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## State awarded tobacco funds

The state is in line to receive about $\$ 14$ million, thanks to an arbitration panel's ruling in a multi-state tobacco settlement dating back to 1998. Wisconsin and 45 other states reached an agreement with the nation's four largest tobacco companies to settle dozens of state lawsuits seeking reimbursement for health care costs associated with smoking-related illnesses. Attorney General Josh Kaul said that a panel made up of former federal judges has ruled that cigarette manufacturers who didn't join the settlement must pay $\$ 14$ million to the state that they withheld.

## Coronavirus refuses to just let go

Health official comes face to face with COVID

## By Todd S. Bergmann

Stephanie Lambert returned to work on Tuesday after being off two weeks with COVID-19.
"This is a success story," she said. "That germ ended with me.'

Lambert is director of the Manitowoc County Health Department and has spent much of the past year and a half educating and fighting against the virus that causes the disease.

After getting vaccinated, wearing a mask and taking other precautions, Lambert said she is unsure how she got the breakthrough coronavirus case, but said it was likely a delta variant of the coronavirus.
"With the delta variant, we are seeing an uptick in COVID-19 among vaccinated people," she said. "That is why we are encouraging everyone to wear a mask at this time.
"This delta variant is very infectious. I did everything I could by being fully vaccinated and wearing my mask at indoor public settings."

The day before noticing symptoms, Lambert said she wore a mask while visiting her vaccinated 93 -year-old grandfather.
"I was feeling great," she said. "I know that there is a high level of community transmission and did not want to risk it.'

Her case is an example of someone who wore a mask to protect others from getting the virus, although both were vaccinated, Lambert said
"When I got my COVID test results I was very happy that I wore a mask," she said. "My grandpa is doing great."

Few vaccinated people are being admitted to hospitals with coronavirus infections, Lambert said.
"Despite there being breakthrough cases of COVID 19, vaccinated people continue to have much better outcomes than unvaccinated people," she said.

The number of coronavirus patients admitted to Northeast Wisconsin hospitals grew from 16 on June 21 to 76 on Sept. 1 and to 94 on Tuesday.
"We are seeing an incredible spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations," Lambert said. "In the month, we have seen hospitalizations go up $308 \%$.
"We are almost halfway to the peak of November of last year.'

After slowing down in spring, COVID-19 cases have increased in recent weeks.

From June 21 to Sept. 1, Manitowoc County had 1,935 new cases, bringing the total to 9,590 . Also during this time, the county saw 25 coronavirus-related deaths, bringing the total to 99 since the start of the pandemic.

Lambert said recent increases come from the growth of the delta variant
See Virus p. 17


## Thinking Caps On

Fourth grader Jana Jaeger ponders a question during a class at Valders

Elementary School on Friday. She and hundreds of others in Valders returned to school last week for another year of studying. See p. 8 for more school photos.
-Journal Photo

## 9/11: Teddy bears and silver linings

Area native recalls both good and bad of helping in NYC for days following attacks

## By Todd S. Bergmann

Teddy bears-lots of them-and seeing a city pull itself together stick out in George Carroll's mind as positive memories of the two weeks following the terrorist attack on New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.
"It is a really surreal experience," he said in a phone call from his home in Thailand "Most of my memories of Sept. 11 and the weeks after it are good memories.
"If it wasn't for the people of New York coming together, New York would have fallen into chaos. No one was in control.'

Carroll, who grew up in Valders, left his job at a computer gaming company in Boston to volunteer in New York after that fateful day 20 years ago.

In a similar situation a year earlier, Carroll remembers when the Storm of 2000 hit back home in St. Nazianz and the surrounding area, and how many people volunteered to help, including doing repair work on his parents' business.
"People came into my parents' house and cleaned up their house," he added. "It is something that they do, help people when they need it. That is how we are raised in Wisconsin."

On Sept. 12, 2011, Carroll left Boston and drove to New York.
"At that time it was chaos," he said. "Nobody knew what was going on."


9/11 Memories
George Carroll, who grew up in Valders, stands in New York City in the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, with the World Trade Center site behind him.

