said.

"The acquisition marks a significant step forward for both organizations, ensuring that local farmers, landowners, and businesses continue to have access

to industry-leading John Deere products and services backed by a legacy of integrity and excellence," the release added.

Eis Implement has been a family-owned John Deere dealership since 1946, most recently serving northeast Wisconsin under the leadership of Chris and Jon Eis. Founded in 1931,

Riesterer & Schnell is a locally-owned John Deere dealership with locations throughout Wisconsin.

Also a third-generation, family-owned business, Riesterer & Schnell has built success on a slogan of "Coming through for you."



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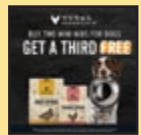


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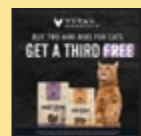


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Kewaunee District 4 seat remains vacant

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR

KEWAUNEE – The District 4 aldermanic seat on the Kewaunee City Council remains vacant.

The seat has been vacant since Eric Wisnicky left in April 2024.

While the council feels the seat should be filled, staff said that there has been little interest since the vacancy posting.

“Some possible interested parties were unable to attend council meetings regularly, which is something of a must, due to quorum requirements. Should the council consider authorizing regular remote attendance that could change the dynamic. At the present time, however, in-person attendance is generally a

requirement,” staff said in a memo to the board.

With no interest, the matter was bypassed during the council’s January meeting.

Creation of Maurina Committee

During the January meeting, the council also unanimously approved the creation of a seven-member Maurina Committee.

“The ordinance structurally replaces a ‘public safety committee’ which hasn’t been active,” a staff memo said.

The committee will be appointed by the mayor and subject to council confirmation, with at least three members who are city residents and one council member.

Duties of the committee will consist of “providing



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Kris Leonhardt photo

operational guidance to marina staff; coordinating capital improvements and asset rehabilitation guidance to staff; providing fundraising coordination and

revenue generation for the benefit of operations; making recommendations to council concerning any operational changes, fees, revenue and capital spending.”

UW-Green Bay announces academic honors

UW-Green Bay serves 11,188 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students, as well as 85,883 continuing education learners annually, with four campus locations in northeast Wisconsin.

Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all A grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages.

Students receiving honors include the following:

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- Isabelle Haase, Semester Highest Honors
- Ella Madden, Semester Honors
- Zachary Mitchell, Semester High Honors
- Payge Panger, Semester High Honors
- Linsey Pardowsky, Semester High Honors

- Justin Pittman, Semester Highest Honors
- Amelia Robinson, Semester Highest Honors
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- Karli Servaes, Semester Honors
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- Trevor Jandrin, Semester Highest Honors

- Cole Jauquet, Semester High Honors
- Rachel Jodar, Semester High Honors
- Grace Kahr, Semester Highest Honors
- Amanda Laurent, Semester High Honors
- Katherine McAdaragh, Semester Highest Honors
- Jillian Novak, Semester High Honors
- Anna Olson, Semester Honors
- Evelyn Peot, Semester Highest Honors
- Evan Rank, Semester Honors
- Jaden Ravet, Semester High Honors
- Spencer Schaefer, Semester Honors
- Madelyn Smith, Semester Honors
- Paige VandenHeuvel, Semester High Honors
- Cullen VanKirk, Semester Highest Honors
- Maren VanKirk, Semester Highest Honors
- Blake Yagodinski, Semester Highest Honors

OBITUARIES



Daniel “Danny” F. Stuebs
February 4, 1950 – January 15, 2025

Daniel “Danny” F. Stuebs, 74, Kewaunee, passed away on January 15, 2025, after a long illness. He was born to the late Roland and Norma (Dahlke) Stuebs on February 4, 1950. Danny was a kind loving husband to his wife, Kandy, for 39 years. He was a compassionate dedicated father to daughter, Nicole (Stuebs) Vogel, son Ryan Stuebs, stepchildren Katie Sturdevant and Klint

Gretz. He was the best “Papa” to his grandchildren and cherished every moment with them. He was a hard-working man all his life. A dear friend to many. Other than God and Family, his three loves were the Brewers, Badgers, and Green Bay Packers. He will be missed.

