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Barb LaMue

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New North president/CEO to retire

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

NORTHEAST WIS. – On May 6, New North announced that longtime president/CEO Barb LaMue had disclosed her plans to retire as president/CEO of the organization.

New North serves as the regional economic development corporation for the 18 counties of Northeast Wisconsin — Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

Before her role with New North, LaMue served as vice president of business and community development for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

She also served for 27 years in other economic development roles, including president/CEO of Centergy, Inc., a five-county

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The Wildflower Supper Club brings Kewaunee to the Draft

BY KAT HALFMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

KEWAUNEE – Cassie Jelinek and her husband Jason, owners of the Wildflower Supper Club, participated in Taste of the NFL, a culinary event hosted by Schreiber Foods at the 2025 NFL Draft held in Green Bay. Jelinek said it provided a unique opportunity to showcase some of what Kewaunee has to offer to tourists from all over the country.

Jelinek and her husband took over the Wildflower Supper Club in 2020, which was previously owned by Arthur and Sarah Schiller.

It wasn't Jelinek's first foray into the restaurant industry, as she worked at several chain restaurants before opening her own business in Kewaunee, but COVID-19 stymied growth.

"I teamed up with a few people in Kewaunee here, and we See **WILDFLOWER** page 9



The Wildflower Supper Club had their own booth at the NFL draft with custom signs provided by Schreiber Foods. Submitted photos

Executive Director of Algoma Area Chamber of Commerce to retire

BY KAT HALFMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ALGOMA – Rosemary Paladini, Executive Director of the Algoma Area Chamber of Commerce since April 2023, will step down this June to be succeeded by Bradley Kautenburg.

Paladini first started with the Chamber of Commerce as a volunteer after retiring from her full-time job in Appleton, which she held for 31 years.

"My husband and I decided to move to our property here, and so I joined the visitor center to get that social interaction continued. I really enjoyed talking to visitors, telling them about the area, as well as community members who come by," Paladini said.

The chamber needed an executive director in 2023, when they asked Paladini to help out part-time. She said she was happy to step up, but even as a part-time position, the job of director comes with many responsibilities.

"We have the visitor center, so we're responsible for that. So making sure we have a visitor center that's open and available to any guests that come through. I'm also



Paladini became executive director of the chamber in 2023.

Algoma Chamber of Commerce photos

responsible for event management for our large chamber events, such as Concerts in the Park and Shanty Days," Paladini said.

The chamber strives to provide information, support and entertainment to locals and tourists

See **PALADINI** page 11

Correction

In last week's article about Senator Ron Johnson's visit to Kewaunee County, we mistakenly attributed a photo of members of the Democratic Party of Kewaunee County as holding a protest outside the Northbrook Golf and Grill on May 4. This protest was actually held May 3 in downtown Kewaunee. We sincerely apologize for this mistake. The *Kewaunee County Star-News* strives to provide accurate, local and bipartisan reporting, and we thank the community members who brought this error to our attention.

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School Scoop

BY JESSE BRINKMANN
ALGOMA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

As the school year begins its final stretch, communities across Wisconsin paused during the week of May 5-9 to recognize the incredible contributions of teachers and support staff during Educator Appreciation Week. It's a time to reflect on the commitment, passion and tireless work of those who help shape the future, one student at a time.

Teachers do more than instruct; they inspire. Whether it's a kindergarten teacher nurturing a love of reading or a high school science teacher igniting curiosity about the natural world, educators play a pivotal role in the development of children. They are often the first to notice a student's potential and the ones who stay late, come in early and go the extra mile to ensure no one is left behind.

Teaching is more than a profession — it's a calling. Algoma teachers and support staff are mentors, role models, and everyday heroes. They pour their hearts into this work, and we see the difference it makes every single day.

During this special week, schools showed their gratitude in a variety of ways.



Algoma students said thank you to educators with custom T-shirts.

Submitted photo

From handwritten notes and classroom decorations to special lunches and surprise gifts, students and parents took the opportunity to say, "thank you."

But the appreciation goes beyond gifts. It is about understanding the challenges educators face, especially in the wake of recent years that have demanded resilience and innovation. From adapting to new instructional approaches to managing growing class sizes and limited resources, teachers have continually stepped up to meet the moment.

As Educator Appreciation Week wrapped up for this year, let it serve as a reminder that our gratitude for teachers shouldn't be limited to just one week in May. Supporting our educators year-round through respect, advocacy and tangible resources is essential for the success of our schools and students alike.

So, take a moment, write a note or tell an educator the simple words, "Thank you." Because educators' work changes lives, and we are better because of them.

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Wisconsin Cherry Board Election begins

FOR THE KEWAUNEE COUNTY STAR-NEWS NORTHEAST WIS.

– Wisconsin's licensed cherry growers are invited to submit their votes through June 16 to elect two new members to the five-member Wisconsin Cherry Board.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers the election and is proceeding with no candidates listed on the ballot, as no nominations were received by the March 28 nomination deadline. Eligible growers are encouraged to write in the names of two affected cherry growers to serve on the board. The elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning Tuesday, July 1 and ending June 30, 2028.

DATCP began mailing ballots to cherry producers the week of Tuesday, May 5. Producers with questions or those who have not received a ballot by May 20 can contact DATCP's Market Orders Program at DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov.

Completed ballots must be signed and returned by email to DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov or postmarked to DATCP Market Orders Program, PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708, on or before Monday, June 16.

About the Wisconsin Cherry Board

The Wisconsin Cherry Board is composed of five at-large members who oversee the collection and use of approximately \$45,000 in assessment fees paid annually by Wisconsin cherry growers. This funding is used to support the cherry industry through research, education, and promotion of Wisconsin-grown cherries.

DATCP administers elections for Wisconsin commodity marketing boards. To learn more about the marketing boards, visit www.datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/MarketingBoards.aspx.

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Senator Jacque addresses Kewaunee Power Station milestone

FOR THE KEWAUNEE COUNTY STAR-NEWS

KEWAUNEE – State Senator André Jacque (R-New Franken) released the following statement on May 13 in response to the announcement that EnergySolutions will seek an Early Site Permit (ESP) from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at the Kewaunee Power Station:

“The announcement that EnergySolutions and WEC Energy Group are moving forward with the Early Site Permit process at the Kewaunee Power Station is a critical milestone that I am proud to support, and one that reflects the hopes of many local officials and residents I proudly represent.

As a longtime advocate for resuming nuclear generation at this site, I’m encouraged to see a serious, structured plan taking shape that prioritizes clean, reliable energy that Wisconsin and our nation urgently needs.

For years, I have heard directly from constituents and local leaders — particularly in the Town of Carlton — about their strong support for a productive, energy-focused future for the Kewaunee site. I’ve been pleased to help facilitate dialogue between local residents and EnergySolutions,

and I am grateful that our recent public meeting has helped spark this positive momentum.

I want to thank EnergySolutions President and CEO Ken Robuck for taking considerable time last week to personally speak with me and answer questions about the company’s plans. His outreach — and the company’s commitment to local engagement — will be essential moving forward, and I look forward to their continued transparency and community involvement.

While there have been serious concerns in the past about speculative proposals for the site’s use, this is a plan that I believe our community can rally behind. It offers an opportunity to restore economic vitality, ensure long-term energy stability and bring meaningful investment to our region, while respecting the voices and values of local residents and property owners, which I am committed to ensuring.