Carroll said he asked where he could help. Someone directed him to the Javits Center on West 34th Street near the Hudson River.
"When I got there, I was a little naive," he said. "(I thought) I could go there and maybe dig somebody out."
Other people, some wearing hard hats or safety vests, were thinking the same, Carroll
said
"When I get to the ground zero site, it is not something where you can start digging around with a shovel," he said. "It is a big construction site that is on fire.'
Firefighters, disaster workers and steelworkers helped where the World Trade Center's twin towers once stood, Carroll recalled.
"If I had actually gone to that site, I would have been more of a hindrance than anything else," he said.
He recalled that people from around the country sent many stuffed animals to New York in the wake of the attacks.
"That is not something that we think of as immediately useful," he said. "But, it was."
Those working in the aftermath of the destruction would walk up to the stuffed animals placed on a iron beam under a freeway, Carroll said.
"People would just hug them and cry", he said. "Grown adults, cops, FBI agents and firemen would be hugging these teddy bears and crying.
"People would break down and cry. You'd just leave them in their space and they would go back to work.
Carroll remembered seeing veteran FBI agents crying.
"They would come back and break down in tears," he said. "Kids would send their See 9/11 p. 14

## Actors bring words of 9/11 survivors to Manitowoc stage

By Todd S. Bergmann
Two New York firefighters watch the exploding upper floors of the World Trade Center as Sept. 11, 2001, comes back to haunting life.

The two are portrayed by actors in "110 Stories," a play on stage this week at the Parkside Playhouse in Manitowoc, coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa.
"After huddling by the stairwell, we were finally given the green light to run for our lives," said firefighter Cary Sheih, played by Brad Leonhardt. "I make it down six flights and come onto the mezzanine level.
"I did not know what I was expecting. But, I was not ready for this apocalyptic scene.
David Neese tells of the experience through the memories of firefighter Don Casey.
"We make it down to the lobby, where there is like three inches of dust on the ground," he said. "The command post is just sitting there completely deserted."

Sheih tells of the landscape "Debris is still raining down from all sides of the building," he said. "I am running cautiously through the new landscape of the World Trade Center Plaza, burning trees, wreckage, fireballs, nothing short of a nuclear winter.
Casey said he can see steel and concrete sticking out of the ground.
"As we are waiting for the other guys from ladder-I see a priest. 'Hey, Father, how are you?' He says, 'How are you?' I say, 'Well, I'm walking and talking, but my mind ain't going to forget this for a long time.'"

Casey then looks to the South Tower in the scene from the play.
"My eyes look up," he said. "I see the glass popping out floor after floor, one after the other like they imploded it.

How am I going to outrun this? 110 stories. You figure no way. Then somebody yells.

The entire cast yells "run."
Neese, who has been in more than 100 shows, talked about his role as Casey, one of the survivors of the disaster
whose words have made it into the play.
"The dialogue helps convey how chaotic, how intense how terrible that entire day was," he said. "It is an honor to be in it.
"It is a horrible thing that occurred.'

Leonhardt plays three roles, Cary, Lou and Tony.
"This is a real heavy show," he said. "It will be interesting to see how the audiences react to all the emotion that is going to come out during this, especially on the 20th anniversary."

In a video conference with Parkside actors, playwright Sarah Tuft described Leonhardt's characters.
"They all are really good people, big hearts," she said. "Everyone in here has a really big heart."

The 26 characters include photographer Bolivar Arellano of the New York Post, whom Luis Castillo plays, whose iconic photos showed people jumping from the upper floors of the towers as the buildings burned.

Tuft said Arellano is a war photographer whose job is to get the truth to people.
"He is a truth warrior," Tuft said. "I think he understands that there might be some sensitivity to showing things that are...traumatic."

At the Parkside Playhouse, director Bernie Starzewski said each of nine actors recreates the emotional words of about three people.
"Some play the parts of nurses," he said. "Another is a female cop. Another is an actress.
"You’ve got a chiropractor who steps forward to help some of the iron workers with their muscle cramps, because they were working extended hours."

