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Kerry and her son, Elias. When he was diagnosed with autism, the family discovered that there were services out there to help them, but found it hard to navigate them. **Submitted photo**

Providing helping HANDS in Northeast Wisconsin

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Kerry Yang said that when her son was diagnosed with autism at the age of three it changed the course of her family's life.

Embarking on a new journey, they discovered that there were services out there to help them, but found it hard to navigate.

"The most difficult thing in navigating the medical industry is not having all the information I need to get through things or a sound idea of how processes work. While I have navigated it for ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) services for my son and have had countless calls with the county and insurance providers while getting help for my mother who has since passed, it is never easy to get through the red tape," Yang said.

"As it is hard for me, it only gets harder when a caregiver does not speak English. A Hmong mother was recently referred to us by one of our board members who works in the Green Bay Public School system and even though I had experience with all these things in the past, it still took hours and days to get her help for her son

who was recently diagnosed with autism.

"While speaking with my son's CLTS (Children's Long-Term Support) provider, she let me know that many organizations also lack Hmong speakers and this makes it harder for non-English speakers to get help. While my Hmong is not perfect, I know being an advocate is enough to try to help these caretakers who have nowhere to turn to."

Since they were teens, Yang and her sisters, Linda and Betsy, wanted to open a Hmong center that would benefit the community.

"We see that there is a great need in our community to provide services and programs that have been dwindling, and we are passionate about helping those in need. We haven't implemented this dream as we never had the funds to do so," she recalled.

"While I started in my role as a community liaison and special events coordinator for the City of Green Bay and my sister became the executive assistant to the Brown County

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Haack was key member of winning city baseball team

BY DENNIS SELL
CONTRIBUTOR

ALGOMA – Ken Haack, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 88, was a key member of the 1956 Algoma Penguins city baseball team — one of its best teams in a 100-plus-year history.

The 1956 team posted a 17-1 record on its way to the Cherry League championship.

The Penguins pulverized Kolberg, 22-2, in the title game.

The only blemish was a 3-1 loss at Marinette.

The Penguins gained revenge by defeating the Marines, 11-1, in the return engagement in Algoma. Algoma didn't merely beat teams, they bombarded them.

During the 18-game season, the 'Guins outscored their opponents by a 173-49 margin.

On the mound, Haack posted a 10-1 won-loss record.

At the plate, he compiled a .425 batting average, hit three home runs and drove in 23 tallies.

Algoma posted an amazing .336 team batting average.

Besides Haack, six other players batted over .300 — Ron Dart (.440), Jim Slaby (.419), John Cornell (.383), Louie Kirchman (.375), Zeb Shaw (.348), and Eddie Qualman (.325).

An arm injury midway through the 1957 season ended Kenny's pitching days.

Following his injury, Haack played first base and the outfield, until retiring from the Penguins following the 1961 campaign.

Haack was an Algoma High School graduate and married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Bathke.

He was employed at the US Plywood, Jag Outdoor Signs, Algoma Utilities and Algoma Memorial Hospital.

He passed away at the age of 88. Services were held on Jan. 21.

Haack is survived by his wife; daughter Kim (Dennis) Zima; sons, Tom Haack and Pete (Vonnice) Haack; son-in-law, David Fulwiler; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Haack



The 1956 Algoma Penguins city baseball team, front row from left: Glen Blackburn, Ray Birdsall, Louie Kirchman, Ron Dart and Ken Haack; back row: Don "Butch" Meyer, Vernon "Bruiser" Sibilsky, Jim Slaby, Eddie Qualman, Clarence "Killer" Deprey, and Manager Zeb Shaw. **Submitted photo**

Youth Art Month Exhibit to feature Denmark, Luxemburg-Casco students

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – In partnership with the Wisconsin Art Education Association, visitors to the "Youth Art Month Exhibit" at the Neville Public Museum will experience over 160 creative works of art by students in grades K-12 from 16 school districts in Northeast Wisconsin.

Districts featured include Beaver Dam School District, Berlin School District, Denmark School District, Howard Grove School District, Kohler School

District, Luxemburg-Casco School District, Manawa School District, Ripon School District, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System, Shawano School District, Sheboygan School District, Sturgeon Bay School District, Waupun School District, West De Pere School District, Winneconne Community School District and the Wrightstown Community School District.

This multi-media exhibit highlights Youth Art Month, a

national celebration sponsored by The Council for Art Education.

This art exhibit will be on display at the Neville Public Museum through Feb. 23.