I am pleased to continue my advocacy for a future that builds on our district’s legacy of energy leadership and ensures a strong, sustainable path forward for Kewaunee County and Wisconsin, and am truly excited by these developments.”

Algoma City Council goes over budget for APD computers

BY AVERY BIEROWSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ALGOMA – The Algoma City Council approved Resolution 1227-2025 on May 5 in a 5-2 vote, authorizing the purchase of seven Toughbook computers for the city’s police department despite concerns about cost and funding sources.

The decision followed a detailed discussion about the necessity, funding and timing of the technology upgrade.

While the 2025 budget allocated \$18,000 for the purchase of three or four Toughbooks, the quote presented to the council came in at \$29,912 for seven units, significantly exceeding the initial budget by almost \$12,000.

To cover the funding gap, council members agreed to draw from the Cable Equipment Reserves, \$25,000 that had originally been earmarked for future squad car purchases.

This shift in allocation prompted concern from Treasurer Jamie Jackson, who voiced reservations about diverting funds intended for vehicle needs.

Debate centered around whether purchasing all seven devices at once was necessary.

Some council members questioned whether seven was a need or a want, suggesting that buying four this year and three the next could help

spread out the financial burden.

City Administrator Matt Murphy supported a staggered purchasing schedule, favoring a rotation model over a single, large expense.

Police Chief David Allen addressed the council to clarify confusion stemming from a prior Finance and Personnel Committee meeting.

He questioned the current structure of the Algoma Police Department (APD) with the Kewaunee County Sheriff’s Department (KCS), noting that while KCS deputies each have their own Toughbooks and administrative support staff to handle reporting, Algoma officers are responsible for writing their own reports and conducting their own investigations.

All reports are then reviewed by Chief Allen.

He also emphasized the quote presented reflected only the bare minimum requirements and had been reviewed by the city’s IT firm, Quantum Technologies.

The need for updated equipment was further underscored by ongoing changes in law enforcement technology standards — particularly in light of a Criminal Investigations Bureau audit which is currently underway.

Chief Allen explained security standards have increased since the last

audit, prompting further discussion with Quantum Technologies on the pros and cons of individual versus shared device use.

Following the debate, Alderperson Scott Meverden motioned to approve the purchase as quoted, seconded by Alderperson Amy Johnson.

The motion passed with five votes in favor and

two against: John Ortlieb, Casey Buhr, Dawn Kidd, Amy Johnson and Scott Meverden voted yes, while Midge Swedberg and Wayne R. Schmidt voted no.

With the motion’s passing, the APD will move forward with acquiring the seven Toughbooks, marking a significant investment in department technology and officer efficiency.

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Algoma students to graduate from UW-Milwaukee

BY KAT HALFMAN ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ALGOMA – Two Algoma students attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will graduate in this spring’s

commencement ceremony, to be held Sunday, May 18 in Milwaukee.

Eric Arvizu Calzada, who attended the School of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, will be graduating with a degree as

Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Faith Fenendael, who also attended the School of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, will be graduating with a degree as Master of Science.

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OBITUARIES



Marilyn Ann Melchior
September 15, 1933 – May 12, 2025
Marilyn (Barbiaux) Melchior, a beloved member of the Luxemburg community, has left us peacefully at the age of 91. Marilyn was a remarkable woman whose warmth and kindness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Born in Luxemburg, on September 15, 1933, to the late Elmer and Dorothy (Kohlbeck) Barbiaux. Marilyn was the salutatorian of her high school class of 1951. After graduation, Marilyn was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee for 16 years, a time that shaped her compassionate spirit and deep faith. While in the convent, Marilyn received her bachelor’s degree from Alverno College and went on to receive her master’s degree from UW Madison. She then spent many years teaching the children of Holly Springs, Mississippi. After leaving the Sisters, she married Thomas Melchior on January 11, 1969, with Fr. Frank Melchior officiating. She dedicated 21 years to Bellin Hospital, where she worked as a Registered Dietician in Nutrition and Custodial Services Management. She also lent her skills to the Kewaunee County Health Department and the WIC program, demonstrating her commitment to community health. Marilyn’s passion for helping others extended beyond her professional life. A devoted volunteer at Paul’s Pantry, she spent countless hours giving back to those in need. She embraced her roles as a CCD teacher at St. Mary’s in Luxemburg and a 4-H volunteer, sharing her rich knowledge and love for gardening and canning—her pickled beets were legendary in the family! She is survived by her loving husband, Tom Melchior; and their family, including cherished children, Maureen Phillips (Kurt) of Suamico, and Tom Melchior (Sheila) of Bonduel. Marilyn’s legacy will live on in the hearts of her grandchildren: Gabe, Tommy, Lucy Phillips, Isaiah, and Lila Melchior. She also leaves behind her dear sister, Bonnie Seiler, of Algoma. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Maurice, Charlie, Donald, Anthony, Jonas; sister, Dorothy Heim; and her nieces, Mary Lou Karnopp and Jennifer Heim; and nephew Dale Barbiaux. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during the visitation, on Monday, May, 19, 2025, from 9:30 – 11:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, Luxemburg. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:30 am with Fr. Daniel Schuster officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery. Online condolence messages may be shared at Kinnard-FCS.com. The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of the Bellin Nursing Home Team, Woodside Manor, and Heartland Hospice for the wonderful care Marilyn was given.



Donald P. Zuege “Zinc”
March 12, 1945 – May 4, 2025
Donald Patrick Zuege “Zinc”, 80, Kewaunee, passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2025. Born on March 12, 1945, in Kewaunee, to the late Sylvester and Mabel (Koskubar) Zuege, Don was a beloved figure in his hometown, known for his warm spirit, sense of humor and strong sense of community. Don devoted many years to the city as a dedicated street department employee, remembered by many driving in the street sweeper, and helping ensure Kewaunee’s roads were safe and well-kept. While he took pride in his work, it was the simple joys of life that truly defined him. Don was proud of being a member of the Kewaunee Fire Department for over 25 years. He was a passionate fan of classic television, particularly enjoying episodes of “Gunsmoke” and “Bonanza.” On weekends, you could often find

him cheering on his favorite NASCAR drivers or driving in a stock car himself in Luxemburg in his younger years. Don enjoyed playing baseball in his youth, looking like he would be recruited to play professionally until an injury prevented him continuing. Later he enjoyed time spent watching the Milwaukee Brewer games on TV. An enthusiastic bowler, Don celebrated many happy moments and won many awards on the lanes with friends and family. He loved to share laughter and stories, often accompanied by the lively tunes of polka music. Don is survived by his daughter, Lynn (Kevin) LaCrosse; grandchildren, Katelyn LaCrosse (fiancé Devon), Calista LaCrosse, Camille LaCrosse; brother, Roger (Linda) Zuege; sister-in-law, Margret Zuege; as well as by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and his special friends at the garage. He was preceded in death by his son, Scott Zuege; parents, Sylvester and Mabel Zuege; and brothers, Thomas Zuege, and Kenneth (Sandy) Zuege. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during the visitation, which will be held from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Kinnard Funeral & Cremation Services in Kewaunee. A closing service with the local firemen will take place at 7:00 PM. Online Condolence messages may be shared at KinnardFCS.com.