Per Danny’s wishes, a small, private service will be held at a later date. Kinnard Funeral & Cremation Services – Kewaunee is assisting the Stuebs family. Online condolence messages may be shared at KinnardFCS.com



Paul E. Bernsdorf, age 88, of Kewaunee, died on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Brillion West Haven. Born December 15, 1936, in Chicago, IL., to the late Paul and Adele Bernsdorf; Paul grew up in Gleason, WI on the family farm. He had many jobs from truck driving, bus driving, steeple jack and found his lifetime job as a nuclear operator at the Kewaunee nuclear plant. Wood working and paragliding were his hobbies in his later years.

Married to Maxine in '61 and lived with his daughter, Mikki and 2 sons, Mike and Mark in Kewaunee, spending free time camping and fishing. Paul is survived by Maxine, daughter, Mikki and son Mike, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, his sisters, Caroline Krautkramer of Mosinee, Louise Lau of Gleason, his brother, Robert Bernsdorf of Minnesota. Preceded in death by brother, Richard and son, Mark. We would like to thank the staff of Brillion West Haven Assisted Living and St. Croix Hospice for their care of Paul. Per Paul’s wishes there will be no funeral services. Lakeshore Family Funeral Homes, Pfeffer location, is assisting the family to fulfill Paul’s final wishes. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.lakeshorefamilyfuneralhomes.com.



Kenneth “Ken” Haack, 88, Algoma, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Sycamore Lodge. He was born May 18, 1936, in Rio Creek to the late Arthur and Myrtle (Bank) Haack. Ken was a graduate of the Algoma High School. After high school Ken married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Bathke, on January 29, 1955, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Algoma.

Ken worked at the US Plywood, Jag Outdoor Signs, the Algoma Utilities and then he was at the Algoma Memorial Hospital as a maintenance worker for 33 years.

He enjoyed his time with family and friends and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who asked him. He loved his sports, hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, square dancing, traveling and doing little projects out in his shop. Ken is survived by his wife Shirley, daughter Kim (Dennis) Zima, sons Tom Haack and Pete (Vonnice) Haack, son-in-law David Fulwiler; grandchildren Casey, Nicole, Adam and Alex Zima, Allison, Alexa and Jesse Fulwiler, Justin Haack and Karen Kudick, Carmen Vandenplas, Mikayla and Spencer Haack; six great grandchildren; sister Nancy (David) Kuchinski and brother John (Gail) Haack. Ken was preceded in death by his daughter Kay Fulwiler, brother James Haack and sister and brother-in-law Mary (Tom) Stangel.

Visitation will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 9:00 AM until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM with Father Timothy Machila officiating. Burial in the Evergreen Cemetery following the Mass.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, make a donation to the charity of your choice in Ken’s memory. The family wanted to give a special thank you to all the staff at Sycamore Lodge and Unity Hospice for the wonderful care and kindness given to Ken and his family. The Schinderle Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Ken and his family. Express your sympathy, memories and pictures on Ken’s tribute page at www.schinderlefuneralhome.com.



Local students named to Marquette University Dean’s List

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2024 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Luxemburg

- Mercedes Kroll, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Natalie Pansier, Bachelor of Science in Marketing

To make the Dean’s List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall 2024 semester and have no disqualifying grades.

The GPA threshold varies by college; for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the dean’s list.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

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The role that sometimes goes unnoticed



Sheriff's Corner

BY MATTHEW JOSKI
KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF



As we enter into the new year, I thought I would use this article, as well as the next few, as a format to share some year-end statistics on the various components of the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department.

I want to thank our partners in the local media for providing a platform by which to share this information directly to those we serve.

I would like to begin by going over some numbers from the perspective of our dispatch center.

The Kewaunee County Dispatch Center serves as the primary answering point for all 911 and other emergency calls throughout Kewaunee County.

We also dispatch and page for all of our local fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies.

We are unique in Kewaunee County, in that

we dual role our staff as both dispatchers and jailers.

In most other counties, there are two dedicated jailers and two dedicated dispatchers.