Youth Art Month (YAM) celebrates the visual arts during the month of March through exhibits and activities across the United States.

For more information, visit www.nevillepublicmuseum.org.

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Algoma superintendent reflects on first semester

As we wrap up the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress Algoma School District students have made and look ahead with excitement to the opportunities that await us in the second semester.

The first half of the school year has been filled with remarkable achievements, challenges, and moments of growth.

Our students have continued to excel academically, with many participating in extracurricular activities that have enriched their education.

Whether it's playing or cheering on a basketball game, artistic performances at various concerts, or academic competitions, it has been inspiring to witness the dedication of our students and staff.

This past week, the students of Algoma High School brought the beloved musical *Mamma Mia* to life in a vibrant and energetic performance.

The cast, made up of talented high school actors



School Scoop

BY JESSE BRINKMANN
ALGOMA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

and singers, took the stage to tell the heartwarming story set to the iconic music of ABBA.

The production had the audience dancing in their seats from start to finish with hits like "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me" and "Super Trouper."

Under the direction of Ms. Emma Bader, the students delivered powerful performances, with standout roles played by Sierra Slaby as Donna and Emily Reif as Sophie.

Their vocal performances were nothing short of impressive, along with the entire cast.

It was a treat to have a live band perform during the musical that was under the direction of Jennifer Massey.

This performance was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and

creativity of the students, teachers, and volunteers who brought this production to life.

Congratulations to everyone involved for creating such a memorable show.

Looking ahead to semester two, we are excited about the opportunities for growth and development.

We will continue to focus on enhancing the academic experience for all students, with a strong emphasis on personalized learning, mental health support and preparing students for success beyond graduation.

Our staff are dedicated to ensuring every student has the support they need to reach their full potential.

Additionally, we are gearing up for some exciting new initiatives, including a new website that will go live in a few months and the adoption of a new



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Submitted photo

data warehouse that will help staff members make informed educational decisions.

The bulk of our construction work related to our referendum will kick off in the next few months

at both the elementary and middle/high schools.

I am confident that these initiatives, along with the continued hard work of our teachers, staff and students, will make the second half of this school year just as

successful, if not more so, than the first.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Algoma School District.

Together, we can ensure a bright future for all of our students.

Guilette named to South Dakota State University Dean's List

South Dakota State University (SDSU) recently announced that Logan

Guilette, of Casco, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester.

Guilette is a student in the SDSU College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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Sheriff's Corner

BY MATTHEW JOSKI
KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF



I am going to interrupt my annual reporting for this week, as I have had a request to share information about a specific traffic safety concern.

This is also a topic I have seen bantered around on social media lately, so it may assist others in gaining clarity on the specific statutes that apply.

The topic at hand is Wisconsin State Statute 346.08 "When Overtaking and Passing on the Right is Permitted."

Before I get into the issues relating to passing on the right, I want to give a quick summary of the specifics surrounding passing on the left.

This is much more straight forward and is a more common occurrence, but still worth revisiting.

Of course, you can pass on the left in a passing zone so long as you do not create a hazardous condition, and you do not exceed the speed limit in doing so.

Secondly, you must make

sure you are well beyond the vehicle you have passed before returning to your previous lane of travel.

Also, the use of directional signals is required before you begin passing and before you return to your previous lane of travel.

Finally, a part of this statute that is not as well known: you can pass in a no passing zone so long as the vehicle you are overtaking is doing less than half the posted speed limit.

The one exception to this rule is that of 'implements of husbandry.'

You are not allowed to pass implements of husbandry in a no passing zone no matter how slow they are going.

In those situations, just relax and enjoy the view.

In all of these scenarios, it goes without saying that the opposite lane of traffic must be clear enough so as to execute your passing maneuver without creating a hazard.

Now, on to the issue of

passing on the right.

Below are the three circumstances in which passing on the right is allowed:

- When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn or U-turn; or

- Upon a street or highway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width to enable two or more lines of vehicles lawfully to proceed, at the same time, in the direction in which the passing vehicle is proceeding; or

- Upon a one-way street or divided highway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width to enable two or more lines of vehicles lawfully to proceed in the same direction at the same time.

One caveat to the above allowances is that of passing at an intersection.

This is covered under Wisconsin state Statute 346.10 "When Passing at a Railroad Crossing, Intersection, Bridge, Viaduct Prohibited."

This statute states the following, "The operator of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction when approaching within 100 feet of or traversing any intersection unless the roadway

is marked or posted for two or more lines of vehicles moving simultaneously in the direction in which such vehicle is proceeding or unless permitted or directed by a traffic officer to pass at such intersection."