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regional economic development corporation in Central Wisconsin; vice president of Economic Development for the Greater Green Bay Chamber; and president/CEO of the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

A New North release said that LaMue’s “team-centric leadership style has been key to New North’s success,” which includes the following achievements: the start of the NEW Launch Alliance, a regional ecosystem supporting innovation and entrepreneurship; enhanced efforts to attract diverse talent and businesses through cultural engagement and sustainability initiatives; strengthening the regional workforce pipeline through strategic industry partnerships: the NEW Construction Alliance, NEW Digital Alliance and NEW Healthcare Alliance, along with administrative support for the NEW Educational Resource Alliance; formation of the New North Economic Development Advisory Council to enhance collaboration with local economic development partners; the launch of five regional marketing campaigns, contributing to the relocation of more than 19,000 new residents to Northeast Wis. over the past four years; strategic business development efforts that grew the region’s gross domestic product to over \$86 billion annually; and securing more than \$29 million in grants and \$65 million in private investment to expand broadband internet access via the NEW Broadband Alliance.”

“I feel it is the collective power of collaboration. Working together we have been able to develop alliances to support entrepreneurs, digital careers, construction trades, healthcare collaboration, broadband enhancement and access, cultural inclusion, and enhanced collaboration with local economic development partners,” LaMue stated.

“I am incredibly proud of what we’ve accomplished

together. Our New North team, dedicated board members, volunteers and community partners have made meaningful impacts through initiatives that would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our investors. Thank you for your trust and partnership.”

“Barb has positioned New North as a financially strong and forward-focused organization. Under her guidance, private investor support has grown by 95%, enabling the launch of new initiatives centered on business growth and talent attraction. She has built a talented team and dynamic network of volunteers and led New North to become the only current International Economic Development Council-accredited organization in Wisconsin — and one of just 86 nationally,” said New North Board Co-Chairs Sachin Shivaram and Mary Goggans.

“I remain passionate about business and community development and look forward to continuing to contribute through volunteer efforts and business connections in this region that I deeply love. I am immensely proud of our New North team, our committed board members, volunteers and community partners. Together, we have built impactful initiatives that would not have been possible without the steadfast support of our investors.”

“It has been my absolute honor to serve the board, our investors, this remarkable organization and region over the past six years. When I accepted this position, I committed to being laser-focused on business investment and talent attraction across our 18-county region. That work began with strengthening our internal foundation — building a budget to support bold new initiatives, establishing strong cash reserves, assembling a talented team capable of executing an ambitious Plan of Work and building new partnerships.”

LaMue will remain in the president/CEO role into September 2025, or until a successor is in place.

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Unto Dust...

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In the final accounting, when the ledger of our days closes and the last breath escapes like a whisper into the void, what remains of us? We who once walked with purpose, loved with abandon, and dreamed beyond the confines of our mortal shells—what becomes of all that we were?

The body, once a vessel of consciousness and desire, returns to its elemental state. Skin that felt the warmth of summer suns and the tender touch of loved ones dissolves. Bones that carried us through decades of striving and stumbling crumble into the same dust from which all life emerges. We are reduced to our most basic components, indistinguishable from the earth that receives us.

Our possessions, those objects we accumulated and cherished, outlive us for a time. Books with dog-eared pages. Photographs fading at the edges. Heirlooms passed down with stories attached. But eventually, these too deteriorate, are discarded, or lose their connection to those who once gave them meaning. The material monuments to our existence erode under time's relentless passage.

The institutions we built, the companies we labored for, the organizations we championed—these may persist beyond our individual spans, but they transform, merge, dissolve, reinvent themselves until our fingerprints upon them become unrecognizable. Even civilizations, those grand collective projects of humanity, rise and fall like tides, leaving only fragments for future archaeologists to piece together.

Is this, then, the final word on human existence? A brief flare of consciousness between two infinite darkneses? A temporary arrangement of atoms that, once scattered, can never be reassembled in quite the same way?

Perhaps not.

For in the spaces between particles of dust and grains of sand, something intangible persists. The ideas we contributed to the great conversation of human thought; the stories we told that shaped how others understood themselves and their world; the kindnesses we extended that altered the trajectory of another's life in ways we may never have

witnessed; the children we nurtured—whether our own or those who simply crossed our path—who carry forward not just our genetic material but our values, our perspectives, our ways of seeing; these invisible legacies ripple outward through time, touching lives we will never know, in places we will never visit, in eras we will never witness.

We are, in the end, both less and more than we imagine ourselves to be. Less permanent in our individual identity, more enduring in our collective impact. Less significant as separate beings, more powerful as contributors to humanity's shared story.

When we return to dust and sand, what remains is the echo of our humanity—not preserved in stone but alive and evolving in the hearts and minds of those who come after us. Our brief moment of consciousness, our fleeting dance of atoms, becomes part of the endless transformation of matter and meaning that is the universe knowing itself.

And in that continuation, there is hope. For while we may not persist as we are, something of what we gave to the world—something essential and true—remains.

Even dust catches the light sometimes, and in those glimmering particles, the story continues.

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I'm not retired, I've rewired

I had a client retire from her career at an early age, in her mid-50's. It was a big decision, as both her employment and her financial circumstances changed within the same year. Since she'd been at the same company for decades, continuing to work at another full-time job would have been a substantial shift from the position she'd held for much of her life. The big question was, did she have to keep working to earn the same salary or could she fully depart from the commitment of traditional employment? We did extensive planning by mapping out her finances, analyzing the taxation upon withdrawal of her different types of accounts, planning future spending and all the other elements that go into setting up a retirement income plan. She chose to give her notice and not look back.

When she came in for a review, this happy lady relayed how she was enjoying her new freedom to embrace a passion of hers from which she earns a part-time income. She also said it was awkward at times telling friends she'd



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retired both because of her young age as well as the fact that she is still working, just not at her traditional job. She went on to tell me, "So now, I don't tell people that I've retired, I tell people that I've rewired." I replied, saying that was perfect, and have since come to realize how many people essentially do the same. Thinking through several of my clients, people with high amounts of responsibility hold stressful positions that they choose to or

plan to leave, and go on to find other means of earning less income but with more enjoyment. It's because their individual financial circumstances allow them to do so.

Consider whether in your future, you may be able to proudly say, "I'm not retired, I've rewired."

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DATCP accepting applications for Specialty Crop Block Grants

FOR THE KEWAUNEE COUNTY STAR-NEWS

NORTHEAST WIS. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for 2025 Specialty Crop Block Grants until 10 a.m. on Monday, June 9. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently notified DATCP that the application window is now open.

Eligible projects include those that focus on enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop industries through research, education or market development. DATCP encourages nonprofit organizations, producer groups, government agencies, universities and other agricultural organizations to apply. Applications may involve collaborations or partnerships between entities.

DATCP will use a competitive review process to select the most qualified projects. Selected projects will be included in Wisconsin's state plan, which is submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for approval and funding.

Projects can receive grant funds between \$10,000 to \$100,000. Eligible project expenses include compensation for personnel, consultant services, materials

and supplies. In anticipation of receiving funding, selected project contracts and work will begin in early 2026.

Grant information and application materials, including a video detailing the application process, are available at www.datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/SpecialtyCropBlockGrants.aspx. For more information, contact DATCP Grants at datcpdadgrants@

wisconsin.gov.