Kewaunee County has financially benefitted from this arrangement for years, and it is a testament to the quality of our staff that they are able to maintain a high level of effectiveness and proficiency in both of these areas.

In 2024, we handled approximately 8,270 calls for service, which is actually down from 8,688 calls for service in 2023.

I would like to go over some of the most common calls which we receive and some background to the nature of these calls.

The highest frequency of calls that we receive are categorized as "rescue calls," which account for 1,331 throughout this past year, which is down from 1,419 the

previous year.

These calls range from citizens who may be in their homes experiencing medical emergencies to patients at local clinics who are in need of transport due to a medical emergency.

In each of these calls, our dispatchers play an important role in obtaining vital information about the patient and then following up with the appropriate response based on location and sense of urgency.

While much less frequent, another category of emergency calls we receive are those requesting the service of our local fire departments.

In 2024, we received 81 calls regarding fires, up from 64 in 2023.

While not as frequent as other calls, these incidents are typically very involved and require a great deal of coordination and communication.

These calls also last a great deal longer as the responding agencies work together in both the initial response, as well as the lengthy efforts to completely extinguish the fire, preventing future flare-ups.

The next most-frequent

are 911 hang ups at 509; this is down from 1,050 in 2023.

These are many times accidental misdials which require follow up either by our dispatcher or in many cases actually sending an officer to the location where the call came from.

Thanks to Next Generation 911, we are able to determine the location of these calls in the event that the caller is unable to provide location information.

If these calls are determined to be legitimate calls for service, their status is then changed to reflect the nature of that incident.

Thank you to our community for being more aware of your devices and taking actions to reduce this number.

Following 911 hang ups is the category of "citizen assist" which account for 294 calls this past year.

This is a significant decrease from last year, which was at 429.

These calls range in nature, but primarily consist of assisting with civil matters where law enforcement is asked to be present during a volatile situation.

The next two that I will cover came in with very close numbers — "welfare

checks" at 306, up from 271, and "suspicious activity" at 273, down from 309.

Actually, these two are very similar in that the caller is concerned about the activity of either someone they know and would like them checked on or someone they do not know and want us to investigate.

In either circumstance, these again are very important calls and show that our community is involved in the well being and security of their community.

Another category of calls we have seen an increase in are the "animal problem" at 363, which is up from 328 in 2023.

These are unfortunate situations which typically result from the actual or perceived lack of care that an animal is receiving or the lack of control that an animal owner is maintaining over their pets.

These types of calls can be easily reduced by those of us who own pets being a more attentive and responsible pet owner.

"Traffic offenses" are next with 339 calls in this past year, which is up from 308 calls in 2023.

These types of calls have been on the increase since

the advent of cell phones, as members of our community serve as an extra set of eyes out on the roads.

These calls are greatly appreciated and send a clear message that we are all holding each other accountable as motorists.

We would just ask that if you do call in a traffic offense to do it in a safe manner that does not jeopardize your own safety or cause you to be distracted from your own driving.

I would like to thank the dedicated men and women who serve our community as public safety telecommunicators.

These are roles which many times go unnoticed and unappreciated, but they truly do form the foundation of all of our public safety services that we provide throughout the year.

If you would like to know more about what we do at the Kewaunee County Dispatch Center, please do not hesitate to contact our department.

We can even arrange for a tour.

Next week, I will be covering some of our jail data and share some of the many duties which we serve in maintaining our local facility.

PLAN

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improvement project.

The proposed improvements include:

- Prioritized capital maintenance improvements
- Classroom renovations to accommodate space needs of 3K, 4K and kindergarten programs, including shifting eighth grade students to underutilized space at the high school
- Targeted general classroom updates
- Visual and performing arts classroom renovations
- New student/event entrance
- Renovations and expansion of locker rooms and support spaces
- Renovation and expansion of kitchen and cafeteria
- Expansion of the agricultural building and surrounding asphalt for additional transportation support space and bus parking
- Acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment

Over the past year, the Kewaunee Board of Education and administration have been assessing and evaluating options to address facility needs that are too large to be covered by the District's annual operating budget.

