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Team won't be part of bubble in Florida

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Wisconsin Herd is sitting out of the G League's attempt to hold a shortened season at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla.

"At this time we are not participating in the G League's modified season," Herd general manager Dave Dean said. "We



commend the league for providing this opportunity while keeping health and safety as a top priority. This was a difficult decision for us, but it was made in the best interest of the Herd and the Bucks. We remain deeply committed to Oshkosh, Menominee Nation Arena and our great fans."

Herd officials did not indicate a specif-

ic reason for the decision, although according to The Athletic participation in the G League bubble carried a \$500,000 price tag for interested teams. Since the bubble in Florida is the only planned G League action this season, Herd President Steve Brandes said there will be no games played in Oshkosh.

"The NBA G League has worked with the NBA, its teams, and public health experts to play a safe and successful 2020-21 truncated season at a centralized site and

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Home spirit

A team from Impact Elite Athletics in Oshkosh competes Saturday in the Badger Championships sponsored by Nation's Choice, Varsity Spirit brand. The Precision Athletics Jets from Oshkosh also competed in the event at Menominee Nation Arena.

Ancient burial mound gains historical protection

By Randy R. Domer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

On May 11, a phone message was left with our answering service at the historical society. As president, one of my duties is to respond to incoming messages. This one was from a caller who identified himself as Omro Police Chief Joe Schuster.

His message indicated he had found what appeared to be some early tombstones and wondered who he should contact to learn about them and why they were there.

I agreed to meet him at the site for an exploratory visit and contacted a few colleagues who were experienced and well versed in historic burials to join me.

On May 26, we drove to the site just

west of Omro to an area that once was known as Delhi. There we met Joe and followed him to the site. When we arrived, we were astonished to find tombstones from the mid-1800s atop a mound that over the years had become overgrown with vegetation. The tombstones were lying flat on the ground in disrepair. We carefully brushed them off in an attempt to read the names and dates.

We agreed the site appeared to be a burial mound and a little research verified there were in fact several prehistoric native burial mounds in the area that once was a community established by early settlers.

I decided to call in some local experts



Randy Domer photo

Jeff Behm surveys the layout of a burial mound that has been excavated and studied by a team of historical researchers.

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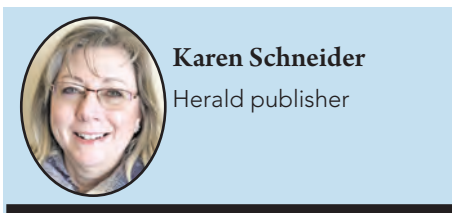
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Moving forward with the community

The Oshkosh Herald celebrated our third anniversary last week and we want to say thank you for the support and share we are excited about what 2021 will hold for all of us.

The Herald has been fortunate to have worked with several talented freelance writers and photographers these last three years. Their talent made our product possible by adding depth and insightful coverage on community issues as well as providing popular features such as the historical Back in the Day.

Over the last few months you may have noticed a few new contributors have added their talents. Photographer Jim Koepnick has joined Michael Cooney and Andy Ratchman in taking photos for the Herald on a regular basis. Veteran sportswriter Tim Froberg has added a



Karen Schneider
Herald publisher

wonderful Senior Spotlight feature this school year in highlighting student-athletes that look quite different from the usual.

There is no denying 2020 has been difficult on many in our community. I have spoken with several readers, business owners and community leaders on the challenges they have faced and yet when most reflected on what we have learned about ourselves – many found peace, improved relationships and an opportunity to learn what was a true priority in

their lives.

That's not saying they have not had struggles and difficulties, but there are many stories of neighbors who have stepped up and been there to help and lift others up – creating a business loan fund at the onset of the pandemic, donating to a coat drive, creating a free food pantry, connecting isolated seniors.

As we head into another election season it is important to remember local government is directly responsible for our community and affects nearly every aspect of daily life – public safety, public schools, affordable housing, public transportation. With support from our readers and local advertisers the Herald will continue to keep you connected locally so you have relevant information for decisions on issues facing the community.

Fossil fuel initiative stalls in committee

By Jack Tierney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Long Range Finance Committee dismissed a proposal from the Sustainability Advisory Board to divest in fossil fuels with Director of Finance Russ Van Gompel saying the city's investment portfolio includes ones that are not compliant with the board resolution and that city staff "does not have resources" to monitor the daily activity of these municipal funds.

Council member Michael Ford said the proposed resolution looked to be "unrealistic." Council member Matt Mugerauer motioned to maintain current investment policy. The motion was carried 7-0.

"This caught me off-guard," said Sustainability Advisory Board Chair Margy

Davey, who worked more than six years to develop and propose the fossil fuel divestment plan. "I didn't expect such a quick dismissal of the plan. There must be some language in there that they didn't feel comfortable with, and rather than deciding to work with us to change what they didn't like, it sounds like they pretty much decided to disavow it.

Board member Bob Poeschl said the memorandum from Van Gompel and motion from the finance committee "suggests that they don't want to take the time to look at the impacts of this. My opinion is that the board chair of the SAB and of the Long Range Finance Committee hash this out."