Since 2007, the Specialty Crop Block Grant program has provided funding for more than 345 projects, totaling more than \$19.1 million. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, nursery crops, herbs and more. Find a full list of eligible crops and more information about the program at www.ams.usda.gov/scbcp.



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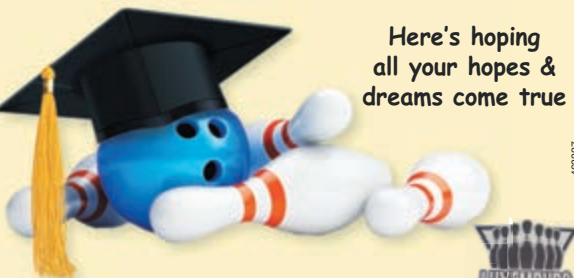
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started a different business, a catering business. But then 2020 hit. Then we kind of gave that up," she said. Arthur and Sarah Schiller came to Jelinek and her husband shortly after with a proposition. "The building that we're in now was owned by Art and Sarah and they didn't have any interest in running a restaurant, so they approached my husband and I," Jelinek said. "[My husband] is also a contractor as well, so they approached us to see if we would want to bring the building back to life and run the restaurant out of it." Jelinek said running a restaurant, especially a supper club, had always been a dream of hers, and she wanted to run a family-oriented business. "My aunt and uncle moved from Wausau to come help me open the

place," Jelinek said. "They and my dad came and helped us do all the refrigeration work, and my husband helped with a lot of damage and stuff that was around the building, because it's an old building and it needed a lot of TLC. Now my uncle is the head chef and my husband is the bartender." Jelinek met her husband in Green Bay while she worked in hospitality, who is both a construction worker and a musician. The name Wildflower was inspired by Tom Petty's album, which Jelinek said embodies the spirit of the supper club. "We're passionate about food and we're passionate about this community," she said. "We just really love when people come to stay and visit and have a place in this community where you can bring your family and bring friends from out of town and just relax and have a good meal. And we're trying to bring

that good supper club feeling, where you can sit and have a few drinks, relax with your family, and get to know the bar patrons." The building previously hosted restaurants Uncorked by Scallywags and The Cork, an Irish pub, for 15-16 years. Before that, it was a supper club called Happy. "It's been a restaurant and bar for quite some time. And I always have people that come in from all walks of life that say they used to work here, or their aunt used to work here, their grandma and, you know, when it was different. So it's really fun to hear all the stories come through different owners and the different ways they used to do things," Jelinek said. **Taste of the Draft** Jelinek said getting involved with the Draft took a lot of planning and coordination, but the invitation was completely unexpected. "We have a few patrons who became regulars, and

I didn't actually know that they worked for Schreiber Foods until they invited us to the Draft," she said. The Wildflower accepted the invitation in the fall, and Jelinek said the wait leading up to the Super Bowl was nerve-wracking. Once the game came and went, however, the meetings quickly began. "The week after the Super Bowl we started, boom, boom, boom," Jelinek said. While the restaurants chose which dish they would serve, they weren't allowed in the kitchen. "It was a little crazy because you're not in control of the situation. Another catering group is in charge of making your dish, so we're just plating it and presenting it ourselves," Jelinek said. "So we got the final say, but we couldn't go in the kitchen, which drove my chef crazy." While the Wildflower couldn't make the dish themselves, Jelinek felt the

caterers stayed true to their instructions. "We had different meetings with them, and went over how we prepare the dish. We sent in pictures, and we had a one-on-one with them a couple times over the phone to make sure that they understand what we're cooking," Jelinek said. "So it's as close as we're going to get. I think it's not exactly our dish, but it's very, very close." The Wildflower Supper Club chose their tuna steak dish because it's a unique offering from a Wisconsin supper club. "It's one of our most popular dishes. It's a sashimi-grade elephant tuna coated with black and white sesame seeds and pan-seared. It's got a pickled onion and sriracha sauce and a mild red pepper sauce. We chose it because it's very colorful. It's different than what a lot of other supper clubs do. Because while we do steak, we also have more seafood or Asian-forward food."

Schreiber Foods set up a booth for each restaurant with custom signs, and each booth was assigned a Packers player. The Wildflower was assigned James Lofton, who Jelinek said was a fantastic promoter of the supper club and the Kewaunee area. "We were reminding people that Kewaunee is over here and we're open, and because a lot of people used to come here when it was The Cork, most recently, they said, 'Oh, we were wondering if that building was open again. We used to stop through there all the time,'" Jelinek said. The Taste of the Draft provided the Wildflower with a unique opportunity to not only advertise their business and food, but also to showcase the unique community in Kewaunee and all it has to offer. Jelinek said she's grateful for the opportunity and hopes to see more visitors all throughout the county.

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responsibility. Here's a breakdown of what is and isn't covered.

Eye exams and treatments: Medicare does not cover routine eye exams that test for eyeglasses or contact lenses, but they do cover yearly medical eye exams if you have diabetes or are at high risk for glaucoma. They will also pay for exams to test and treat medical eye diseases if you're having vision problems that indicate a serious eye problem like macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, glaucoma, eye infections or if you get something in your eye.

Eye surgeries: Medicare will cover most eye surgeries that help repair the eye

function, including cataract surgery to remove cataracts and insert standard intraocular lenses to replace your own. Medicare will not, however, pick up the extra cost if you choose a premium multifocal lens that restores full range of vision, thereby reducing your need for glasses after cataract surgery. The extra cost for a premium lens can run \$1,500 to \$4,000 per eye.

Eye surgeries that are usually not covered by Medicare include refractive (LASIK) surgery and cosmetic eye surgery that are not considered medically necessary.

Eyeglasses and contact lenses: Medicare will not pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses, with one exception: If you have had a conventional intraocular lens inserted during cataract surgery, Medicare will pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses following the operation.



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Ways to save

Although original Medicare's vision coverage is limited to medical issues, there are ways you can save on routine care. Here are several to check into.

Medicare Advantage plans: Many of these plans, which are alternatives to original Medicare and sold through private insurance companies, cover routine eye exams and eyeglasses, but coverage is limited so be sure you understand the specifics.

While I don't recommend enrolling in an Advantage plan just to get vision coverage it is an option you should know about. To locate Advantage plans in your area that provide vision coverage, go to [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.Medicare.gov/plan-compare) or call (800) 633-4227.

Purchase vision insurance: If you get routine eye exams and purchase new eyeglasses annually, a vision insurance plan may be worth the costs. These policies typically range between \$5 and \$30 per month. Most plans will also have copays or deductibles you'll be responsible for.

Check veterans' benefits: If you're a veteran and qualify for VA health care benefits, you may be able to get some or all of your routine vision care through VA. Go to [VA.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/vision-care](https://www.VA.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/vision-care) to learn more.

Find cheaper shopping options: Many retailers provide discounts – between 10 and 50 percent – on eye exams and eyeglasses if you belong

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To purchase glasses online, you'll need a valid prescription from an eye doctor (no more than a year old), plus your pupillary distance number, which is the distance, measured in millimeters, between the centers of your pupils in each eye.

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Algoma Community Band

Spring Concert

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The **Algoma Community Band** will present their annual Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. It will be a night at the movies featuring songs from Chicago, Polar Express, The Incredibles, Picnic, The Music Man, The Graduate, Song of the South, and more!