The district began its long-term planning efforts by conducting a comprehensive facilities assessment to identify maintenance needs and evaluate educational adequacy across its facilities.

During the planning process, the Kewaunee School District and Board of Education actively sought stakeholder input through a community-wide survey in fall 2024.

The valuable feedback provided by district residents led the board to the final referendum scope, adopted at the January board

meeting.

"We're very excited about the proposed referendum, as we feel this plan is designed to provide learning environments which are welcoming, safe and accessible while being cost effective, energy efficient, and adaptable for student, staff, and community use," said Jerry Charles, Board President of the Kewaunee School District. "Our goal with this next phase of our long-range facilities plan is to pick up where we left off 10 years ago, addressing our remaining building system and site needs, and continue providing modern, flexible educational spaces our students and community can be proud of for generations."

The proposed improvements will impact every student in the district and invest primarily in the district's existing facilities.

Detailed information about the proposed referendum projects, including preliminary site plans, will be available soon.

Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming informational meetings and school tours to learn more before the April 1 election.

"Our maintenance staff has done a great job keeping our buildings in good condition, and the District has replaced some infrastructure using annual budget dollars over the past few years, but the costs of these necessary projects are too large to be covered in our annual operating budget," said District School Superintendent Scott Fritz. "Following the feedback gathered from the community-wide survey, we are excited to move forward with a referendum vote in April 2025."

You can find more details on the district's website.

For further questions, contact Fritz at (920) 388-3230 or sfritz@kewaunee.k12.wi.us.

Referendum ballot question

Shall the Kewaunee School District, Kewaunee and Manitowoc counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, classroom and

building infrastructure improvements; construction of additions and renovations to Kewaunee High School, including for expansion of the kitchen/cafeteria, a student and event entrance, and physical education/athletic locker room support space; and construction of an addition to the agricultural building for a transportation support building; acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment; and other site improvements?

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Bucket Raffle

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Youth Bowl 12:00 pm, 1st Shift 2:30 pm,
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S'no' fun for some, but ice is nice



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
OUTDOORS COLUMNIST

Winter snow-sport enthusiasts have had to go north to the Lake Superior snowbelt or seek the manmade white stuff on local hills so far this season, but ice anglers are smiling.

After back-to-back winters of dicey-at-best conditions, the vast waters of Green Bay are finally starting to lock up.

However, there was a lot of fierce wind to go along with the recent frigid air, so there are still some trouble spots — working cracks, ice shoves and even a few open water pockets — so check with a bait and tackle shop for the latest advice on areas to try, and to avoid.

Yellow perch, northern pike, walleye and burbot have all lured anglers to the bay.

Meanwhile, Lake Michigan tributaries are producing some rainbow trout, browns, pike and panfish and inland lakes are offering panfish, largemouth bass, pike and walleye.

Ice-breaking for Great

Lakes ships was still happening on Green Bay earlier this week.

No one should attempt to cross recently frozen-over shipping lanes between Marinette, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay and the tip of the Door Peninsula.

In addition, be aware that no matter how thick the ice is, offshore wind events can still move sheets of ice.

Wetlands grant

The Wisconsin DNR, in partnership with the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust, used a \$90,000 federal grant to obtain a 22-acre parcel of land on the Point au Sable peninsula, in the Town of Scott north of Green Bay.

The money — from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program — will be used to protect the largest remaining estuarine wetlands complex along the Wisconsin shore of Lake Michigan.

The new acquisition is adjacent to a 206-acre



Colton Trachte, at right, of Marshfield caught this colorful steelhead (rainbow trout) through the ice on a guided trip on a Lake Michigan tributary with his mom, Jessica and dad, Scott. **Tyler Yunk photo**

natural area managed by the UW-Green Bay Cofrin Center for Biodiversity.

That makes a total of 228 contiguous acres protected.

Wisconsin has more than 800 miles of coastline, but the shallow, nutrient-rich waters of lower Green Bay support one of the most productive ecosystems in the Great Lakes.

About 97% of these have been lost, many to development.

Such coastal wetlands help protect from flooding, filter water, support recreation and local economies, and provide habitat for fish and wildlife.

