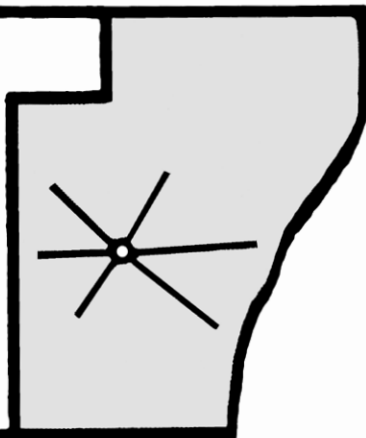


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Memorial Day travel looks up

Memorial Day weekend is expected to be the busiest in three years, building on a travel resurgence that began earlier this spring. The forecast brings volumes almost in line with pre-pandemic levels. "By the looks of this Memorial Day travel forecast, the summer travel season is off to a sizzlin' start," said Debbie Haas, vice president of Travel for AAA-The Auto Club Group. "People are more comfortable traveling now than any other time in the past two years. AAA predicts nearly 741,000 Wisconsinites will travel 50 miles or more from home this weekend, a 7.4% increase over 2021.

Gamers get a team of their own

VHS adds e-sports to give computer games a whirl

By Todd S. Bergmann

Valders High School students will be playing e-sports in fall, after the Valders Area School Board approved the program on Monday.

With four children who play video games, board member Jamie Aulik said he likes the concept of the team.

"I have two girl gamers at home," he said. "They would love something like this."

Freshman Kyler Galien said 70 students, both girls and boys, currently in grades eight to 11 are interested in joining a team next school year.

Jason Kunde, computer technician for the district and coach of the team, said this is a perfect place for students who cannot or choose not to play traditional sports in high school.

Teams typically have six players and four alternates, and the program would require tryouts and a code of conduct, just like other school teams, Kunde said.

"We have to look at how well they play and how well they can actually put in the time after school," he said. "It will be a hard process. For the first year, I think it is necessary. See E-sports p. 13



In Living Color

Students participating in a Color Run on Saturday get doused with color

powder by Valders High School students Luke Risse and Berrin Van Den Heuvel (in back). The event raised money for the Valders Elementary School PTA. —Journal Photo

Louis Corners claims general as a native son

By Todd S. Bergmann

With Memorial Day approaching on Monday, Americans remember the millions who served their country in the armed forces, including Brig. Gen. Elmer "Salty" Salzman, a highly decorated Marine from Louis Corners.

Salzman developed the concept of the guided missile, after World War II, according to a great-nephew, Dennis Salzman of rural Kiel.

He said his great-uncle visited almost every firm that had military contracts for development of the guided missile and every government proving ground.

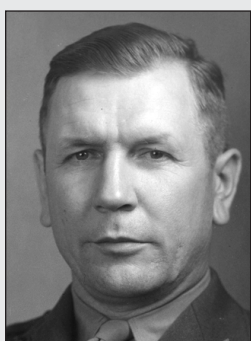
"He set up the thing where they tested launching guided missiles from ships," Salzman said. "His final credit was he was called the father of the La Crosse missile."

La Crosse missiles were 20 feet long and could be fired from ships and the backs of semi trucks, Salzman said.

"If you plugged in the coordinates of where you would want it to hit, bang, it would wipe it out," he said.

The future general was born June 12, 1902, at the Salzman family home on a farm on the east side of Louis Corners Road, across from Zion Lutheran Church. The family later dropped the second "N" in its name, Salzman said.

Elmer Salzman attended elementary school in Louis Corners and Kiel High



Gen. Elmer Salzman

School, graduating in 1920.

He attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., from 1922 to 1926, where he competed in track.

Following graduation and commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, Salzman

served in the Second Marine Brigade in Nicaragua to support the Guardia Nacional in the fight with rebel bandits under Augusto César Sandino.

While a second lieutenant, Salzman led a patrol on Sept. 28, 1928, which ambushed and defeated a superior bandit force.

For his courage, skill and leadership during that action, Salzman received the Navy Cross from President Calvin Coolidge.

"The bandits outnumbered the combined patrols more than two-to-one," the Navy Cross citation said. "Salzman displayed courage, skill and leadership in conducting the engagement. The bandits were decisively defeated."

Upon his return to the states, Salzman became a naval aviator in Pensacola, Fla., in 1929.

During World War II, he served as ordnance officer, intelligence officer and chief of staff in the Guadalcanal Campaign, for which he received the Bronze Star.

For his work in the Solomon Islands campaigns and the Battle of Okinawa, See General p. 16

Parents look for ways to find infant formula amid shortage

By Todd S. Bergmann

Dr. Rebecca Schmitt has heard from parents of her youngest patients as a nationwide shortage of infant formula worries them.

Schmitt is a pediatrician at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center in Manitowoc who has been helping parents navigate the concerning situation as they seek to feed their babies.

"Parents are inquiring what to do about the shortage," she said.

This is part of a nationwide shortage, where ongoing supply disruptions have combined with a recent safety recall to leave baby formula shelves empty in many stores.

The shortage has been going on for many months, since Abbott Nutrition had a recall on a baby formula product, according to Brandon Scholz, president of the Wisconsin Grocers Association. It has recently received more national news attention as parents scramble to find the right nutrition for their infants.

"People are tuning into it now," he said. Because of the labor shortage, infant formula producers are not in position to increase production to offset the recall-related shortage, Scholz said.

"It is not for lack of trying," Scholz said. "Everybody wants the supply chain to work at pre-pandemic levels. To do that, we need workers."

"Until people show up for work, there is only so much you can do."

Baby formula producers and grocers are doing the best they can with the labor and

product shortage, Scholz said.

"Reducing government regulations or going through the WIC program is not an instant solution," he said. "There is no instant solution."

WIC—Women, Infants and Children—is a federal nutrition program for low-income families to provide proper food. Local store shelves display notices that people on the WIC program are exempt from ration limits on formula.

Other reasons for product shortage include inflation and bumps in the supply chain, Schmitt said.

The problem is intensified because Abbott is one of only a handful of companies that produce baby formula in the U.S., Scholz said.

Last week, the federal government took measures to increase infant formula availability.

First, President Joe Biden invoked the Defense Production Act to increase production of the product.

Second, the government and Abbott Laboratories signed a consent agreement setting the terms for resuming production at its Michigan baby formula plant. Under terms, it may take until July before the product is back on the shelves.

Third, a military aircraft landed in Indianapolis on Sunday carrying 39 tons of infant formula from Europe, enough to fill a half million baby bottles.

Although formula is available online or at See Shortage p. 5