Tuft talked about her own 9/11 experience and how she incorporated others' experiences in the play. Tuft said she woke up in her apartment later on the morning of the attacks to hear an answering machine recording of her


## Haunting Words

Actors Brad Leonhardt and David Neese rehearse their lines while portraying New York City firefighters for the performance of "101 Stories," a remembrance of the $9 / 11$ attacks. The play will be performed this weekend at the Parkside Playhouse in Manitowoc.
mother asking if she was OK.
"I immediately rushed to Washington Square and could see one tower still burning," she said. "I jumped on my bike and tried to get to it and the cops would not let me down there.
On Sept. 12, Tuft said she baked chocolate chip cookies and with two baskets full biked toward the site of the World Trade Center, now in burning ruins.
"The cops would not let me in," she said. "I said, 'But, I have chocolate chip cookies.' They, said, 'Go on in.'

Tuft then worked with the American Red Cross and other organizations handing out water and food.
"Mostly, people just wanted to talk," she said. "They were really traumatized."

Tuft said she recognized that telling of trauma is helpful.
"I was interested in helping alleviate suffering," she said. "I was just as much interested...in human behavior. I was fascinated by how people respond to suffering."
Tuft said she interviewed about 100 people for the play

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with her tape recorder and received emails from others. For those interviewed, Tuft said life had meaning.
"It is not going to your regular job and doing something that counts," she said. In the process, Tuft said she learned the media had broadcast incorrect information about the crisis.

The fire department did not need to send 342 firefighters into the tower, she said.

What are they sending them in there to do?" Tuft said. "It did not make sense. Their radios were not working in the tower.
"I cannot believe, 'it's the greatest rescue effort of all time.' No, it is a sacrifice of 342 firefighters.'

There were also problems with air quality in the area of the fallen towers, she said.

Caitlyn McCord, who plays Karen Slade, said doing "110 Stories" is a new experience.
"She is a mother looking for her son after the planes hit," McCord said.

Slade had just left her son at a school near the World Trade Center before the jets hijacked by terrorists hit the building, McCord said.
"They put everyone into a
shutdown and everyone into a basement," she said. "She goes to the school. She finds out he is not there. She goes to find the friends that took him from the school and can't find them.
"It jumps from one place to another, going through the black. There is just the rubble from the buildings coming down."
McCord was a second grader in Memphis, Tenn., at the time.
'I don't have many memories of this day," she said. "I was young, but they did not tell us anything at school. I did not find out anything until I got home that day."
Actress Cheryl Feld recalled having no idea what was going on as she reported for her job as a temporary worker at Kohler Co. on Sept. 11, 2001.
"As I was walking in, I saw a large flank of men in black suits, moving very rapidly across the office area where I was headed," she said. "They made me stop and wait."
Feld said she learned the next day that former president George H.W. Bush, whose son was in the White House See Play p. 14

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American Unity<br>Valders High School students participate in a candelight vigil

in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The nation is preparing to observe the 20th anniversary of the attacks on Saturday.
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## Timeline ticks through a terrible morning

A timeline of the morning of Sept. 11, 2001
On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, 19 terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes bound for California. The planes departed from airports in Boston; Newark, NJ; and Washington, D.C.

Sept. 11 would become an infamous date in American and world history, and the events of that day would forever change the world. As the world commemorates the 20th anniversary of $9 / 11$, the following timeline, courtesy of the National September 11 Memorial \& Museum, can help people fully understand how events unfolded on that late-summer morning two decades ago.

5:45 a.m.: Two of the hijackers pass through security at Portland International Airport in Maine. The men will take a short flight to Boston Logan International Airport, where they will join three other hijackers and board American Airlines Flight 11.

- 6 a.m: Two of the hijacked planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, will eventually
crash into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City.
The day was a significant one on the New York City political calendar, as polling stations opened at 6 a.m. for primary elections.
- 7:59 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston with 11 crew members, 76 passengers and five hijackers on board. The plane, which will eventually crash into the North tower at the World Trade Center, is filled with more than 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- 8:15 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston with nine crew members, 51 passengers, and five hijackers on board. This flight also is loaded with 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- 8:19 a.m.: American Airlines ground personnel are alerted by flight attendant Betty Ann Ong that Flight 11 is being hijacked. This call lasts roughly 25 minutes and Ong reports that the cockpit is unreachable.
In the moments before Ong's call, one of the hijackers


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stabbed Daniel M. Lewin, who was sitting in front of him in first class. Lewin is likely the first person killed in the $9 / 11$ attacks.