More than 60 species listed as endangered, threatened or species of concern

can be found in the Point au Sable peninsula, including the federally-endangered rusty patched bumble bee, the northern long-eared bat and the proposed federally-threatened monarch butterfly.

The area also supports many songbirds and is a popular fishing and waterfowl hunting destination.

Write a resolution

It's time to start thinking about citizen resolutions for the annual Conservation Congress spring hearings.

Public resolutions can be submitted now through Feb. 24.

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Kewaunee Elementary School	67.3 Meets Expectations
Kewaunee Middle School	60.3 Meets Expectations
Kewaunee High School	65.9 Meets Expectations

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- Kewaunee Elementary School - PK - 5th grade
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- Kewaunee High School - 9th grade - 12th grade
- Private school parental choice options
- Kewaunee Open Enrollment Policy
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- Home-Based Education Options including Course Options
- Youth Apprenticeship Opportunities at the High School.
- Additional Programming for District Students
 - Early College and Start College Now programming offered at the HS for transcribed and college credit courses. Including the UWGB Rising Phoenix Program and the Bellin Academy.
 - Special Education, 504, ELL and Gifted and talented services
 - School-wide Title 1 reading and math programming
 - Career and Technical Education opportunities in the Middle School and High School
 - Academic and Career Planning (ACP)
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the high School
 - College Career Academy Opportunities in Automotive, Diesel, Health Care and UWGB.
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Complete and detailed versions of these Statewide Accountability Report Cards are available on the Kewaunee School District's website: www.kewaunee.k12.wi.us

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GAMES

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double figures.

Daoust, a senior guard, has scored 2,626 points.

Last Saturday, he passed up former Sheboygan Lutheran and UW-Madison star Sam Dekker for the fifth spot all-time.

Next, at 2,654, is Cody Schmitz, a 6-5 guard who graduated from Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau last year, then Mike Koehler of Elkhart Lake (2,685).

If Daoust keeps scoring at his current pace, he would move to the No. 2 spot, past St. Nazianz JFK Prep legend Micky Crowe (2,724) Feb. 1 at home against Sevastopol.

Barring a doubling of Daoust's already impressive 30 points per game average, No. 1 is out of reach at 3,391.

That record belongs to Wausaukee's Anthony Pieper, who graduated in 1993.

Pieper went on to play at Marquette University, then internationally in Slovakia, Austria, Ireland and Belgium.

Algoma vs. Kewaunee

Two Packerland boys basketball teams each with one loss will try to stay within striking range of unbeaten Southern Door in a battle at Kewaunee Friday night.

The Wolves haven't



All eyes were on Algoma senior Carson Leist Friday as he prepared to launch a three-pointer in a win over visiting Gibraltar last week. **Kevin Naze photo**

beaten the Storm since February 2017.

Algoma is coming off a 71-43 win over visiting Gibraltar Saturday.

Senior Carson Leist had the best shooting game of his varsity career, hitting five three-pointers en route to a team-high 18 points.

Braeden Leist added 14, Parker Lischka 13 and Chase Romdenne 10.

Vikings' junior guard Kayin Jackson slashed his way for a game-high 23.

Kewaunee beat Shiocton

in a non-league game Friday, 87-66.

No stats were available.

L-C girls upset Freedom

Sienna Blohowiak scored 13 points, Brianna Bray 8 and Alayna Deprez 7 as the Spartans handed visiting Freedom its first North Eastern Conference loss of the season Jan. 14. L-C led 16-13 at halftime.

Two nights later, the luck of the Irish ran out again in a 40-38 loss at Denmark.

Two nights later, the Spartans fell at Marinette, 41-36.

Bray scored 13, Deprez 8 and Blohowiak and Chloe Host each 5.

L-C had given the Marines its first conference loss Dec. 3

Heading into this weekend's games, Freedom and Marinette were tied atop the NEC at 8-2, followed by Waupaca and Denmark at 7-3, Wrightstown 5-4 and L-C 5-5.

Waupaca 70, L-C boys 62

Sophomore guard Bryce Piesler came off the bench to score 17 of his team-high 20 points in the first half — including five of his six three-pointers on the night — as the Spartans built a 38-22 lead last Friday at Waupaca.

