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Back-to-school shopping season thrown into chaos amid pandemic

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The back-to-school shopping season, second only to the holiday season in terms of consumer spending, has been thrown into uncertainty bordering on chaos as parents and retailers do their best to plan for what school will look like in the coming weeks.

Set against the backdrop of a highly contagious viral pandemic and the devastation it has wrought across the U.S. economy, 2020's back-to-school season is unlike any other.

"It's the most challenging time in history for back to school," said Burt P. Flickinger III, managing director of Strategic Resource Group, a consumer consulting firm in New York City.

The back-to-school season is a critical catalyst that the country needs for an economic comeback, whether it's Wisconsin, the Great Lakes region or anywhere across America," Flickinger added.

Whether back to school ultimately serves as a jump-start to a pandemic-ravaged economy remains to be seen.

*What retailers have to do is un-

derstand the demand of back to school and catch the updraft of selling more goods related to living, learning and working from home," Flickinger added.

Still, the best anyone can do at this point is make an educated guess.

"Most parents don't know whether their children will be sitting in a

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"How do you forecast who needs new jeans or sneakers to wear to school and who doesn't because they are staying at home?"

Dick Seesel
President at consulting firm
Retailing in Focus

Shoppers peruse back-to-school items Aug. 5 at Target in Menomonee Falls.

About 64% of 18,000 parents surveyed said they were not excited about back-to-school shopping this year

because of health risks going into stores or risks to their children going back into classrooms,

according to Piplay, a crowd-sourcing research firm. HAAR
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CORONAVIRUS IN WIS.

Quarantine still needed after testing negative

Cases trending upward in rural areas, youth

Doug Schneider
Green Bay Press-Gazette
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GREEN BAY - A new rumor about testing is the latest challenge for health professionals in their battle against the coronavirus.

It starts with a truth: A person who's had "close contact" with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, defined as being within 6 feet of the person for 15 or more minutes in a day, should self-quarantine for 14 days.

The rumor then adds a false conclusion, Brown County Health Office Anna Destree said. The falsehood: A person in quarantine has no need to get the full 14 days if they are tested for the virus during the quarantine, and the test comes back negative.

"Some people think they're in the

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EPA: PCB cleanup in area done, but work remains

Jeff Baller
Green Bay Press-Gazette
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GREEN BAY - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday declared a decade-long effort to clean up contaminants in the Fox River completed.

It was the second major announcement EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler made in two days about Wisconsin river cleanups. On Tuesday he announced in Marinette that the lower Menominee River was removed from a list of polluted areas in need of remediation.

The Fox River cleanup effort removed 6.5 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment from 39 miles of

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the river from Lake Butte des Morts to the bay of Green Bay, enough sediment to fill Lambeau Field six times. The cleanup has cost more than \$1 billion.

Wheeler said the effort to remove soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, known as PCBs, was one of the largest in the world. He said dredging work was completed in June and the project will wrap up by the end of August. "This is a significant milestone for Green Bay and Wisconsin," Wheeler said. "For 40 years, there has been constant work on this site. ... Now, the dredging is done and I'm told the finishing touches to the project will be completed by month's end."

PCBs are a now-banned organic compound that was used for a variety of industrial uses, including the production of carbonless copy paper. PCBs entered the Fox River system via wastewater from making and recycling the paper. Wheeler said water quality and wildlife data show a 90% reduction in PCB concentrations upstream of the De Pere dam and a 60% reduction in PCB concentrations in walleye populations. The parties involved in overseeing, paying for and completing the cleanup will continue to monitor conditions in the area and perform a review of data every five years.

Clester McDonald said other aspects of the Fox River cleanup may be harder to measure, but are of equal importance. McDonald owns South Bay Marina and



EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Green Bay area U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher return to shore after a boat tour of lower Green Bay and the Fox River. Wheeler on Wednesday announced the cleanup of PCB-contaminated soil in the area had been completed. www.wisconsin.gov

said businesses like his and Smoky's on the Bay bait and tackle shop serve hundreds of visitors to the region who want to fish and cruise the region's waterways. "This project has a huge impact on the local economy," McDonald said.