- 8:20 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport. The flight has 49,900 pounds of fuel and is carrying six crew members, 53 passengers and five hijackers.
- 8:21 a.m.: The transponder on Flight 11 is turned off. This device is meant to allow air traffic controllers to identify and monitor the flight path of a plane.
- 8:24 a.m.: One of the hijackers of Flight 11 unwittingly broadcasts a message to air traffic controllers alerting them to the attacks. The hijacker was attempting to communicate with passengers and crew within the cabin.
- 8:30 a.m.: Around this time, roughly 80 people have
already begun gathering on the 106th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center for a financial technology conference. The conference is one of many events on the Trade Center schedule that day
- 8:37 a.m.: The Boston Air Traffic Control Center alerts the military that a hijacking is under way.
- 8:42 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark International Airport. The flight was due to take off at roughly the same time as the other hijacked planes, but was delayed due to routine traffic. Seven crew members, 33 passengers and four hijackers are on board. The flight is filled with 48,700 pounds of fuel.
- 8:46 a.m.: Five hijackers crash Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. See Hours p. 15



## Double murder case draws innocent plea

A judge on Sept. 1 entered a not guilty plea on behalf of a Madison-area man accused of killing and dismembering his parents.
Chandler Halderson, 23, of Windsor, did not speak during the brief hearing before Dane County Circuit Judge John Hyland. He remains in the Dane County Jail on $\$ 1$ million bond.
Halderson is charged with two counts each of first-degree intentional homicide, mutilating a corpse, hiding a corpse, and providing false information on kidnapped or missing persons in the deaths of his parents, Bart and Krista Halderson.
Bart Halderson was a Val-ders-area native and graduate of Valders High School.

Hyland said he expected trial to be scheduled for January.

According to prosecutors, Halderson spun a "web of lies" after reporting his parents missing on July 7. He told investigators that his parents never returned home to Dane County from a Fourth of July weekend trip to their cabin in northern Wisconsin. Authorities found discrepancies in his story, including a claim that his parents had planned to attend
a parade in White Lake when no parade had been scheduled.
Bart Chandler's dismembered remains were found July 8, the day Chandler Halderson was arrested, in rural Dane County. Six days later, investigators found Krista Halderson's remains along the Wisconsin River on land state Department of Natural Resources land in Sauk County, according to the complaint.
Courtesy Associated Press and Wisconsin State Journal

## Red Arrow event remembers 9/11

Members of the public are invited to attend an event on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Red Arrow Park in Manitowoc to remember 9/11 20 years later.

Christine Snyder, who was killed on Flight 93, will be remembered, and there will be a dedication of a flowering pear tree planted as a seedling from the only surviving tree at ground zero

Lives of six Wisconsin National Guard soldiers who lost their lives during the Iraq War also will be memorialized and a new mural will be dedicated.

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## 9/11

Continued from p. 1 teddy bears. You'd see these FBI crime scene investigators hugging a teddy bear that a kid from Ohio had sent.

Carroll had an emotional moment of his own
"I walked back up to the Javits Center, bawling my eyes out," he said. "I did not get a ride from anybody. I just needed to walk. That was a tough day."

High school students volunteered to care for people who worked with the cleanup and recovery, Carroll said.
'Are you OK?'" he said they would ask. "'Do you need something to drink?' If they saw somebody having a hard time...they would offer some human care

New Yorkers demonstrated the best qualities of human nature, Carroll said.
"The whole city came together and did the right thing "Tor a couple weeks," he said. "There was so much harmony, camaraderie and New York spirit.'

Carroll worked at a supply depot at the Javits Center, and recalled that people across America sent unneeded items, such as food and diapers.
"People were trying to help, but they did not know how," Carroll said.