At one point, L-C led 29-9. The Comets stepped up the defense in the second half, allowing just 24 points.

Sophomore guard Westen Lauritzen scored 19 of his game-high 26 in the second half, and senior forward Aaron Wolf had 17 of his 24 in the final 18 minutes.

Wolf's three-pointer with 2:20 remaining gave the hosts the lead for good.

James Glampe had 12 points and Josh Parins 10 for the Spartans, who shot just seven free throws compared to 20 for Waupaca.

Algoma girls 42, NEW 35

Jadyn Nellis scored 12 points and Lauren Loucks and Sierra Slaby each 10 as the Wolves won at home Friday.

Algoma led 27-10 at half-time, but was outscored 25-15 in the final 18 minutes.

Local boys schedule

Jan. 24: Algoma at Kewaunee

Jan. 27: Valders at Algoma

Jan. 28: Algoma at NEW,

Gibraltar at Kewaunee, L-C at Oconto Falls

Jan. 30: Oconto at Algoma

Jan. 31: Kewaunee at Valders, Clintonville at L-C

County girls schedule

Jan. 24: Kewaunee at Sheboygan Falls, L-C at Clintonville

Jan. 25: Oneida at Algoma

Jan. 27: NEW at Kewaunee, Bay Port at L-C

Jan. 30: Wrightstown at L-C

Jan. 31: Algoma at Sevastopol, Kewaunee at Oconto

Packerland Boys Basketball Standings

As of Jan. 18

Southern Door 8-0

Algoma 5-1

Kewaunee 5-1

Oconto 4-3

Sturgeon Bay 3-4

Sevastopol 2-5

Peshtigo 2-5

Gibraltar 2-7

NEW/Providence 1-6

Packerland Girls Basketball Standings

As of Jan. 17

Kewaunee 9-0

Algoma 8-1

Sevastopol 6-2

Oconto 6-3

Peshtigo 5-4

NEW/Providence 3-6

Southern Door 1-7

Sturgeon Bay 1-8

Gibraltar 0-8

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practical, achievable and reasonable; and must be within the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Anyone interested in submitting a resolution is encouraged to reach out to the resolution review committee or their WCC County Chair for guidance in drafting a resolution.

Learn more at dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing.

Online input for this year's hearing is April 14-16.

Best bird photos

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Macaulay Library archive has more than 67 million photos contributed by birders from

around the world.

Some of the best in the past year are featured in the Winter 2025 issue of Living Bird magazine. The photos are separated into themes: Birdlife in Full Bloom; Double Vision; Colors of the Bird World; The Next Generation; Making a Splash; and Rarities.

Get a sneak peek at some of the best at www.allaboutbirds.org/news/macaulay-librarys-best-bird-photos-2025/.

Park sticker contest

High school students can submit original designs for

the 2026 Wisconsin State Park vehicle admission passes now through April 30.

Rules, submission guidelines, and tips for a winning design are available at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/designcontest.

Salmon school Feb. 8

Author and charter captain Dan Keating and guest speaker charter captain Devon Miller are holding a Salmon School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Green Bay Yacht Club.

Registration and more info at www.captain-dankeating.com.

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Youth basketball scene at Kewaunee

Lincoln Schneider of Algoma, a third-grade student at Southern Door where his mom, Rachel, teaches, scored the first basket of his young career when his team played in a fourth, fifth and sixth grade tournament at Kewaunee last weekend. While the Eagles' fourth grade entry lost big to one of Luxemburg-Casco's entries and both Kewaunee teams, Schneider — son of Algoma varsity boys coach Eric — played point guard and scored 12 points in the three games. **Kevin Naze photo**

UNPACKING History

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times to be highlighted each week for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. If you would like to donate Green Bay Packers memorabilia to the Packers Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.