The community band is fortunate to have two very talented musicians for directors. Jennifer Massey has been the Algoma School District band director for over twenty years. David Kopetsky plays in several bands with lots of gigs during the year. We are fortunate to have him as one of our directors. Jennifer and David invite you, your family, friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers to this special concert.

There is no fee for the concert; however, donations are always welcome!

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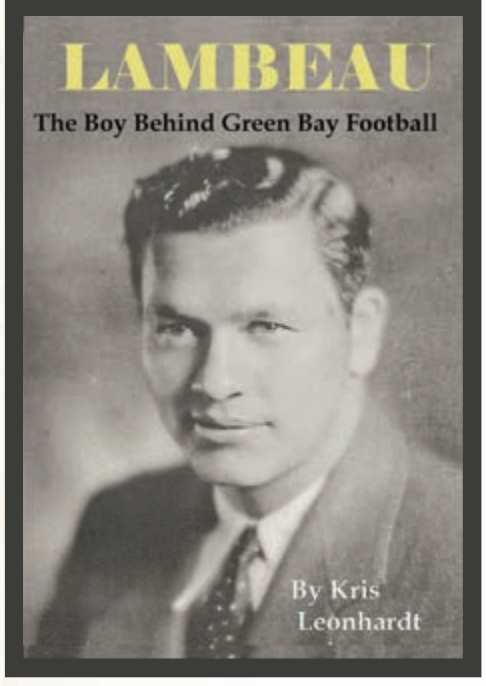
The deadline for that paper will be Tuesday May 20th by 3:00pm.

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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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Janke's Book Store, Wausau ■ Bookcellar, Waupaca
Thimbleberry Books, Marshfield
Amazon: <https://a.co/d/fj1A3NE>
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PALADINI

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alike, and tourist numbers have been increasing in recent years, bringing both more opportunities and more work with them.

“For the past several years, we’ve had cruise ships coming in, and we like to be able to greet the cruise ship visitors,” Paladini said. “We have bags that we get stuffed with information about Algoma as well as events, and then also, I’m responsible for the Friendly Algoma Guide. So every year we put out a new guide for visitors. About 15,000 are distributed through print, and then it’s also available on the website for download.”

With the 2025 NFL Draft being held in Green Bay, Paladini has had even more than usual on her plate for these past few months.

“We created draft hospitality bags. Kind of like the cruise ship welcoming people, I wanted to make sure those who were coming to stay here were welcomed as well, and to consider visiting us while they’re here, maybe coming back,” she said. “So we took our Love Algoma bags, and we put the Friendly Algoma in there. We put what kind of crew, what kind of draft events we had going on in the city and draft specials and a dining guide, just so that they had information, and all those were in the rooms where people were staying.”

While the beginning of 2025 has been hectic for the chamber, Paladini said she’s always loved the work.

“It’s been a lot of fun. I really appreciated meeting the business community, meeting the citizens. It’s really been fun to have events. It’s a job that, because people are on vacation, they’re in a good mood, right? Or you’re at events, people are happy and enjoying themselves. It’s really a fun job to have because people are enjoying themselves, and you get to enjoy it along with them,” Paladini said

Even as her retirement approaches, Paladini said she will continue to be available to upcoming Executive Director Kautenburg.

“I am available for him to train, and I will be leaving in mid-June, so that gives him plenty of time to get on board and make a smooth transition,” she said.

Another cruise ship is coming to Algoma on Monday, May 26, which is the first of the season. Then Concerts in the Park will begin on Thursday, June 26. Paladini said her last day will probably be Friday, June 20, so she’s focused on making sure Kautenburg is adequately prepared.

“I didn’t want to put anybody out and in the lurch in starting season. So and then with me not going anywhere, I said we can take all the time we need to make sure I’m being very comprehensive and everything.”

Looking back on her time as both a volunteer and executive director, Paladini said working with the community was the biggest highlight.



Paladini celebrated chamber volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 20-26. She said volunteers are the lifeblood of the chamber.

“I’m proud of the Algoma community,” she said. “It is really a community of volunteers, and I couldn’t do this — no one could without them, because it really takes volunteers [for every event].”

Paladini said one of the most challenging parts of the job has been the near-constant workload, which is part of the reason why Kautenburg will be taking the job as a full-time position.

“I think that’ll just make the chamber grow more and more, and it’ll help that next person be successful to get everything done that we really would like to have done, from a strategy standpoint, for the chamber,” she said.

While Paladini said the job has been a pleasure, she’s also looking forward to reaping what she’s sown in the community in her retirement.

“I kind of get to be that tourist or that visitor who’s sitting on the beach reading. I always went to the Concerts in the Park, but now I get to sit and listen to concerts. I think I just want to enjoy the things that Algoma has to offer as a citizen,” Paladini said.

Paladini emphasized how grateful she is for her time with the Algoma Area Chamber of Commerce, and how she looks forward to being a part of the community as a citizen while still enjoying the many connections she made while working for the chamber.

“I want everyone to know how much I enjoyed my time being a member, how much I appreciated the business community who helps out and volunteers and contributes, as well as the citizens who contribute. And really, getting to know everyone was such a pleasure. It was such a unique way to meet the community, and now I have people who I will continue to see by building those relationships when I was a director, so I really am appreciative of that,” she said.

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Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Tony Sinkula at 920-388-5013.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

Second Monday of the month at City Hall 6:00PM

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
1	Groundwater	167	Active
2	Groundwater	700	Active
3	Groundwater	335	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Tony Sinkula at 920-388-5013.

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	8	60	60	1	1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	8	80	0	2.9	2.9		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2		0.042	0.013 - 0.042	5/22/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4		1.4	0.4 - 1.4	5/22/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)	100			1.4000	1.1000 - 1.4000	5/22/2023	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10		0.16	0.00 - 0.16		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a		32.00	14.00 - 32.00	5/22/2023	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	Range	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.3910	0.0260 - 0.9510	0 of 20 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	7.80	0.00 - 17.00	1 of 20 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Hidden tax traps in family home transfers



Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR MONTY:

We want to sign our house over to our son and want to know how to do this without any tax involvement. Should we just add his name to ours or use a quick claim deed? There is no money involved; the house is free and clear.

MONTY'S ANSWER:

Your desire to transfer your home to your son is

understandable, as many parents consider this option for estate planning purposes. However, several important considerations must be made before proceeding with such a transfer. First, there is no way to avoid tax involvement when transferring real estate. Even when no money changes hands, the IRS and state tax authorities still view property transfers as

taxable events. Here's what you should know:

Gift tax implications

When you transfer your home to your son without receiving fair market value in return, the IRS considers this a gift. While you won't pay immediate tax on this gift, you must file a gift tax return (Form 709) if the home's value exceeds the annual gift exclusion (currently \$19,000 per person per recipient). The gift will count against your lifetime estate and gift tax exemption.

Capital gains tax considerations

One significant drawback

to gifting your home during your lifetime is that your son will inherit your tax basis in the property. If he sells the house later, he may face substantial capital gains taxes. In contrast, if he inherits the property after your passing, he would receive a "stepped-up basis" to the home's fair market value at your death, potentially eliminating capital gains tax. Here is a link to IRS publication 523 that explains how it works.

Property tax consequences

In many states, transferring property can trigger reassessment for property tax purposes, potentially increasing his annual tax bill significantly.