The plan would have ceased all new investment in fossil fuels and divested

from direct ownership and any commingled funds that included fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within five years. The plan passed the advisory board 7-0 on Nov. 23.

According to Kate Hancock-Cooke and the Citizens' Climate Lobby who gave a presentation to the board, 66 percent of Winnebago County residents believe global warming is happening, 72 percent believe that carbon dioxide emissions should be regulated as a pollutant and 66 percent believe global warming will harm future generations.

Davey said she would continue to work with the city to get approval and that the plan will be on the board's next agenda. She said she is awaiting a response from Van Gompel on the city's dismissal.

Students back in class with safety protocols

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh public schools reopened for classes this week with a two-day-a-week schedule for students under its hybrid learning model.

Students that have been assigned to Group A will attend school Tuesdays and Fridays while Group B students are in the classroom Mondays and Thursdays.

District officials have notified parents

and guardians that they need to monitor their children for signs of illness every day, and those who are sick cannot attend school in person.

All families must notify their children's school nurse when they have COVID-19 symptoms or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

COVID-19 testing will be available on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

campus through the month and a parent or guardian must be present with a student. The testing at UWO is free to district students and families.

The district will maintain its protocols for students who need to quarantine, including a 14-day period for close contacts.

The district is also continuing to look for substitute teachers or support staff.



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Father Carr's leader brings own style of serving

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Founded by Father Martin Carr in 1974 as a faith-based organization that ministers to the poor by providing donor-driven family and community resources, Father Carr's Place 2B has been continuing that work amid the current climate under its



Nieman

new executive director. John Nieman, an Oshkosh native and former spiritual and volunteer service program coordinator at Aurora Health Center, leads the direction of the Life Enrichment Center's shelter, food pantry, clinic, faith and community services.

"When I saw this job opening as executive director at Father Carr's it brought back to me what life is really all about, what a mission is all about, and what serving people is about," he said.

Nieman immediately began dealing with the coronavirus pandemic after he started in February, which superseded prepared ideas of what his leadership direction would be.

"I'm very proud of Oshkosh," he said. "I read those websites about what Oshkosh could be doing better and I think what we could be doing better is exactly what we are doing right now because of COVID.

"Our volunteers are up because of COVID. Our donations are up. And I think people are more giving in a crisis. Oshkosh can only get better by people working together for a common cause, which we are seeing in our community."

He answered some misconceptions about Father Carr's guidelines and who is allowed into the shelter.

"We follow the practices of other shelters," Nieman said. "COTS in Appleton does the same thing we do. We do a background check because we want to keep everyone safe here, which includes our women, our children and our volunteers.

"We can't have a sexual predator on our campus, or someone with a violent background because we don't have paid staff or paid security. We are up front with the people right away. We'll work with them. But it is up to them to meet the guidelines. If people do not believe in that then they choose not to stay here."

As the only paid employee, Nieman emphasized that Father Carr's is a volunteer and donor-driven organization with a campus

built over time from the generosity of others.

The organization has some services individuals might not know about. It is one of the only food pantries in the area that offers weekly opportunities to stock up on nutritional necessities. And perishable food items, including fruits and vegetables, are available daily without screenings or explanations.

Father Carr's free clinic is something Nieman said the organizations is trying to expand. He said "there definitely is a need in our community for free health care." Voluntary care needs include a dentist and a chiropractor.

Additional services provided by the Place 2B include Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter meals that serve between 700 and 1,000. Father Carr's also does a special Christmas meal for children that served

more than 400 last year.

Nic Bur, an Oshkosh native, school-teacher and counselor in Milwaukee, is Father Carr's supervisory board chairman. He said Nieman's history as a community organizer and at Aurora make him an effective leader with connections that will enable growth for the organization.

"What John does for the Place 2B is make connections for the community," Bur said. "John brings in volunteers, he connects with people and he explains what we're doing and that's one of the reasons he does such a great job in terms of building relationships. We love the fact that he is a relationship builder. He brings a face to the organization that we love."

Visit fathercarrs.org for information about how to get involved with the community organization.

Evergreen community project advances

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plans by Evergreen Retirement Community to build a 40-home "pocket neighborhood" at the southeast corner of Linden Oaks Drive and West 9th Avenue received an approval recommendation from the Oshkosh Plan Commission at its Jan. 5 meeting.

The commission recommended approval of a zoning change from single residential 5 (SR5) use to SR5 with a planned development overlay as well as a general development plan and specific implementation plan for the project. Planning staff had also recommended approval of the project.

The 40 homes for older adults will be sit-

uated on a single tract of land as single-family rental units and similar in design to existing homes at 1130 N. Westfield.

Ken Arneson, representing Evergreen, said homes will have no steps to enter each unit and that walkways will be kept close "so that neighbors have an opportunity to interact with each other."

A separate request for a proposed conversion of the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites at 1495 South Park Ave. into a transitional living facility for homeless individuals that was to come before the commission was withdrawn by the applicant.