As a relatable example, I will use the intersection of STH 29 and CTH AB, just east of Pilsen.

If you are headed either eastbound or westbound, and the vehicle in front of you is attempting to make a left turn, you should not pass that vehicle on the right.

You may argue that there is a paved lane that allows for this, but that "lane" is there primarily for making right turns (thus the solid white line).

Although it is not signed for right turn only, the use of it for passing on the right is not recommended.

The important part of all of this is that in most, if not all, situations, patience is the better option.

The millisecond you may gain from an unsafe passing maneuver is not worth it.

Remember that travel, much like life, is all about the journey, not the destination.

Enjoy the journey.

Jeanquart named to SNHU President's List

Keely Jeanquart, of Luxemburg, has been named to the Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) Fall 2024 President's List.

The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have

earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the list.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

Luxemburg students named to dean's list

Two Luxemburg students have been named to the UW-Stout Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin's

Polytechnic University, offers more than 70 undergraduate and graduate degrees and 40 professional certificate programs.

Honorees include Trace Schoenebeck, BS Health Wellness & Fitness, and TJ Weinfurter, BS Technology Education.

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What will the Medicare Part B monthly premiums be in 2025, and when do the surcharges kick in for higher income beneficiaries?

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DEAR BENEFICIARY,

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced their cost

adjustments for 2025 and the increases for premiums

and out-of-pocket costs for most beneficiaries will be moderate.

But if you're a high earner, you'll pay significantly more. Here's what you can expect to pay in 2025.

Part B Premium

While Medicare Part A, which pays for hospital

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Allen J. Ronsman October 18, 1945 – January 24, 2025
Allen J. Ronsman, 79, Casco, passed away Friday, January 24, 2025. He was born October 18, 1945, in Kewaunee County to the late Edwin and Irene (Delebreau) Ronsman. On May 8, 1965, he married his high school sweetheart, Marlene M. Stepanek at Holy Trinity Church in Casco. Allen took over the family farm and worked at Kewaunee Engineering for 46 years. Allen enjoyed his time on his Ford tractor cutting grass, perch fishing on the bay, watching the Green Bay Packer games, and listening to polka music. His pride and joy was deer hunting and spending time at his shack in the woods. He also loved the card game “CuYoo”, which he played with all his family and friends. Allen’s greatest enjoyments were spending time with his family, especially watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren participate in their sporting events. Allen is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marlene; his three sons, Brian (Ellen) Ronsman, Greg Ronsman and special friend SuLynn, and John (Michelle) Ronsman; nine grandchildren, Andrew (Beth) Ronsman, Kristin (Matt) Weidner, Matthew Ronsman, Chelsea (Matt) Ronsman, Mackenzie (Blake) Ravet, Bryce Ronsman, and Mitch, Nate, and Max Ronsman; thirteen great grandchildren, Bryndal, Brayden, Penelope, Waylon, Colton, Clara, Roslyn, Hudson, Dixie, Camryn, Reese, Callum, and Nolan; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Delebreau, Delores Sisel, and Becky Stepanek. Allen was preceded in death by three brothers-in-law, Donald Delebreau, Gerald Sisel, and Myron Stepanek; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Edward and Mae Stepanek. Friends may call 8:00 to 10:45 am on Friday, January 31, 2025, at St. Peter Church, Lincoln. Funeral 11:00 am at the church with Reverend Antonio Palaya officiating. Burial in St. Peter Cemetery, Lincoln. McMahon Funeral Home, Luxemburg is assisting the Ronsman Family. Online condolences can be made at McMahonFH.com. A special thank you is extended to Dr. Kristen Powell, the first responders and medical team of the Luxemburg Fire & Rescue Squad, and the doctors and nurses of St. Vincent Hospital, for care given to Allen.

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Executive, we realized that there were more funds out there that would potentially help us start.

“We wanted to focus on autism and disabilities because there is no other Hmong organization that solely focuses on them in Wisconsin. It is also deeply personal to us because I have a son with autism and my sister, Linda, has a son with a physical disability. With the help of people who have funded us, our dream has become a reality.”

Yang and her sisters recently signed a lease on a building owned by Neighborworks at 112 N. Adams St., Green Bay, and on Saturday, Feb. 8, will host a grand opening from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to mark the new facility for Hmong Autism Neurodiverse Disability Support, or HANDS.