Options to consider

Rather than immediately transferring the title, consider choosing one of three below:

1. Consult an estate planning attorney: Before making any decisions, speak with a professional who can advise on your situation.
2. Consider a transfer-on-death deed: Many states allow you to record a deed that transfers ownership automatically upon your death, avoiding probate while preserving the stepped-up basis.
3. Establish a revocable living trust: This can provide for smooth transfer while maintaining your control during your lifetime.
4. If you're concerned

about potential nursing home costs or Medicaid eligibility, be aware that transferring assets can trigger a lookback period that may affect your eligibility for benefits.

As for your specific questions, adding your son's name to your deed creates joint ownership but doesn't avoid gift tax implications and may create complications if either party faces creditor issues. A quitclaim deed (not a quick claim) transfers whatever interest you have in the property but offers few protections for the recipient and doesn't avoid tax consequences.

While your intentions are admirable, this decision involves complex legal and tax considerations that could have long-lasting financial implications for you and your son. I strongly recommend consulting with an estate planning attorney and a tax professional before proceeding with any property transfer. I am not a CPA or an accountant and am not qualified to give tax advice. I shared anecdotal options here based on personal situations and transactions I have witnessed to encourage you to seek competent advice.

Richard Montgomery is a nationally syndicated columnist, published author, retired real estate executive, serial entrepreneur, and the founder of DearMonty.com. He provides consumers with free options to pressing real estate issues. Find him on Twitter(X) @dearmonty or DearMonty.com.

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Note: The recommended health-based levels in the table below were in effect in 2024. These levels were revised by WDHS in 2025. They can be found here <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/gws.htm>.

Typical Source of Contaminant		Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills.			
Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)
PFOA (ppt)		20	8.60	8.60	
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)		20	8.60	8.60	

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	6.9	0.0 - 6.9	5/12/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.6	0.0 - 0.6	5/12/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	7.1	0.0 - 7.1	5/12/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	0.3	0.0 - 0.3	5/11/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants with a Public Health Groundwater Standard, Health Advisory Level, or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

The following table lists contaminants which were detected in your water and that have either a Public Health Groundwater Standard (PHGS), Health Advisory Level (HAL), or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL), or both. There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed Health Advisory Levels, Public Health Groundwater Standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels are levels that do not present health concerns but may pose aesthetic problems such as objectionable taste, odor, or color. Public Health Groundwater Standards and Health Advisory Levels are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk.

Contaminant (units)	Site	SMCL (ppm)	PHGS or HAL (ppm)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Typical Source of Contaminant
CHLORIDE (ppm)		250		51.00	16.00 - 51.00	10/4/2023	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, road salt, water softeners
IRON (ppm)		0.3		0.34	0.10 - 0.34	9/27/2023	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes
MANGANESE (ppm)		0.05	0.3	0.02	0.00 - 0.02	9/27/2023	Leaching from natural deposits
SULFATE (ppm)		250		170.00	99.00 - 170.00	10/3/2023	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes

Health effects for any contaminants with MCL violations/Action Level Exceedances/SMCL exceedances/PHGS or HAL exceedances

Contaminant Health Effects

IRON Waters containing iron in quantities above the SMCL are not hazardous to health but may be objectionable for taste, odor, or color.

Additional Health Information

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Kewaunee Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Kewaunee Waterworks ([Contact Name] at [CONTACT PHONE]). Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Additional Information on Service Line Materials

We are required to develop an initial inventory of service lines connected to our distribution system by October 16, 2024 and to make the inventory publicly accessible. You can access the service line inventory here/by: <https://cityofkewaunee.wi.gov/water-service-material-inventory/>

Other Compliance

Other Drinking Water Regulations Violations

Description of Violation	Date of Violation	Date Violation Resolved
Failure to complete a Corrosion Control Recommendation	4/1/2024	4/11/2024
Failed to develop an initial inventory for service line materials that meets federal requirements	10/17/2024	

Actions Taken

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilsons Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Failed to develop an initial inventory for service line materials that meets federal requirements: The violation is unresolved because at the date of CCR publication, the inventory had not yet been reviewed, even though it was submitted on time. If it is not deemed consistent with federal requirements, then everyone in the community will be receiving a follow-up letter at a later date.

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Montpelier

WNAXLP
Liquor License Application
Town of Montpelier-Kewaunee County

Notice is hereby given that the following businesses have applied for the following Liquor and Beer Licenses in the Town of Montpelier, Kewaunee County for the year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Janda's Bar
N3696 County Rd AB
Luxemburg, WI 54217
Class "B" Liquor and Beer

Krohn's Dairy Store
N2915 County Rd AB
Luxemburg, WI 54217
Class "A" Liquor and Beer

Alpaca to Apparel
N3569 E Townline Rd
Luxemburg, WI 54217
Class "A" Liquor and Beer

Legals	7700
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The Town Board will act on the application at the regular monthly meeting held at 7:30 pm on June 18, 2025 at the Montpelier Town Hall, E0704 JJ Road, Luxemburg, WI 54217.
Shaefer Oshefsky-Clerk
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- › Montmorency Falls
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SPORTS

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followed by Mishicot, at 19-3. Two of their losses were 1-0 decisions to opponents from Ohio and Virginia in a season-opening tournament in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The other was 3-1 to Oakfield in a tournament. How good are the Indians? They blanked Sevastopol on the road May 9, 16-0. The Pioneers are ranked seventh in D-4, and NEW Lutheran 10th in D-5.

On the baseball side, L-C and Sturgeon Bay are in the D-2 Waupaca sectional;

Algoma, Kewaunee and Southern Door in the D-3 Chilton sectional and state-ranked Gibraltar/Washington Island in the D-4 Pacelli sectional. The Vikings are the only area ranked team, fourth in Div. 4.

Wolves claim title

Algoma opened the season with two tough non-conference losses, then won 10 straight. The Wolves then dropped three of four (all non-conference) in the past week before outslugging Sevastopol Tuesday.

Junior Macie

Zimmerman gave up 13 hits and walked five but struck out 13 to earn the win on the mound. She was backed up by error-free defense.

After starting hitless with two strikeouts in four at-bats, Zimmerman ripped an RBI single in the top of ninth and a two-run home run in the top of the 10th.

Senior Nora Krause had four of the Wolves' 15 hits, including a double and two runs batted in. Sophomore Natalie Ray had two hits, including a double with two RBI, and senior Brooke Mattson and junior Jady Nells also had two hits each. Mattson scored three runs, and Nellis, Zimmerman and senior Sierra Slaby each two.

Algoma led 4-0 after four-and-a-half innings, but the Pioneers scored three times in the bottom of the fifth, then tied it in the last of the seventh on Naomi Rikkola's solo homer.

The Wolves regained the lead with four runs in the top half of the ninth, including run-scoring hits by Zimmerman and Krause. Incredibly, the Pioneers tied it with four in the bottom of the inning, getting a key double from Addison Schauske and a home run from Sienna Cain.

Zimmerman's home run in the 10th proved to be the difference. She gave up a solo homer in the bottom of the inning for the final run of the game.

Last Friday, Zimmerman



Algoma senior Nora Krause had four hits in a thrilling 11-9, 10-inning win over Sevastopol at Institute Tuesday. The Wolves finished Packerland Conference play unbeaten at 8-0, and are 12-5 overall heading into a non-conference game against Valders at Peterson Park May 16. Krause is shown with assistant coach Lindsay Harmann after a hit in a win over visiting NEW Lutheran last week.