The Oshkosh Area Community Property Corp. had requested actions so that Community Outreach Temporary Services (COTS) could use the hotel as a communi-

ty-based residential facility and provide direct services to homeless over several years to help them achieve stability and success. The proposal included serving 20 individuals initially with up to 40 being served at one time over a three-year period.

COTS offers a similar program in Appleton. No reason was provided for withdrawal of the request.

The commission also advanced a proposal for construction of an 8-foot-high chain link gate and fence over a portion of Merritt's Creek on the Bradley Street right of way at the new Hydrite Chemical Co. rail yard's 28th Avenue facility.

The construction of the gate and fencing would be temporary until 2022 when renovation work will be completed.

Amazon adding warehouse space at Oshkosh area site

Oshkosh Herald

E-commerce giant Amazon is reportedly adding the Oshkosh area to its distribution empire with job postings for an operations area manager and undetermined number of warehouse employees for a location on State 76 north of Interstate 41 in the Town of Vinland.

A town official said the company is leasing and upgrading an existing warehouse space at Top Brands' former location at 5739 Green Valley Road to handle larger deliveries such as appliances.

No official announcement has been made by the multinational company or the warehouse owner.

The company opened a 110,000-square-foot distribution center in Greenville near Appleton last summer with about 150 full-time positions along with part time and seasonal workers. It hasn't been announced how the Vinland location would support that facility as a delivery station or last-mile warehouse.

Amazon's largest distribution center is in Kenosha with supporting facilities in Pleasant Prairie and Oak Creek, with expansions in Beloit and Madison.

The multinational company based in Seattle focuses on online commerce, cloud computing, digital streaming and artificial intelligence as one of the top five companies in the U.S. technology industry.

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Ripon Athletic bringing back Sand Knit

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Good things have a way of weaving their way back into our culture.

That seems to be the case with Ripon Athletic's Sand Knit brand.

The Berlin-based sports apparel company has announced it will replace its traditional Ripon Athletic label on its 2021 team athletic uniforms with one bearing the Sand Knit name that was once a prominent part of the sports apparel world.

Sand Knit uniforms were worn for more than three decades by teams in the National Football League, Major League Baseball and NBA along with countless high school, college and recreational squads such as the Tommy's Angels softball teams in Oshkosh back in the 1980s.

The Sand Knit brand and label — owned by Ripon Athletic — hasn't been highly visible in recent years but is returning to Ripon Athletic uniforms in commemoration of Sand Knit's 100th anniversary. It doesn't mean those uniforms will closely resemble those produced by Sand Knit years ago, but company president Peter Derleth said that some current and perhaps future uniform designs may spotlight some of the former Sand Knit designs.

Local sports fans can check out the Sand Knit look by attending a Lourdes Academy basketball game. The Knights are the first athletic team in 30 years to wear Sand Knit-labeled uniforms.

"We're going to put a lot more emphasis on the Sand Knit brand and see if it has any traction," Derleth said. "We felt the timing was appropriate — given the 100th year anniversary — to bring the Sand Knit



Photo from Ripon Athletic

The Lourdes jersey, the first from Sand Knit in 30 years, is shown with a few others over time.

name back to the playing fields and our uniforms. We're hopeful it will take off in a good direction."

Ripon Athletic is a prominent player in the sports apparel business. It manufactures game-issued uniforms for 20 NFL teams, including the Green Bay Packers. Nike is the official supplier of NFL uniforms, but Ripon Athletic is the company that actually makes the same jerseys and pants (for Nike) that Aaron Rodgers and Davante Adams wear on Sundays.

Ripon Athletic also produces team uniforms for the Canadian Football League along with college and high school teams. The family-owned company has two plants in Berlin and employs 160 workers. In addition to uniforms, Ripon Athletic also sells athletic awards jackets along with a full line of additional sports apparel. It was named as Manufacturer of the

Year by the Sports Goods Agents Association in 2002. Ripon Athletic does not sell the NFL team apparel to retailers.

The Sand Knit return won't include the game-issued NFL uniforms due to a licensing agreement between Nike and the NFL.

Ripon Athletic acquired the Sand Knit patterns, its Berlin production facility and all of its equipment and machinery in the early 1990s after the Sand Knit division went out of business while tied to the MacGregor Sporting Goods company, which declared bankruptcy in 1990. Many of the former Sand Knit employees joined Ripon Athletic.

The Sand Knit story started in 1921 when John Sand started the business in Chicago. It operated under the Sand Knit name in the Windy City for 32 years before moving to Berlin in 1953. In 1960, Sand Knit was sold and operated as a division of Medalist Industries until 1984 when it was purchased by MacGregor.

"In '70s and '80s, almost every pro team, whether it was basketball, football or baseball, had some connection with Sand Knit products," Derleth said. "We had been using the Sand Knit brand on a couple of production items over the years but haven't been using it across the full product line. We're bringing it back across the product line to recognize everyone who helped us get where we're at today."