Dorsey Levens' cleats bearing his No. 25. In eight seasons with the Packers, Levens rushed for 3,937 yards — averaging 3.9 per carry. He caught 271 passes — averaging 7.7 per catch — and scored 44 touchdowns. He also appeared in 14 post-season games. **Katie Foust photo**



Kewaunee girls get 39 from Kroll
 Storm boys host Algoma in key battle Friday night

BY KEVIN NAZE
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KEWAUNEE COUNTY — Kewaunee junior guard Jade Kroll had never scored 30 points in a game before last Friday's 82-24 Storm win at Gibraltar.

She almost got that by halftime, with 28 of her career-high 39 coming in the first 18 minutes of play.

Gabby Stangel added 13 points and Lexi Hanrahan 10 for the Storm (9-0 Packerland, 13-1 overall), who play at the state's 8th ranked Div. 3 team, Sheboygan Falls, Friday night.

Falls' only losses have been by 9 to Pius XI Catholic (ranked 4th in Div. 2), by 2 to Muskego (ranked 7th in Div. 1) and by 4 to Manitowoc Lutheran (ranked 4th in Div. 4).

Somehow, Kewaunee isn't ranked in the weekly coaches poll, even though its only loss came Dec. 7 at Manitowoc Lutheran, 58-48.

"Everybody (fans) keeps talking about state," Head Coach Lynn Geier said. "But there hasn't been a word of that, except on the outside. I shut that down as soon as I hear it. We don't need that. We're focusing on one game at a time, to up our seeding."

Kroll is taking far fewer three-point shots this year, instead using her strength to get to the basket for high-percentage shots.

In the process, she's raised her field goal percentage to



Jade Kroll scored a career-high 39 points at Gibraltar Jan. 17. She's pictured here on a reverse layup when the two teams met at Kewaunee earlier this season. **Kevin Naze photo**

an incredible .739, up from .486 her freshman season and .527 last year, when she won Packerland Conference Player of the Year honors.

Meanwhile, all of Tuesday's planned boys and girls games were postponed due to no school because of extreme cold.

Only one game was played Monday night. Southern Door put up 91 points on Denmark in a 17-point win.

Drew Daoust scored 32 points to lead the Eagles. Lauden Berg added 19, and three others also reached

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PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Carson Leist, ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL

Sports: Football, basketball and baseball
Parents' names: Ernie and Missy Leist
Siblings: Braeden

Position or events: Football- o line/ d line, basketball- forward, baseball- pitcher

Instagram: @leistcarson

Career Highlight: Pitching a 2-hit shutout vs Mishicot to win regionals my junior year.

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

I started playing baseball when I was eight years old.

Who introduced you to the sport?

My dad introduced me to it as he played slow pitch and I was always around the diamond.

Has this always been your favorite sport?

Yes, I have loved this sport ever since I started playing.

How has the balance between academics and athletics changed for you from freshman to senior year?

It really hasn't been a problem as I try to get all my work done in school, so I don't have to worry about them after school when I have athletics.

What is your favorite part about this sport?

As a pitcher I like the challenge to get batters out.

What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long?

I like the challenge of getting better each year. Also ever since I was young my passion for the game has kept on growing.

Is there a professional athlete you look up to? If so, why?

Pitcher Trevor Bauer because I like his work ethic.

What would you say is your biggest asset on the court/field/pool?

Being a leader and being able to keep my teammates positive.

What has been your most memorable experience in high school sports so far?

Winning conference in baseball for the

first time in 15 years. Also, winning conference in football my senior year.

How does it feel as a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth (as a person and athlete)?

As an athlete going to the weight room has helped me the most. As a person I have gained leadership skills and having underclassmen look up to me.

Do you have any pre-match rituals/ routines/superstitions?

I like to listen to music before games.

Do you take any extra steps to prepare for a big match/game/meet, outside of regular practices?

I like to watch film to see the other team's tendencies, and I also look at stats to see how the other team has been playing.

Any memorable coaches or teammates you'd like to shout out?

I would like to shout out all the coaches and teammates I have had over the years. I wouldn't be the player I am today without them.

Any hobbies outside of sports?

I like to play video games, golf and hang out with friends.



Favorite song?

"Consistent" by Lil Baby.

Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water?

I prefer gatorade.

Future Plans? (college, major, career, etc.)

Attend Concordia University of Wisconsin, majoring in marketing and also to play baseball.