Kevin Naze photo

struck out 12 and allowed just two hits in a 6-1 win over NEW Lutheran. Bristol Schmidt had a two-run homer, Krause had an RBI double and Natalie Ray an RBI triple.

Luxemburg-Casco knocks off champs

Luxemburg-Casco beat Freedom 6-0 Tuesday. Kate Van Ess had two of the team's six hits, and

Erin Cherovsky pitched a two-hit shutout with six strikeouts.

The Spartans knocked off Wrightstown 10-5 last Thursday, Little Chute 13-0 and 17-0 Friday and Waupun (4-1) and Laconia (6-2) Saturday.

Baylee Wypiszewski earned the win vs. Wrightstown, and Kacie Jorgensen had three hits. Wypiszewski also got the win in game one Friday, allowing just one hit, while Van Ess gave up two hits in the three-inning second game shortened by the mercy rule. Van Ess had a two-run home run in game one and two hits and three runs scored in game two. Cherovsky went three-for-three with three runs and five RBI in the 17-0 shutout.

On Saturday, the Spartans beat the defending D-1 state champ, Waupun. Rylan Kaminski's double and Jorgensen's triple were big blows early, then Van Ess doubled and scored on Emma Murphy's base hit. Jorgensen went three-for-three and Van Ess two-for-two. L-C had eight hits off of the Warriors' star, last year's state champion pitcher, Addison Braun. Braun went four-for-four with a double and a home run. Cherovsky gave up nine hits but just the one run. She had seven strikeouts.

In game two, L-C got 12 hits off of the state's fifth-ranked D-3 team, Laconia. Jorgensen was four-for-five, giving her seven hits on the day against some outstanding pitchers. Wypiszewski earned the win.

Baseball roundup

Jacob Massey allowed just two hits and struck out 13 in Algoma's 10-0 win over NEW Lutheran May 9. Chase Romdenne had three hits and Carson Leist, Massey and Dylan Seiler each two. Braeden Leist had three RBI and Seiler two.

Romdenne then went four-for-four with a double, Massey doubled with three RBI and Braeden Leist doubled and scored three runs in Algoma's 8-4 win over Mishicot Saturday.

Brothers Braeden and Carson Leist combined for 10 strikeouts. Braeden didn't allow a hit in three innings while Carson struck out seven.

The Wolves then blanked Brillion 15-0. Charlie Prokash struck out 12 in five innings, giving up just three hits. Braeden Leist went four-for-four with an inside-the-park home run and a triple, getting seven runs batted in. Romdenne, Carson Leist and Massey all had multi-hit games.

On Tuesday, Prokash allowed two hits and struck out nine in a 10-0 win over Sevastopol. Romdenne, Prokash, Seiler and Carson Leist each had two hits, and Braeden Leist doubled.

Meanwhile, L-C beat Marinette 5-0 Tuesday, getting two hits from Landon Derenne and Gage Delcore and two RBI from Caleb Radart. Jacob Coisman struck out eight in four innings. Derenne struck out two in three innings of relief.

Last Friday, L-C blanked St. Mary Catholic 10-0. Reagan Doell had two hits and three RBI, and Derenne a two-RBI triple. Noah Chervenka struck out five in five innings. A day later, Gavin Lax struck out 10 as the Spartans beat Southern Door 4-3. Ethan Werner had two RBI and Lax and Derenne had RBI singles.

Luxemburg-Casco soccer

The Spartans had six girls score in an 8-0 win over Clintonville, including two each from Emi Kuhn and Maggie Pravechek.

L-C beat Sheboygan South 3-0, lost 1-0 to Sheboygan Falls and were in a scoreless tie with host Oostburg in a week-end tournament. Ashley Fameree had 10 saves in the loss to Falls, and got goals from Kuhn, Pravechek and Aaliyah Wallace in the win over South. Teagan Gunderson had four saves in that one, and Fameree eight saves against Oostburg.

The Spartans also blanked Little Chute, 7-0. Wallace had three goals to lead the way.

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Solid season expected on Lake Michigan

Kewaunee County led the state in numbers of 'kings' and rainbows in 2024



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
OUTDOORS COLUMNIST

More salmon stocked by the states, better natural recruitment of wild-born fish and favorable weather — including milder winters allowing better baitfish survival — all likely played a role in some of the best salmon fishing seen in more than a decade last year.

Anglers fishing off of Kewaunee and Door counties can expect more of the same this season after leading the state in catches of Chinook salmon ('kings') and rainbow trout (steelhead) last year.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reported a record harvest of sport-caught coho salmon in 2024, more than 210,000 between guides and private anglers from boat, pier and riverbank. In addition, the agency reported an estimated 160,000 Chinooks caught, the most since 2012.

Though this spring has been overall colder than usual, another mild winter may be part of the reason the action has heated up early. Brown trout catches were terrific in the near-shore shallows, the spring run of steelhead (rainbow trout) in the tributaries was excellent and coho catches have been outstanding in the southern basin.

Last year, more than 40,000 of the kings caught came from Algoma and Kewaunee, including 12,000+ on charter boats. That area was also No. 1 in

steelhead, with more than 18,000 of the 67,000-plus fish reported. Late spring and the summer months were best, though the few boaters still active last October did extremely well.

Nearly 160,000 cohos came from the southern ports from Kenosha to Port Washington, while the estimated lake trout catch of 14,636 was the least since 2008. That wasn't unexpected considering how good the fishing was for preferred species.

Green Bay waters produced more than a third of the estimated 9,000+ brown trout, though the numbers are likely much higher considering there's little to no creel census in most areas during the top brown trout months of November through April.

Meanwhile, lake trout are already providing action on Lake Michigan. As more boats head out to explore, look for salmon and steelhead reports to heat up.

Green Bay anglers are tackling smallmouth bass, walleyes and northern pike. It's been taking a five- to six-pound average to secure a top spot in bass tournaments, and some fish up to eight-plus pounds have been landed.

The spring yellow perch closure on Green Bay ends Tuesday, May 20, but perch fishing will remain closed through Sunday, June 15 on Lake Michigan tributaries.

Meanwhile, the Green Bay muskie season opens Saturday, May 24.

Birds winging in

Close to 20 million birds crossed into or over Wisconsin each night earlier this week, including a high of more than 24 million Monday night. The BirdCast migration dashboard uses bird migration research, including radar ornithology, to come up with the numbers. A collaboration among the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and other partners, the daily data can be seen at www.dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-WI.

Colorful backyard visitors seen in the past week include Baltimore and orchard orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks and ruby-throated hummingbirds. Some lucky birders are also seeing less-common species such as scarlet tanagers, indigo buntings and red-headed woodpeckers.

With fur prices low, reduced hunting and trapping pressure on raccoons has led to soaring populations. The masked bandits can do a lot of damage to bird feeding stations, stealing seed, suet and sugar water and sometimes breaking feeders. If you've been having issues, it's best to bring food inside before dark and put it back out in the morning.