Derleth refers to the Sand Knit-Ripon Athletic relationship as the tale of two companies. Ripon Athletic was originally known as Ripon Awardjackets Inc. and was established in Ripon in 1949 by Carl Doehling. It specialized in selling award jackets to high school students in Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. Peter's father, Hank Derleth, became the company president and part owner in 1984 after leaving MacGregor/Sand Knit. He added quality

athletic uniforms to the company's jacket line, changed the company's name to Ripon Athletic and moved the production facilities from Ripon to Berlin in 1987.

Hank Derleth, a former University of Wisconsin football player, started his career with the Sand Knit division of Medalist in 1963 as an assistant manager and eventually became its general manager and president, before the company was purchased by MacGregor.

During his years at Sand Knit, Hank Derleth was instrumental in the design, development and style of various athletic uniforms, including the Houston Astros' classic multistripe look.

"Our manufacturing process is really a people-driven process," said Peter Derleth. "We rely heavily on the people that do the work here every day to do a great job. So we've reached out to Ripon Athletic and former Sand Knit employees and asked them about the Sand Knit products and what we could do to make the Sand Knit brand the best it could be."

The Lourdes uniforms reflect Ripon Athletic's flexibility and willingness to work with customers. The Knights' Sand Knit uniforms were created after a Lourdes coach supplied a picture of the look the school wanted for its uniforms.

Like most companies, Ripon Athletic has experienced a highly unusual year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The company was forced to initially shut down for a few months last spring because it was considered to be a non-essential business. Upon reopening, the company showed its resourcefulness and adapted to a bizarre situation by producing masks and gowns for safety use.

"In a way, we've been blessed by some of the things that happened to us this year," said Peter Derleth. "We had the manufacturing capacity and asked ourselves, 'What can we do to help and how are we going to do it in safe way?' In a very short period of time we made 5,000 gowns for Wisconsin sheriff departments and more than 30,000 masks.

"Like all companies, we've missed some sales in the past year due to the pandemic. But I'm really proud of our group and how we were able to help our neighbors during the pandemic. It was the worst possible time for us to shut down, but we said, 'OK, let's deal with this and try and make something positive out of it.'"



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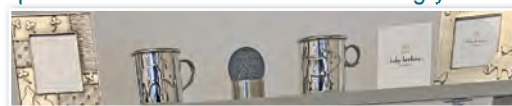
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Family Video closing all stores, including Ohio Street location

Oshkosh Herald

The Family Video chain closed its remaining stores nationwide beginning last week, including Oshkosh's 350 Ohio St. location that had been there since 1997.

Doug Seefeldt, Family Video's district manager and commercial property specialist, said the adjacent Marco's Pizza will remain open as the video store space becomes available for lease.

Parent owner Highland Ventures, which also owns the Marco's Pizza locations that were often adjacent to the video stores, has begun liquidation sales to sell its inventory of movies, video games, CBD products and store fixtures.

Seefeldt said Family Video will be selling off that inventory until about mid- to late February before officially closing.

The national closings involve more than 250 locations and at least 40 in Wisconsin, and followed an earlier series of closings accelerated by the pandemic that forced the chain to shut down for about two months. Family Video first opened in 1978 in Illinois.

"We are very thankful to have been able to provide entertainment for many family movie nights, and want to thank our customers and our incredible staff for the many years of support and service," stated Keith Hoogland, Highland Ventures chief executive, in a press release.

Chick-fil-A draws a crowd at new location

Fast-food chain Chick-fil-A arrived in Oshkosh last week with a Thursday grand opening at its location off Interstate 41 and State Highway 21 at 1047 N. Washburn St.

Operating with a drive-thru-only model, the chicken sandwich specialist partnered with Oshkosh police to develop a traffic management plan for the high vehicle traffic commonly seen at new locations.

Ty Dillon is the local owner of the restaurant and operates the business along with his family.

Customers have been reporting waits of about 20 to 30 minutes during peak times.

"Traffic will be monitored closely and we will adjust as needed," Dillon said on the franchise's Facebook. "We look forward to serving you and we are honored to join the Oshkosh community."

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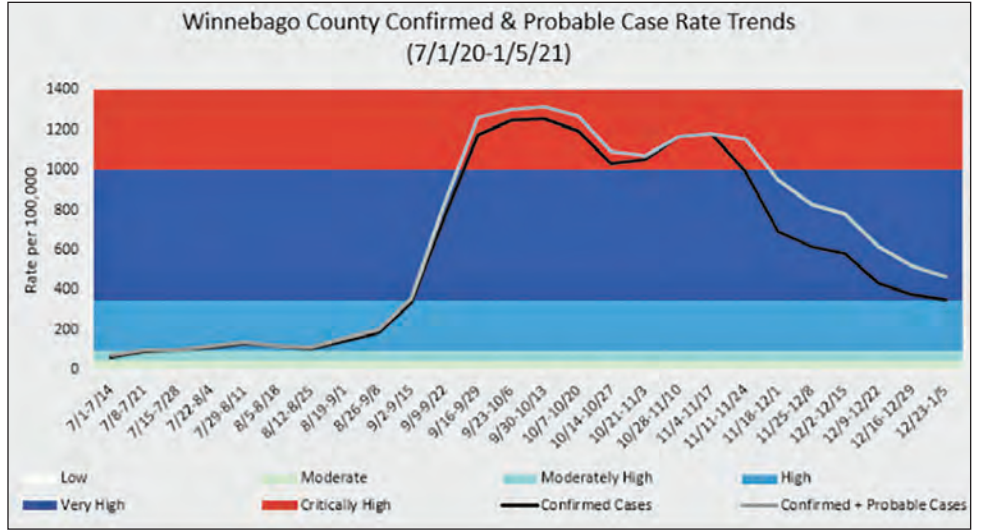
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W.E. Pollock Makes New Offers of Aid to Pool Fund: In response to a plea for support, a generous offer has been received from W.E. Pollock of Miami Beach, Florida. Pollock is the former president of