“Upon our opening, we will have a few programs available. Firstly, we are open to being contacted if a caretaker’s child is diagnosed with autism or other disability. We can lend an ear, talk through issues, help refer to services, apply for Medicaid, and more. We will have a Community Closet and Pantry available for all who need it. Everyone can drop off gently used clothing for the Closet and also get more



Kerry's son, Elias, with some of his support system: Katie Dalke, left; Samantha Balthazor, middle; and Jacqueline Miller, right. Submitted photo

items if needed. Our pantry will include culturally-inclusive items not found at other pantries like rice,” Yang explained.

“‘Mom Time’ will operate on Friday evenings, allowing caretakers of children with autism and disabilities to come together and share a meal as their children play in a safe space. Oftentimes, these caretakers can become lonely as others may not understand their struggle, so Mom Time will allow them to gather with people in a similar journey.

“Our Dance Program will help pay for costumes, backdrops, and more for traditional, Hmong dancers, where the cost may be prohibitive to some for joining up.

“In the future, we would like to provide more cultural programming, including classes on reading and writing Hmong, sewing classes on Hmong storycloths called paj ntaub and a Hmong magazine. We would also like to offer mental health help in the future as it currently is a stigma in our community, where many do not talk about these issues.

“With each school year, we would also like to provide school supplies to families in need as many Hmong families do not participate in other back-to-school programs, perhaps due to cultural or language barriers. We want to make sure that our center is a welcoming place for Hmong people to attend and be able to call their own.

“While we target the Hmong community because they are reluctant to patronize other nonprofits, we are open to all families.”

The organization seeks to provide direct services to Brown County and Northeastern Wisconsin families who need a local place to connect; however, they long to be a resource for the entire state in terms of raising awareness and bringing “more acceptance in the Hmong community for autism and disabilities.”



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B, which covers doctor visits and outpatient services does have a monthly premium.

Starting in January, the standard monthly Part B premium will be \$185, up from \$174.70 in 2024.

That \$10.30 bump represents a 5.9 percent increase, which is more than double the most recent Social Security cost-of-living adjustment which was 2.5 percent.

But if you're a high earning beneficiary, which makes up about 8 percent of all Medicare recipients, you'll have to pay more.



AARP photo

Medicare surcharges for high earners, known as the income-related monthly adjustment amount (or IRMAA), are based on adjusted gross income (AGI) from two years earlier,

which means that your 2025 Part B premiums are determined by your 2023 AGI, which is on line 11 of the IRS tax form 1040.

Here's how it breaks down.

If your 2023 income was above \$106,000 up to \$133,000 (\$212,000 up to \$266,000 for married couples filing jointly), your 2025 Part B monthly premium will be \$259.

Monthly Part B premiums for singles with an income between \$133,000 and \$167,000 (\$266,000 and \$334,000 for joint filers) will rise to \$370.

Individuals earning above \$167,000 up to \$200,000 (\$334,000 to \$400,000 for joint filers) will see their monthly Part B premium increase to \$480.90.

Those with incomes above \$200,000 up to \$500,000 (\$400,000 to \$750,000 for joint filers), will pay \$591.90 per month in 2025. And single filers with income of \$500,000 or more (\$750,000 or more for joint filers) will pay \$628.90 per month.

Part D Premium

If you have a stand-alone Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan, the average

premium in 2025 will be \$46.50 per month for most beneficiaries, down from \$53.95 in 2024.

But again, for high earners with annual incomes above \$106,000 (\$212,000 for joint filers) you'll pay a monthly surcharge of \$13.70 to \$85.80 (based on your income level) on top of your regular Part D premiums.

How to contest income

Beneficiaries that fall into any of the high-income categories and have experienced certain life-changing events that have reduced their income since 2023, such as retirement, divorce or the death of a spouse, can contest the surcharge.

For more information on how to do this, see "Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries" at [SSA.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html).

Other Medicare increases

In addition to the Part B and Part D premium increases, there are other cost increases you should be aware of.

For example, the annual deductible for Medicare Part B will be \$257 in 2025, which is \$17 more than the 2024 deductible of \$240.

And the deductible for Medicare Part A, which covers hospital services, will increase to \$1,676 in 2025.

That's \$44 more than the 2024 deductible of \$1,632.

There are no surcharges on Medicare deductibles for high earners.

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.