One down, 12 to go

The PCB cleanup has been completed, but EPA Region 5 Administrator Bart Thiede said lower Green Bay and the Fox River remain an "Area of Concern," a geographic area where the use of resources has been im-

pacted by human activity, and is in need of more remediation work. There are at least 43 areas of concern in the Great Lakes and its tributaries in both the United States and Canada.

While the completion of removal of contaminated sediment marks a major milestone, addressing the lingering effects of human activity along the water remains a work in progress.

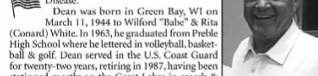
- Thiede cited 13 issues that need to be addressed to restore the health of the water system:
 - Restrictions on eating fish and wildlife.
 - Degradation of fish and wildlife populations.
 - Bird or animal deformities and reproductive problems.
 - Fish tumors and other deformities.
 - Degradation of plants and wildlife on the lakebed and riverbed.
 - Degradation of plankton populations.
 - Loss of fish and wildlife habitat.
 - Overenrichment of the waterway with nutrients and metals.
 - Restrictions on drinking water consumption, or taste and odor.
 - Aesthetic degradation.
 - Beach closures.

This part (PCBs) is done, but there is still work to be done here," Thiede said. Contact Jeff Baller at (920) 431-6387 or baller@gannett.com. Follow him on Twitter at [@jeffballer](https://twitter.com/jeffballer).

Obituaries

Dean R. White

TISCH MILLS - Dean Robert White, age 76, of Tisch Mills, died at home under hospice care early Tuesday morning, August 11, 2020, after complications from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.



Dean was born in Green Bay, WI on March 11, 1944 to Wilford "Babe" & Rita (Conard) White. In 1963, he graduated from Preble High School where he lettered in volleyball, basketball & golf. Dean served in the U.S. Coast Guard for twenty-two years, retiring in 1967, having been stationed mostly on the Great Lakes in search and rescue. He then worked as an "assistant" in the Pro Shop at Fox Hills for thirteen years, until 1999. He worked part time for the Green Bay Packers on game days - on the sideline, first in the audio department and then in the video department for twenty years, "retiring" in 2006. After meeting at the golf course at Fox Hills, he married Linda (Radke) Westlund in 1990. After Linda's retirement in 2000, they spent winter months at their retirement home in Brandon, FL. They traveled to play many famous golf courses in Scotland, Ireland and the U.S. Dean enjoyed deer and turkey hunting, golfing, bowling, fishing, cheering for the Green Bay Packers & Wisconsin Badgers; the Chicago Cubs & Boston Red Sox, and the Chicago Blackhawks & Tampa Bay Lightning.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Linda; his two sons and four grandchildren: Tim (Sue) White of Green Bay, and their children: Alex & Nik; Todd (Raquel) White of Green Bay, and their children: Jenna & Michael. Also survived by siblings Marlene Schradie of Green Bay, Ron (Sue Smith) White of Green Bay, Chris (Karl) Despins of Scottsdale, AZ; one sister-in-law & three brothers-in-law, Judy (Danny) Fay of WA, Tom (Debi Griggs) Radke of ID, Dave (Sally) Radke of Delfield, and Jim (Sherr) Radke of Waukesha; his godson, Brent Stogger; and thirteen nieces & nephews. Thank you to Greg Stogger, Jim Dagneau, Gary Smith and Bill Bookmeier for being the best of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Babe and Rita White; one sister, Linda Reckthols; one brother, Jerry White; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Schradie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mishicot. Father Jeff Britton will officiate at the service, with burial of his cremated remains to follow in the Mishicot Public Cemetery. Full military honors will be accorded by members of Kempen-Staudinger (Irene) VFW Post #7753 of Mishicot. Relatives and friends may call at the church Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m. until the time of mass at 11:00 a.m. There will be no Friday evening visitation. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.deanwhite.com.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, a memorial fund will be established in Dean's name for the restoration of the Coast Guard Station at Plum Island. The Lambert-Eckert Funeral Home of Mishicot is assisting the White family with funeral arrangements.