the Oshkosh Overall Company. Pollock has shown an interest in the pool project since the beginning. In his recent proposal, an offer to Pollock was made extending naming rights of the new swim facility. As a result, Pollock said that if the people of Oshkosh were to honor his late wife, "I will match any amount you receive up to \$50,000 in private contributions." Plans for an immediate fund drive are currently underway.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Jan. 4, 1957



Fewer people are getting tested for COVID-19 and the highest positivity rate is for ages 30-39.

Coronavirus vaccines rolling out; case rates trend down after holiday

Approximately 2,650 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Winnebago County residents as of last week. Among those being vaccinated are healthcare workers and nursing home staff and residents.

The health department received its first shipment of the vaccine last week and is working to vaccinate individuals that fall within the state 1a vaccination plan.

Although there has been a decrease in reported cases and overall testing numbers in recent weeks, county confirmed and probable case burden still remains "very high."

Confirmed COVID-19 deaths have slowed, however. One-quarter of the 155 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in Winnebago County have occurred in the past six weeks.

The confirmed and probable case rate over the past two weeks for Winnebago County is 465 cases per 100,000 people, a decrease from the previous week. Individ-

uals aged 30-39 had the highest confirmed case rate over the past 2 weeks. Rates were lowest in those under 18.

Over the past week, 11.5 percent of PCR tests in Wisconsin were positive and 6.7 percent of PCR tests across all of Winnebago County were positive, which is above the Health Department's goal of remaining below 5 percent positivity. The health department reports that many people with symptoms are only receiving antigen tests, which are excluded from percent positivity calculation, leading to artificially lower percentages of PCR cases.

"If you have been tested, please stay home until you receive your test results and follow the guidance provided. We continue to ask for the community's help with notification of close contacts. Early notification and quarantine of exposed individuals is an important tool in limiting spread of COVID-19," the Health Department said.

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Taking to the ice

Families and some first-time skaters were out Saturday for an ice outing at Menominee Park's Millers Bay. Dr. Eric's Skate Club was helping with activities and providing skates for anyone needing them. The club also will hold after-school activities at Roe Park's ice rink near the YMCA when conditions allow that spot to open.

Superintendent complaint discussed in closed session

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education went into closed session last week to discuss an anonymous internal complaint from school district principals asking for an independent survey review of Superintendent Vickie Cartwright, citing a lack of confidence in the leadership.

After the meeting, the Board of Education issued a statement saying it will take four steps to bring solutions to the complaint. Steps include:

- Measuring staff engagement to nation-

al norms.

- Reviewing the complaint process and policy.
- Reviewing the superintendent and executive office performance.
- Reviewing the board feedback process.

The board statement said it remains committed to students, parents, staff and the community as they process the complaint. Board President Barb Herzog previously said the board continues to have confidence in the superintendent, but had not stated its intentions on the request to authorize the independent survey.

Local election slate established

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County League of Women Voters is holding a candidates forum at 6 p.m. Jan. 21 for Oshkosh mayor and Common Council that will be recorded by Oshkosh Media and broadcast live from the council chambers.

Four candidates for mayor, followed by the nine candidates for three seats on the council, are invited on a panel with the Oshkosh Herald and Oshkosh Northwestern.

LWV is seeking public policy questions in advance. Submit them to forum moderator Margy Davey at lwvWCinfo@gmail.com or 920-233-5055.

Candidates for the city positions, Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education and Winnebago County executive were finalized last Tuesday, with the mayoral and city council races requiring a Feb. 16 primary to narrow the field ahead of the April 6 general election.

For Oshkosh mayor, the candidates include incumbent Lori Palmeri, Deb Allison-Aasby, Kris Larson and Robert Wilcox.

For the Common Council's three open seats, they include Michael Beardsley, Phil Collins, Lateria Garrett, Courtney Hansen, Kenneth Hinrichs, Jake Krause (incumbent), Bill Miller, Wilcox and Aaron Wojciechowski.

\$1,000 county scholarships available

The annual Winnebago County Board Scholarship Program to promote good citizenship and awareness of local government is offered to local high school seniors who plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution.