Using the excess food, he said a few volunteers cooked for others.

Carroll said rescuers more desperately needed masks, boots, shirts, toothbrushes and especially ice.
"Masks with a little respirator hole were really, really in demand," he said. "They would get used up right away.'

The air quality near the World Trade Center was extremely poor, Carroll said.
"They had semi truck come in from Pennsylvania, just to bring in masks," he said. "They would go through a pair of boots a day. The steel was so hot that they would burn through the soles of the boot in a day."
As 'manifest captain,' Carroll helped find ice for the FBI to preserve body parts that were recovered. The ice also was used to cool the water and soda the rescuers needed.
"Ice was more valuable than gold in New York. It was really, really hard to find."

Carroll called around to ice companies, all of which were working at full capacity, to find ice for the FBI. A company in Brooklyn would provide ice for free, but they had no way to get it to Manhattan
"It just so happened at that time a U-Haul truck pulled up," he said. "Some church in Florida had filled a U-Haul truck full of supplies.

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- Bryce Schoenberger


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Town of Cato
The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Cato will be held Monday, Sept. 13, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.

Agenda: Action Appraisers; discuss and possible action regarding payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Clarks Mills Sanitary District; update emergency plan and possibly approve; appoint member for the Land Use Planning Committee; road update; equipment update.
members with whom Starzewski has previously worked. "I was very lucky," he said "We had very few people come in for rehearsal. It was like you fit that one and you fit that one. It made my job very easy.'
Others who will be on stage are Dawn Dewane, Eric Eberhardy, Tony Montalvo and Emily Sandoval.
$\square$ After years in community theater in Appleton and Sheboygan, Starzewski started his own company in Manitowoc in a former bakery a 932 S. 12th St., between Washington and Franklin streets "110 Stories" is Parkview' second production.
"It is very small, only 40 seats," he said. "But, I think we've got some good shows planned.'
Performances of " 110 Stories" are nightly though Saturday at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tickets are $\$ 10$ and available at the doo or online at parkviewplayhouse.com.

## Thank You

I would like to thank R \& S Trucking for purchasing my hog at the 2021 Manitowoc County Market Animal Sale.

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-Ethan Staudinger


## Hours

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Hundreds, including everyone on board the flight, are killed instantly. The crash severs al three emergency stairwells, trapping hundreds of people above the 91st floor.

- 8:46 a.m.: Police, paramedics and firefighters are sent to the North Tower.
- 8:50 a.m.: While visiting an elementary school in Florida, President George W. Bush is notified that a small plane has hit the North Tower.
- 8:52 a.m.: A flight attendant aboard Flight 175 reaches a United Airlines operator in San Francisco and reports the flight is being hijacked. By 9 a.m. various passengers on Flight 175 have called family members.
- 8:55 a.m.: The Port Authority informs people inside the South Tower via a public address system that the building is secure and there is no need to evacuate

8:59 a.m.: The Port Authority Police Department orders both towers evacuated One minute later Capt. Anthony Whitaker expands the

## Girl Scouts signup scheduled in Valders

Signup for Girl Scouts in Valders will be held on Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Valders Community Center.

Those who are unable to attend the meeting can contact Anna at anna@gsmanitou.org or 920-565-4575

Girl Scouts recently announced 28 new badges focused on entrepreneurship, math in nature and digital leadership that embolden girls to navigate a changing society.

## Cedar Crest plans

 new flavor contestCedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest for Wisconsin 4-H clubs

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celebrated their

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with family at Meat's Opera Haus on
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order to include all civilians in the entire World Trade Center complex.