Eddie Jankowski's College All-Star helmet. Jankowski was voted the Badgers' Most Valuable Player on the gridiron in 1935 and 1936 and was selected to play in the 1936 East-West Shrine Game and the 1937 Chicago Tribune College All-Star game. He was a fullback and linebacker on the Wisconsin football team and a first-round National Football League draft pick by the Green Bay Packers in 1937.

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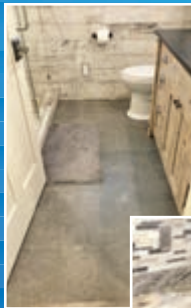
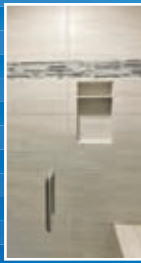
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On Aging and
Invisibility

Dear Reader,

As we age, we begin to relinquish the power and foundation we spent a lifetime building. The network of friends, family, and community that once anchored us starts to loosen. The lives we touched, and that touched us, continue on—but often without us in the same role. In the fourth quarter of life, we find ourselves gradually diminished, both in presence and influence.



Retirement marks a turning point. Once the initial transition settles, the mutual accord of separation sets in—we are no longer integral to the rhythm of daily work. We search for ways to fill our days, to occupy time, and to maintain purpose.

Yet as life plods on, our involvement begins to wane. At family gatherings, meals, or community events, our voices may not carry the same weight. Fewer people ask for our thoughts or lean in to listen. The slow fade of relevance takes hold. And then one day, it happens. You walk into a room—crowded or quiet—and feel unseen. You have become invisible.

But this need not be the end of the story. While aging can bring invisibility, it can also bring clarity. Freed from the need to prove ourselves or chase accolades, we can rediscover what truly matters. We can focus on what is eternal—love, kindness, and wisdom—sharing it in ways that go beyond words.

Invisibility is also a kind of freedom. It gives us the space to observe, reflect, and create without the distractions of being in the spotlight. We can use this time to mentor others, pass on our stories, and nurture relationships that bring depth rather than breadth to our lives. Our wisdom, experience, and quiet presence can still be a source of strength and guidance for those who choose to notice.

The fourth quarter of life does not have to be about fading into the background; instead, it can offer new ways to shine. It can be a time to embrace the joy of being, rather than doing, and to show the world—and ourselves—that the gifts we offer do not have to diminish with age.

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Use caution after late January thaw



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
OUTDOORS COLUMNIST

Another thaw this week was not what Green Bay ice anglers wanted, but you have to deal with the hand that's been dealt.

Those who haven't been out lately should check with a local bait and tackle shop for the latest conditions, and areas to avoid.

Most bays and harbors had plenty of ice heading into the thaw, and should survive a few milder days just fine.

But the offshore areas — especially spots with working cracks, shallow reefs with current, and recent shipping traffic — should be avoided.

Rivers, too, should be explored only with extreme caution, since currents erode ice from underneath while sun and warmer air works on the top.

Most inland lakes should be in good shape, but steer clear of sections with springs and creek mouths where current and warmer water occurs.

On the hunting scene, areas with extended bow and crossbow deer seasons had

their last hurrah Jan. 31.

Raccoon and fox hunting ends Feb. 15, and squirrel and cottontail rabbit seasons conclude Feb. 28.

Coyote hunting is open year-round.

Big bucks for state

The Wisconsin DNR will get more than \$39 million in federal money this year for fish and wildlife restoration, research and educational programs, and boating, fishing and hunting access.

The critical funding is part of more than \$1.3 billion generated by manufacturers who pay federal excise taxes on ammunition, firearms, archery and angling equipment and a fuel and small engine tax.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service distributes it.

Wisconsin's share includes more than \$25.6 million in wildlife restoration funding, more than \$12.8 million in sport fish restoration dollars, and more than \$1 million for state wildlife grants to support species of greatest conservation need.

Money is used for



Mild late January air and a chance of light rain, sleet and snow returns this weekend before colder air moves in early next week. It's a good idea to clean out bird feeders and replenish with fresh, dry seed after the thaw ends. **Kevin Naze photo**

management and research, stocking, access and habitat projects, target ranges, hunter and angler education, and more.

Learn more about how the money is distributed and see who got what at www.partnerwithapayer.org/funding-sources/.

Bear permit increase

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asked the NRB to approve recommendations for a 14% increase in black bear harvest permits.

Zones B, C and D would see the biggest increases.

In 2023, nearly 135,000 people applied for either a harvest license (33,733

applicants) or preference point (101,035 applicants) for the 2024 season. The minimum number of preference points needed to draw a license was one in Zones D, E and F; 3 in Zone C; 10 in Zone A; and 11 in Zone B.