An application form can be found at www.co.winnebago.wi.us/county-board. Candidates must write a 500-800 word

essay on the question: "If I were to run for any Winnebago County office, which position would I run for and why?"

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New North offers workforce data tools

A pair of new workforce-related tools – the New North Talent Hub and the New North IntelTracker – have been created by the regional economic development corporation serving the 18 counties of north-east Wisconsin.

Both are designed to assist current and prospective members of the workforce, employers in the region, area educators, government and economic-development organizations, and industry associations.

The New North Talent Hub is focused on new skills and retraining a large portion of the workforce, facilitating moves into in-demand jobs. Workforce experts say that many of the positions lost in the service sector may not return for some time.

The Talent Hub deals with K-12 and higher education through Inspire and other career initiatives. It also identifies diversity and inclusion to ensure access to skills opportunities, along with expanding resources to assist the incarcerated.

The Talent Hub inventories, organizes and expands resources and programs within strategy areas identified in a 2019 study by ManpowerGroup. These are organized into a navigable online portal at www.NewNorthTalentHub.com.

The expected benefits of the Talent Hub include assistance in matching talent to

existing positions or new opportunities; helping employees find appropriate training, education and upskilling programs; access to Wisconsin DPI-endorsed career pathways; development of connections for work-based learning opportunities; and data analytics for companies to see disruptions and plan more effectively.

The New North IntelTracker, integrated into the Talent Hub, is designed to complement its efforts, collecting and analyzing data and information for trends, disruptions and opportunities. The results are on a public platform for businesses, government entities, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations within the region.

Among the regional data sets available on IntelTracker are Vital Statistics, Regional Economy, Talent/Demographics, Hot Jobs, Technology/Automation/Digital Maturity, Education, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Retail & Services, Livability, and Capital Investment. The next phase of the tool will be to bring together data analysts from across the region to develop regional forecasts.

The IntelTracker also provides New North Business Intelligence Panel members' IntelBriefs into "What is Trending," along with other articles and future-looking resources.



Oshkosh Herald

New in the neighborhood

A container home used as the framework for a house in the residential 1900 block of Oregon Street has drawn some public curiosity for its nonstandard structure, especially when the container box was first placed on the lot last year (right photo) but has taken on familiar house details shown above on Friday.

"From a design standards perspective the container home is held to the same standards as all other homes in the city and go through the same design review



as a traditionally constructed home," said Mark Lyons, the city's planning services manager.

Shipping container homes, usually composed of corrugated steel, can be a more affordable option than standard construction and can be elevated on pilings to avoid excavation expenses. This structure is on a plot that is particularly elevated above street level.

Safety beacons installed at roundabout

Safety beacons installed at the Washburn and 9th Avenue roundabout are the result of a city partnership with the Aging & Disability Resource Center.

Flashing lights have been installed at the roundabout to allow pedestrians to cross safely. Additional flashing lights are planned in coming weeks.



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History major latest in family line of UWO grads

By Liz Smith
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Senior Michelle Lokken has accomplished a lot during her time as a student at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, including publishing a book and earning a 4.0 cumulative GPA. But the midyear graduate from Oshkosh might be most proud of becoming a third-generation UW Oshkosh alum and the sixth member of her extended family to earn a degree from UWO in a span of nearly 60 years.

Michelle, who will graduate summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in business administration, follows in the footsteps of her siblings Danielle Lokken '13, and Michael Lokken '17; her parents Nancy (Helm) Lokken '81, and Dave Lokken '80; and her grandmother Neva Helm '62.

"It's really special to have that big of a connection to the same school," Michelle said. "I am very grateful that members of my family have been able to earn their bachelor's degree, and it's inspiring to know that my grandmother makes me a third-generation graduate."

Neva Helm used the training program at UW-Stevens Point—known then as Central State Teachers College—to begin teaching at the age 18. Her initial years of teaching were in a one-room schoolhouse. She taught for 11 years from 1944 to 1955, before stopping to raise a family.

Helm continued to take courses at UWO—then known as Wisconsin State College—and graduated with her bachelor's degree in lower elementary education in August 1962.

"It's remarkable to know that my grandmother completed her degree during a time when not many women went to col-



Michelle Lokken, shown with her parents and siblings, is the sixth member of her extended family to graduate from UW Oshkosh.

lege," Michelle said. "Her accomplishment is even more admirable since she completed her degree while raising three small children and being pregnant with her fourth child."

Nancy, who enjoyed hearing the stories her mother told about the schoolhouse, followed her mother's career path. She became a second-generation UWO graduate and second-generation teacher after earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in learning disabilities in 1981.

"UWO was a good choice given the fact that I was pursuing a degree in education," Nancy said. "It also was in my hometown, making it a very affordable choice."

Nancy went on to have a 37-year teaching career with the School District of Omro, including the final 30 years as a first-grade teacher.

"While teaching first grade, I had the opportunity to supervise student teachers, all of which were UWO students," Nancy said.