Bears are active

Wisconsin's black bear population is estimated at more than 20,000, with most of them in the northern and central forest regions. This time of year, bears are on the hunt for an easy meal. With a sense of smell about seven times greater than a bloodhound, bears zero in on the scent of unsecured



Kewaunee County led the state in the Chinook salmon (shown) and rainbow trout catch in 2024. Kevin Naze photos

garbage, dirty grills, bird feeders, bee hives and pet food left outside. They can cause property damage and break into homes and sheds.

Every year, there are reports of aggressive actions, nuisance behaviors and loss of wariness around people. Most reports resulted from bears accessing bird seed or garbage. Remove bird feeders if bears have been spotted in your area, don't leave pet food outdoors and clean and store grills after each use.

First fawns seen

Trail camera photos and videos posted on social media last weekend showed the first tiny whitetail fawns of the season. Last year's rutting activity did seem a little earlier than usual. You can backtrack 200-205 days for the conception date, meaning fawns spotted in the past week could have been from does bred between Oct. 15-25.

Remember, unless you know for certain that a fawn (or other baby wildlife) has been abandoned, leave them where you find

them. If you are certain it has been orphaned because you observed the parent deceased (such as in a vehicle-deer accident) or you find an injured baby, call the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary at (920) 391-3685.

23rd Nature Festival

The Door County Festival of Nature still had openings for some of its field trips earlier this week. Check what's available for the May 22-25 Memorial Day Weekend schedule at www.doorcountyfestivalof-nature.org/field-trips.



While many geese have been raising goslings for weeks inland, this Lake Michigan area Canada goose was still on the nest last Sunday.

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Packerland track meet at Kewaunee Monday
Algoma girls win softball title, Maccaux repeats as top golfer

BY KEVIN NAZE
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It's been a wild past week of Kewaunee County sports, so let's jump right in.

Storm sophomore Evan Maccaux made history last year, becoming the first Kewaunee golfer to win Packerland Conference player of the Year. Now a junior, Maccaux did it again last week at Wander Springs in Greenleaf. He had 40 on the front nine and 39 in the back.

Meanwhile, the Storm baseball team looks to close out a conference championship next week after beating Gibraltar/Washington Island 2-1 last Friday and Peshtigo 8-0 earlier this week.

Brett Paulsen struck out 11 and allowed just four hits to the state-ranked Vikings, getting out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the seventh. Diesel Bosdeck's two-run double was the key hit for the Storm. Paulsen threw a one-hitter while striking out 14 against the Bulldogs. Alec Carlson had two hits and three RBI.

On the women's side, Algoma softball won the conference championship in an extra-inning thriller at Sevastopol Tuesday, 11-9 in 10 innings, for



Packerland Conference player of the year (golf) two years in a row, Evan Maccaux of Kewaunee. Submitted photo

back-to-back Packerland titles. The Wolves went 15-1 last year, and were 8-0 in conference play this season. Kewaunee's Ali Repitz no-hit Gibraltar/Washington Island 16-1 Friday. The Storm sent 17 batters to the plate in a 13-run second inning. Baleigh Saxby had three hits.

Not to be outdone, Luxemburg-Casco won six games in the past week, including a 4-1 win over defending Div. 1 state champ, Waupun, and its star pitcher, Addison Braun.

Coming up, Kewaunee is set to host the Packerland Conference track meet Monday. The Storm's Mitchell Boeder (discus) and Hannah Miller (800)

won firsts in the nine-team Algoma Invitational earlier this week, with Miller teaming up with Natalie Miller, Lily Hudson and Braelyn Witpalek to win the 1600 relay as well. Boeder was second in the shot put and Kewaunee's Chyanne Robinson placed third in both the shot and discus.

Algoma's Brennan Buckman, Cooper Fay and Wyatt Fay went 1-2-3 in the pole vault, and Alex Kirchman was second in the 1600 meter run with a new PR of 4:59.62. Estella Marrero PR'd in the women's pole vault, 9-3, good for second place.

Buckman, Jack Meverden, Aiden Moen and Wyatt Fay were second in the 4x400, Moen third in the 300 hurdles and Braden Crewe third in the high jump, helping the Algoma boys to a third place finish, one spot ahead of Kewaunee.

Tournaments to open

Girls softball begins WIAA regional play Thursday, May 22; while golf and track regionals begin Tuesday, May 27; boys baseball Thursday, May 29 and girls soccer Tuesday, June 3.

Luxemburg-Casco's softball team, ranked third in the state, is in the Div. 2 sectional at Winneconne with

North Eastern Conference champ Fox Valley Lutheran. In D-3, Kewaunee and Southern Door are in

the Chilton sectional, and in D-4, Algoma is in the Crivitz sectional with second-ranked Mishicot and

seventh-ranked Sevastopol. Unbeaten Pacelli is ranked No. 1 in Div. 4, To SPORTS, Pg. 14



Wolves finish second at Algoma 4x400 relay

Algoma's Brennan Buckman and Kewaunee's Trevor Gauthier battled down the stretch in the 4x400 relay at Algoma Tuesday. The Wolves were second in the event and third in the nine-team invitational. The Storm finished third in the relay and fourth in the meet. Buckman won the pole vault, clearing 13 feet.

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Senior Spotlight

Nora Krause, ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL

Sports: Basketball and softball
Parents' names: Nichole and Josh Krause
Siblings: Rex Krause
Position or events: Shooting guard and catcher.
Instagram: @nora.krause611
Career Highlight: Hitting two home runs in one night.

At what age did you start playing your sport?

Fourth grade.

Who introduced you to the sport?

I would say my parents have always pushed me to play sports when I was younger. I started off playing soccer very young and moved over to basketball and softball once I got older.

Has this always been your favorite sport?

Softball has always been my favorite. I like the environment and my team. I have had lots of achievements throughout my career.

How has balancing academics and athletics been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year?

My freshman year was the easiest for me, I didn't have hard classes so it was

easier to balance. Now that I am in my senior year, I have harder classes. It has been challenging at times but I always find time out of sports to study.

What is your favorite part about your sport? What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long?

I have always liked how softball is mostly an individual sport. This allows me to focus on things that I need to improve on. The joy of being successful and having a successful team has always brought me back.

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

When I was younger, I always looked up to Wilson Contreras when he played for the Chicago Cubs. This year, I really like watching Pete Crow-Armstrong.

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

I would say my biggest asset on the field would be my hitting. I started gaining hitting strength my sophomore year and learned so much from then.

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

Playing in the Sectional Finals my

sophomore year in softball. I had so much fun with the team and just getting as far as we did. Even though we didn't win, seeing the community come to support us was really cool.

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

I grew a lot during my high school years. My growth in sports and school has always amazed me.

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

In basketball, I like to drink a cup of Gatorade my coach makes during pregame.

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

Before big conference games, I like to just laugh with my teammates. It takes the nerves down and makes me more calm and locked in.

What has been your favorite experience with being a senior this year?

Having it be my last year pushes me more to succeed. I want my last year to be memorable.

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

I want to give a shoutout to all of my high school basketball coaches: Zug,



Vonnie, Jenna and Baleigh. Peter and Jer for my middle school basketball career. For softball I want to thank Ashley, Lyndsay, Zug and Abby. I also want to thank Terri Dart for always giving me advice for catching and hitting.

Any hobbies outside of sports?

I enjoy hunting and just being outdoors.

Favorite song?

"Springsteen" by Eric Church.

Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water?

Water.

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

I plan on majoring in business administration at UW-Green Bay.

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