Zones A and C each increased a point from the previous year; all the others saw no change.

Commercial trout?

Should Lake Michigan commercial whitefish netters be allowed a limited bycatch of lake trout?

A public hearing on Statement of Scope for establishing such a commercial bycatch fishery in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan will take place Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Comments on the proposed scope statement can be emailed to Kari. Lee Zimmerman@Wisconsin.gov and DNR Administrative RulesComments@wisconsin.gov by Feb. 13.

The scope statement may be viewed at dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.

Sport show update

The WBAY RV and Camping Show runs Jan. 30-Feb. 2 at the Resch Expo Center, across from Lambeau Field.

Get all the details at www.reschcomplex.com/events/detail/green-bay-rv-camping-expo-1.

Next up, the Green Bay Boat Show is Feb. 14-16

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on information provided to citizens attending the meeting. A request for a public meeting on these proposed treatments must be made within five days after this notice is published. The request must specify the property, topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to Cason Land & Water Management, LLC PO Box 230, Berlin, WI, 54923 and copied to the Department of Natural Resources c/o Craig Helker 1027 West St Paul Ave, Milwaukee WI 53233. This notice is required by NR 107, Wisconsin Administrative Code. Publish 02.01.25 WNAXLP

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BASKETBALL
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Falls tops Storm
Six-foot-two senior Addison Schlieve scored 29 points to lead Sheboygan Falls, the state's ninth-ranked Div. 3 girls basketball team, to a 64-55 win over visiting Kewaunee last Friday.

Storm coach Lynn Geier said she wasn't complaining about the calls, but her team was whistled 32 times compared to 14 for the Falcons. "It was a physical game," Geier said. "We never led, (but) got within three with about 1:50 left."

Five players — Gabby Stangel, Summer Walechka, Lily Morton, Braelyn Chevalier and Breanna Riha — fouled out, and Falls shot 37 free throws, making 19. Kewaunee was 7-of-10.

"Sheboygan Falls has a great program, and it was a good game for us to be involved in," Geier said. "Hopefully playing this higher competition continues to help down the road."

With many players in foul trouble early, the Storm trailed 38-23 at the half.

Walechka had all eight of her points before intermission.

Jade Kroll had 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to pace the Storm, with 18 points coming in the second half.

Lexie Hanrahan scored 12, all on three-pointers,

and Gabby Stangel added 11.

Kewaunee (10-0 Packerland, 13-2 overall) then beat N.E.W. Lutheran Monday, with Kroll scoring 18, Stangel 12 and Riha and Hanrahan each 8. The Storm made 27 of 33 free throws, led by Kroll (12-of-13) and Stangel (9-of-10).

Spartan boys, girls split
The Luxemburg-Casco boys beat Marinette 68-47 Jan. 23.

All 11 players scored in the win, led by Josh Parins with 18, Tatem Klaubauf 12 and Jacob Coisman 10.

L-C (2-8 North Eastern Conference, 3-12 overall) got 19 from Parins and 18 from James Glampe 18 in an 80-66 loss at Oconto Falls Tuesday night.

Coisman and Bryce Piesler each added 11.

Meanwhile, the Spartan girls hammered Clintonville 57-14 Jan. 24 before falling at home to Bay Port Monday, 50-39. Brianna Bray had 14, Sienna Blohowiak 13 and Chloe Host and Alayna Deprez each nine in the win. Bray had 19, including four three-pointers, in the loss.

She had 18 first-half points against Bay Port. Blohowiak added 10 points.

The Spartans are 6-5 in the North Eastern Conference, 6-10 overall.

Daoust to 3,000?
Southern Door senior sharpshooter Drew Daoust has moved quickly up the Wisconsin high school basketball all-time scoring list this season.

He poured in 40 points Friday night and 33 Tuesday to climb into third place with 2,698 heading into Thursday's game against Brillion, just 26 points behind second-place Mickey Crowe of St. Nazianz JFK Prep (1971-'75).

Anthony Pieper, who led Wausaukee to a Div. 4 state title his senior year (1993), holds the record at 3,391.

While that's out of reach for Daoust, he has a shot at becoming only the second Wisconsin high school boys basketball player to score 3,000 career points.

Heading into a home game against Brillion Thursday, the Eagles were 13-2 overall, 10-0 in the Packerland.

Algoma girls split
The Gerdmann sisters — sophomore Claire and junior Therese — combined for 22 points to help Algoma beat a scrappy Oneida Nation team Saturday, 58-40.