She retired at the end of the 2017-18 school year but has since returned to the district as a substitute teacher.

Nancy and Dave Lokken attended UWO at the same time in the late 1970s and early '80s but didn't meet until 1984. Nancy went to a Titans basketball game at Kolf Sports Center with a friend in January of that year and met Dave later that night.

The two married in 1985 and went on to have three children: Danielle, Michael and Michelle. All three continued the UWO family tradition, which included attending the University while living at home.

"Given that my mother was a college graduate ahead of me, it is an honor to say that my own children are third-generation college graduates," Nancy said.

Danielle, like both her grandmother and mother, went the teaching route while at UWO. Growing up, she saw first hand the impact her mom had as a teacher.

"I would go to school with my mom," Danielle said. "I thought it was so cool that my mom had this different life and was a different person at school."

Danielle volunteered in her mom's classroom when she first got to UWO, sealing the deal that she too wanted to be a teacher. She earned her elementary education degree in 2013 and now is in her sixth year teaching sixth and seventh grade in the Iola-Scandinavia school district.

"I love it," Danielle said.

Michael—who Michelle says is the one "who made the most out of his college experience"—graduated with a music degree in 2017. He was part of the track and field team his first year, performed in a number of concerts, ran for Homecoming Court in 2013, was part of a fraternity and started a DJ club.

"Michael was very excited to learn about everything UWO had to offer and he became heavily involved in campus life," Michelle said.

He also was involved in TitanTV, including a show called Can You Cut the Mustard? His younger sister has fond memories of his time with that show.

"Michael wrote a very funny and catchy theme song for the game show called Squirt the Mustard," Michelle said. "The tune was very over the top and even featured mustard squirting sound effects. This song was the goofiest thing and I remember singing it around the house with him after he showed it to me."

Michael worked in Reeve Union and was a summer tour guide with the Admissions office, a job he said made him even more "obsessed" with UWO.

"I loved having my fingers in as many things as I could," Michael said.

He continues to be a DJ around the Fox Valley, is involved with the Main Street Music Festival and plays drums for his church's contemporary worship service and percussion for the Oshkosh Area Community Band.

Competing in National History Day while in high school and working as a security guard at the Paine Art Center and Gardens sparked Michelle's interest in history.

She originally considered different universities that offered unique history majors, but ultimately Michelle knew UWO was where she wanted to be.

"With my entire immediate family being UWO alumni, I wanted to be part of that," she said. "I also wanted to stay involved with the local history scene in Oshkosh rather than starting from scratch in a new city. I knew I could complement my history coursework well with other relevant experiences in the community."

Having completed a number of Cooperative Academic Partnership Program courses when at Oshkosh North High School, Michelle was able to dive straight into her major when starting at UWO.

And it was in one of her history classes that helped her get started working on a book.

"I thought it would be really cool to publish a pictorial history title, but did not put much serious effort into actually starting the project until I took Advanced Composition with Dr. Christine Roth," said Michelle. "She made Oshkosh the theme of her class, and I decided to use the paper I produced for that class as a jump start on my postcard history book."

Michelle used her final paper as a pitch to Arcadia Publishing. In July, she published Oshkosh, part of the publishing company's Postcard History Series.

Michelle will be the program coordinator at the Manitowoc County Historical Society.

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Wildcats go perfect in wrestling triangular

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With some safety protocols lifted, area wrestling teams are starting to get more in the flow of a regular season. After only being allowed to wrestle one team per week or event, the WIAA has now approved teams to face multiple schools per meet should it be deemed OK by each school.

Oshkosh West was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a triangular Thursday, heading to Appleton North to face Hortonville, Fond du Lac and Appleton North.

The Wildcats couldn't have asked for a better showing — going 3-0 on the night. Despite some tough points that didn't go West's way, Alec Hunter and Max Carlin went unbeaten to set the tone for a strong showing.

"I thought we wrestled great tonight," head coach Duane Hartkopf said. "In all honesty this was the best we have looked all season and the first time we had our entire lineup together. The team focused on scoring bonus points and stepping up in the big moments. All in all, it was a great team effort highlighted by some gutsy performances."

West 40, Hortonville 29

In the first match of the day, the Wildcats picked up a tough win against a strong Hortonville team. Hunter and Carlin set the tone early with two straight pins at 132 and 138 and Hartkopf felt that helped swing momentum in their favor.

"The Hortonville match was a good win for us," he said. "As a team, we did a good job getting pins and pushing the pace was crucial. We did a great job focusing on scoring the first point and then continuing to try and score more points. Alec Hunter and Max Carlin started the dual off great for us getting back-to-back pins."

After those pins, Hortonville answered with wins at 145 and 152 to close the deficit to 12-8. Freshman Iban Heredia came up huge with a pin at 160 giving the Wildcats an 18-8 advantage heading into the second half of the match. Once again, Hortonville responded with a pair of wins, one being a pin and the other a decision to close within 18-17. The Heredia match was the turning point as was the Rob Martell major decision at 195.