Kenneth Schneider

DENMARK - Kenneth James Schneider, 84, of Denmark, passed away August 11, 2020, surrounded by his family. The son of the late Clem and Florence (Dantime) Schneider was born on June 27, 1936, in New Franken, WI. He graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1954. As a veteran Ken served in the US Army for 3 years until his discharge in 1957. He married the former Adele Peters on August 20, 1958, at Holy Cross Catholic Church and together celebrated 61 years of marriage.

Ken and Adele were very active Catholics, for whom the Eucharist, the Sacraments, praying the Rosary was important in their lives. He thanks God for his participation in SS. Cyril and Methodius Faith Community, Holy Trinity Parish, and Prince of Peace Catholic Community where he helped prepare couples for marriage and served at many funerals. His hobbies included playing cards (cribbage, Sheephead, 5 Crowns), and being a handyman for his sons and grandchildren, whenever help was needed. He was especially fond of his grandchildren and great grandchildren, always ready to attend athletic events and birthday parties, choir and theatre performances.

Ken was an active member of the Fr. Platts Council Knights of Columbus in Denmark, serving as Grand Knight and Treasurer for many terms. He enjoyed making "Boopab for Vocations" with his brother knights and their spouses. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan, never missing a home game at City Field or Lambeau and was a season ticket holder since 1957 and an Ice Bowl attendee.

Ken was a successful businessman, serving Delvich Dairy, Murphy Supply, Englewood Electric, and Denmark State Bank while owning Schneider's Country Store in the township of Eaton.



David Tobin

PULASKI - David Dean "Chum" Tobin, 77, Pulaski, passed away at home, Sunday, August 9, 2020, after battling Parkinson's disease. He was born to the late Clifford and Eleanor (Lindeman) Tobin on March 12, 1943, in Abilene, Texas, where the family was stationed for military service.

Dave grew up in Iron Mountain, Michigan and graduated from high school there in 1961. Following graduation, "Chum" attended Northern Michigan University, graduating in 1966. Before coming to Pulaski in 1967, he taught science for one year in Brimley, Michigan. Dave met Joyce Carlson, through a fellow teacher in Howard-Stamico, and the two were married August 7, 1971, at First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain. The couple made their home in Pulaski and raised two children.

Dave shared his passion for science and love of learning by dedicating 34 years of his life to teaching and inspiring the young minds of Pulaski High School, until his retirement in 2000. In his retirement, "Chum" enjoyed being a shuttle driver for various car dealerships where he looked forward to meeting and chatting with many new people, including several Packers players. Dave and his family loved spending summers in the U.P. with relatives and friends. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also taught his daughters to swim in Sawyer Lake and Silver Lake. In addition to the cabin, Dave enjoyed Brewers and Tigers baseball and listening to country music, especially Wynonna Jettings.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; daughters, Tracy (Ryan De Feyer) Tobin, Lake Mills, and Wendy (Paul) Johnson, Milwaukee; his sister, Corrine Dogge, Canton, OH; his brother, Jim (Bev) Tobin, Marquette, MI; brothers-in-law, David Carlson, Niagara and Keith (Nancy) Carlson, Norway, MI; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Clifford and Eleanor, Dave was preceded in death by Joyce's parents, Raymond and Bertha Carlson. Guests will be required to wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines. Masks will be available for anyone who does not have one. Friends are invited to gather with the family from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, August 29th at Marnocha Funeral Home, Pulaski.

Since it might not be possible to be with the family in person, you are welcome to send any cards of condolence to the funeral home (make sure you put the family's name on the outside envelope and your return address) and we will forward your cards and messages to the Tobin family.

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Online condolences may be expressed at www.marnochafuneralhome.com