The Wolves led by just two, 23-21, at the half. Claire had 14 points and Brooke Mattson 13 to lead the way. Mattson had three three-pointers.

On Monday night, the Wolves lost at Sheboygan Falls, 47-39.

Schlieve had 29 points and became the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,484 career points to go along with more than 550 rebounds.

Jadyn Nellis had 12 points, including a trio of threes, and Bristol Schmidt added 10.

Packerland boys basketball standings (as of Jan. 28)
Southern Door 10-0
Kewaunee 7-1
Algoma 6-2
Oconto 5-4
Sturgeon Bay 4-5
Peshtigo 3-6
Sevastopol 2-6
Gibraltar 2-8
NEW/Providence 1-8

Packerland girls basketball standings (as of Jan. 27)
Kewaunee 10-0
Algoma 8-1
Sevastopol 8-2
Oconto 7-3
Peshtigo 5-5
NEW/Providence 4-7
Southern Door 2-8
Sturgeon Bay 1-9
Gibraltar 0-10

County boys schedule
Jan. 31: Kewaunee at Valders, Clintonville at L-C
Feb. 3: Kewaunee at Kiel
Feb. 4: Peshtigo at Kewaunee, L-C at Little Chute, Algoma at Sevastopol
Feb. 7: Algoma at Peshtigo, Kewaunee at NEW, L-C at Denmark

County girls schedule
Jan. 31: Algoma at Sevastopol, Kewaunee at Oconto
Feb. 4: Southern Door at Algoma, Peshtigo at Kewaunee, Little Chute at L-C
Feb. 6: Peshtigo at Algoma
Feb. 7: Algoma at Sturgeon Bay, L-C at Denmark

L-C wrestling takes conference

FOR THE STAR-NEWS
LUXEMBURG — On Jan. 24, the Luxemburg-Casco (L-C) wrestling team hosted the 10-team conference duals where every team had three dual meets on a five-mat set-up in the L-C gym.

The Spartans had two easy victories over Wrightstown and Oconto Falls to open the evening. While that was happening, Denmark upset co-leader Freedom, 36-33, setting up the final dual of the night, L-C vs. Freedom.

Freedom needed to beat L-C to garner a three-way tie for the conference title, but the Spartans had other ideas. The match started at 120 pounds and L-C

won the first three bouts by pin for a 18-0 lead and seven of the first nine bouts — six by pin and one by techical fall for a 41-11 lead.

L-C lost the final five bouts, but hung on for a 41-39 victory. The Spartan pins were by Carson Blohowiak, Carson Neubert, Logan Salm, Mason Boulanger, Logan Ellwanger and Calvin Henderson and the technical fall by Blakelee Bastien.

With the victory, L-C wins the conference with a 7-0 record, followed by Denmark, 6-1, and Freedom, 5-2.

Scores
L-C — 61,
Wrightstown — 16
L-C — 52,
Oconto Falls — 23
L-C 41, Freedom — 39

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and the Wisconsin State Hunting expo Feb. 21-23, both at the Resch Expo.

For more information, visit www.reschcomplex.com/events/detail/green-bay-boat-show-8 and www.wisconsinstatehuntingexpo.com/.

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Weekly water levels
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Kewaunee boys win key ‘Pack’ battle

Storm surge in second half erases Algoma’s advantage

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KEWAUNEE COUNTY – Kewaunee kept its hopes for at least a share of the Packerland boys basketball title alive with a 64-43 win over visiting Algoma last Friday.

The game was much closer than the final score indicates.

The Wolves led by five early before settling for a two-point lead, 25-23, at intermission.

“I told the kids in the locker room, the first half we looked like the best team in the conference,” said Algoma Coach Eric Schneider. “The second half, not so much.”

Freshman Diesel Bosdeck had 12 of his team-high 15 points after half-time for Kewaunee, including two of his three triples.

The Storm made ten 3s on the night, seven of them in the second half.

Avery Jerabek (13), Connor Kilgore (12) and Cooper Kolmorgen (10) were also in double figures, and each hit a pair of threes.

“When we play together, the second half is how we play,” said Kewaunee Coach Matt Bosdeck. “I told the guys at halftime, keep playing the defense, the shots are going to fall. We weren’t sharing the ball enough



Kewaunee held Parker Lischka to 16 points in its win over the Wolves last week. He's shown driving between the Storm's Connor Kilgore and Dane Harrell. Diesel Bosdeck (3), Cooper Kolmorgen (11) and Avery Jerabek (4) are also shown, as is the Wolves' Braeden Leist.

early. Defensively, we started applying more ball pressure to not let them dictate the pace of the game.”