- 9:02 a.m.: An evacuation order is broadcast in the South Tower.
- 9:03 a.m.: Five hijackers crash Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. All onboard the flight are killed, as are an unknown number of people inside the building. Two of the three emergency stairwells are impassable and most elevato cables are severed, trapping many people above the impact zone and inside elevator cars.
- 9:03 a.m.: A second cal for mobilization brings the total number of New York City Police Department officers responding to the scene to roughly 2,000 . In addition, the FDNY issues a fifth alarm and deploys several hundred additional firefighters to the scene.
- 9:05 a.m.: President Bush is informed that a second plane has crashed into the World Trade Center.
-9:12 a.m.: Flight attendant Renée A. May calls her mother and tells her that hijackers have seized control of Flight 77. When May's call is disconnected, she calls American Airlines
- 9:30 a.m.: Amidst reports of additional hijacked planes, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management at 7 World Trade Center is evacuated.
- 9:37 a.m.: Hijackers crash Flight 77 into the Pentagon. All 53 passengers and six crew members perish, and 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground are killed in the fire caused by the crash.
- 9:42 a.m.: The Federal AviationAdministration grounds all flights, ordering all civilian
planes in United States air space to land. Departures also are prohibited.
- 9:45 a.m.: Evacuations at the White House and the U.S. Capitol begin. Both the House of Representatives and Senate are in session at the time the evacuation begins. - 9:58 a.m.: Flight 93 is flying so low to the ground that passenger Edward P. Felt is able to reach an emergency 911 operator in Westmoreland County, Pa .
- 9:59 a.m.: The South Tower collapses after burning for 56 minutes. The tower collapses in just 10 seconds. -9:59 a.m.: Continuity-ofgovernment procedures are implemented for the first known time in American history.
- 10:03 a.m.: Four hijackers crash Flight 93 into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pa. All 33 passengers and seven crew members on board perish. Passengers and crew had stormed the cockpit, and the plane ultimately crashes just 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C.
- 10:15 a.m.: The E Ring of the Pentagon collapses.
- 10:28 a.m.: The North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes. More than 1,600 people are killed as a result of the attack on the North Tower.
- 11:02 a.m.: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urges the evacuation of lower Manhattan.
- 12:16 p.m.: The last flight still in the air above the continental United States lands Within two and a half hours, U.S. airspace has been cleared of roughly 4,500 commercial and general aviation planes

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Nasty pair of viruses strikes children

Pediatricians and public health officials in Wisconsin are dealing with a new "twindemic" as a common respiratory disease that many kids get and normally shake off is spreading earlier than usual. Meanwhile, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again.
The disease health officials and doctors around the country are seeing more of is respiratory syncytial virus, known as RSV. Most children get it before age 2 .
"It's a pretty common respiratory infection that usually causes mild symptoms like a cold, but for infants and older adults RSV can be really severe," said La Crosse County Public Health Nursing Manager Jacquie Cutts.
RSV and COVID-19 have strikingly similar symptoms,

## Zautner joins LTC as new health dean

Michelle Zautner has been named dean of health and human services at Lakeshore Technical College, bringing more than 25 years of nursing, teaching and leadership experience to the college

She most recently served as associate dean of nursing and health sciences at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. She holds a doctoral degree in advanced practice leadership from Chamberlain University.
making testing for COVID19 all the more important so children can stay home from school or day care to avoid infecting others, if positive.

Children are not normally tested for RSV unless they're hospitalized with the disease.

According to UW Health pediatrician Greg DeMuri, some children are getting both illnesses at once.
"We don't know if that is worse than just COVID alone or just RSV alone. There's some inclination it might be, and it certainly complicates the situation," DeMuri said, noting it extends recovery and can make diagnosis tricky.
Cases of RSV usually increase in the winter, but the highly contagious lung infection is making an unwelcome appearance earlier this year. In Wisconsin, cases of RSV started climbing in July and state data shows it's been going up ever since. The most
recent Weekly Respiratory Report from the state Department of Health Services shows that as of Aug. 21, 1,630 patients have been tested for RSV and 298 were positive.
What DeMuri called an "explosion" of infections surprised doctors and public health officials. He speculates that most kids didn't get RSV last winter sheltering in place due to the pandemic, making them susceptible to the virus now.
Infection is easily spread in young children through the sharing of toys and constant touching of objects that may be contaminated with the virus.
Hand washing and wiping down surfaces is especially important with RSV since it's transmitted primarily by touch, said DeMuri.

Shamane Mills of the Wisconsin Public Radio news service wrote this story.

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