Said Schneider, “We let them get some runout layups in transition, and that led to us forcing offensively more than I would have liked. Taking those quick shots isn’t what we need to do. We need to settle in and work for something good.”

After falling behind 34-27, the Wolves went on a 10-4 run to cut the lead to 38-37, but were outscored

26-6 the rest of the way.

Algoma played without senior starter Cody Kirchman, who was ill.

Parker Lischka led the team with 16 points.

Chase Romdenne and Braeden Leist each added 10.

The Wolves then beat Valders 69-49 Monday and N.E.W. Lutheran, Tuesday, 66-59.

Lischka scored 26, Romdenne 12, Leist 11 and Kirchman and Charlie Prokash each 10 in the win

over Valders.

Lischka had 27 and Romdenne 23 at N.E.W.

Meanwhile, the Storm beat Gibraltar Tuesday, 71-46. Kilgore scored 19, Jerabek 15, Bosdeck 14 and Dane Harrell 12.

A week earlier, in an 87-66 win over Shiocton, Kewaunee got five three-pointers and 21 points from Jerabek.

Kilgore added 20, Bosdeck 13, and Dane Harrell 10.

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Algoma senior Chase Romdenne scored a career-high 23 points in the team's win at N.E.W. Lutheran Tuesday night.
Kevin Naze photos

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS Senior Spotlight

Caleb Salentine, LUXEMBURG-CASCO

Sports: Football, wrestling, baseball
Parents’ names: Josh and Jenny Salentine
Siblings: Megan and Molly Salentine
Position or events: CENTER/DE for football, 215 weight class for wrestling, Catcher for baseball
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Career Highlight: If I had to chose between two highlights it would have to be winning team state my sophomore year. The UW-Madison field house is like no other and was awesome to experience twice. But a very close runner up would be my junior year football season where we made it to state for the first time in school history.

At what age did you start playing your main sport? First grade.

Who introduced you to the sport? My neighbor Mike Vaness, he was my youth coach.

Has this always been your favorite sport? I would say my favorite sport depends on the season. I enjoy them all pretty equally.

How has the balance between academics and athletics changed for you from

freshman to senior year? As a freshman I really did not have much stuff figured out, but as time went on I learned more and more that academics are always first. So I would make homework and studying my first priority when I got home from practice or when I had free time in school. During senior year I pretty much have my daily schedule down to incorporate everything I enjoy doing as well as getting all my work done.

What is your favorite part about this sport? What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long? My favorite part about wrestling is the combo of the team sport and individual. You get the best of both worlds. There’s no one you can blame except yourself and that’s really good motivation to get better.

Is there a professional athlete you look up to? If so, why? I would say Jason Kelce or JJ Watt, both athletes were very good people on and off the field.

What would you say is your biggest asset on the court/field/pool? I like to keep things light and cheery. I enjoy bringing others up around me when they might not be having the best day or in a bad mood.

What has been your most memorable experience in high school sports so far? Beating Catholic Memorial to go to state. It was such a unique experience that I would not trade anything for.

How does it feel as a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth (as a person and athlete)? It’s kind of cool to see where I started and where I am now. All of the experiences I’ve gathered and people I’ve met. On the athletics side I could not thank each of my coaches enough for the support and knowledge they have each given me.

Do you have any pre-match rituals/routines/superstitions? I have the same stretching routine for each match and game and that helps me get focused.

Do you take any extra steps to prepare for a big match/game/meet, outside of regular practices? I really just try to hydrate myself, I don’t really listen to music or anything like that I just try to be in the moment.

Any memorable coaches or teammates you’d like to shout out? Coach Seering, Coach Trembl, and Coach Routhieaux have all had significantly impacted me as an athlete and a person to be my best at all times. I would also like to shout out my assistant coaches in the wrestling room



that really help me narrow down my style and push me to be the best I can.

Any hobbies outside of sports? I enjoy showing dairy and swine at the county and state fair as well as some outside shows. I also enjoy being apart of the dairy judging team and apart of my 4-H club.

Favorite song? *Thoughts of you* by Ole 60.

Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water? I enjoy all these beverages but you can’t beat a nice glass of water on a hot day.

Future Plans? (college, major, career, etc.) I will be attending UW River Falls for a major in Dairy Science and an emphasis on genetics and dairy nutrition.

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