The Wildcats secured the victory by earning forfeits in 220, 285 and 113 as Riley Stobb, Mason Wilke and Junior Brown took those wins. The Polar Bears picked up hard-fought one-point wins by Henry Niebauer over Elijah Geffers at 113 and Austin Spindler over Jasiah Williams to end the match, but it wasn't enough to knock off the Wildcats.

West 61, Fond du Lac 12

After a tough battle in their first match, the Wildcats made quick work of the Cardinals in winning 12 of 14 matches to claim a 61-12 victory.

"We set the tone right out of the gate by Carson Hollis getting us a pin at 145,"

Hartkopf said. "Then we won 11 of the next 13 matches as a team. Overall, the team was constantly working to score more points as they turned in a dominant performance. The entire team stepped up to finish the night off on a strong note. This brings us to 5-2 in the conference, which will have us finish third overall in the FVA this season."

Hollis achieved a second-period pin for the quick 6-0 lead. After Isaac Ortegon pinned Clayton Eckstein at 152 to tie things up at 6-6, it was all Wildcats. Both Vincent Bird (160) and Heredia (170) earned decisions to give the Wildcats the lead for good. Mason Klinger (182) followed that with a major decision ahead of Martell picking up a first-period pin at 195.

Following a pin by Stobb at 225, Joe Schmitz picked up the final win for Fond du Lac by pinning Wilke at 285 pounds. The Wildcats were granted three straight forfeits after that with Clayton Ellison (106) and Junior Brown (113) and Geffers (120) taking those victories. The Wildcats capped off their second win of the night with Hunter earning a 16-1 TF at 126 pounds, Lukas Schroeder picking up a pin at 132 and Carlin earning an 11-2 MD at 138 for the dominating win.

West 36, Appleton North 32

The third and final match was by far the toughest one of the night with the Wildcats and Lightning battling to the end. It was the first time West was trailing at any point, and needed three straight wins at the end to seal the deal.

"This was a match where we had a few matches slip away and we gave up some uncharacteristic pins," Hartkopf said on the performance. "It would have been easy for the team to panic a bit when we were down 22-6, but the team focused on taking care of their own jobs and as a team it led to a strong finish where we were able to make up for some of the pins we gave up."

"Clayton Ellison got a crucial pin with us as time was about to run out; Jasiah Williams locked up a major decision as time was almost up as well. The team turned in an all-around team effort to persevere in this one — very proud of the team trusting the process."

Starting fast continued to be the DNA for West as Carlin and Eckstein gave the Wildcats a 6-0 lead after their decision wins at 138 and 145. This was the point of the match where things went south for Oshkosh. A major decision for Cole Verhyen at 152 got the Lightning on the board as they ripped off 22 straight points including three straight pins by Matt Reischl (160), Brock Arndt (170) and Blake Miller (182) to take a 22-6 lead.

Looking for points in a hurry, Martell put an end to that run in the 195-pound match, pinning Charlie Hardy to make things 22-12. Stobb followed that with a pin of his own at 220 and just like that it was a 22-18 match. Refusing to give up their lead, Ethan Hansen earned the final pin of the night for North at 285 to push

and Daniel Pessoa.

The Oshkosh Fire Department named Fire Marshal Brian Bending as its newest assistant chief of prevention and preparedness. He will continue his fire marshal role while overseeing the Training Division.



Photos by Dustin Riese

West's Elijah Geffers upends Hortonville's Henry Niebauer in his first 113-pound match.

the lead back to 10 points at 28-18. The teams continued to exchange pins with Ellison grabbing another one at 106 pounds to close the cap to 28-24.

With four matches to go, both teams knew this was going to be a battle. Jake Stoffel appeared to put Appleton North in the driver's seat with a major decision over Brown at 113 to make things 32-24. Knowing what was at stake, Geffers flipped the match upside down as his 15-0 tech fall over Jackson Kolasinski at 120 pounds made things 32-29.

The next match saw the Wildcats grab

their first lead since it was 6-0 with Williams earning a 13-4 MD over Tyson Salm and giving West a 33-32 lead with one match left.

The Wildcats couldn't have asked for a better wrestler to close out as Hunter was tasked with bringing the match home at 132 pounds.

Up against a tough opponent in Michael Smith, Hunter knew he just needed to secure the decision win for West to take the match. He earned a 7-0 decision and gave the Wildcats the win to cap off an unbeaten night for him and his team.

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Public safety makes hires, promotions

The Oshkosh Police Department named five new officers and promoted officer Joshua Turner to the rank of detective during a Police and Fire Commission meeting last week.

New officers are Austin Magedanz, Jadon Solis, Kayla Mesko, Alex Canfield

West gets back at North in basketball rematch

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In its first battle of the year a month ago, North was able to withstand a late West rally to secure the win. The second time around was different as terrific outside shooting by the Wildcats in the first half gave them a double-digit lead and the defense took care of the rest in a 65-50 victory.

“Just a great all-around performance and team win,” West coach Michael Johnson said. “We limited turnovers, protected the paint, rebounded and had great shot selection. When you are sharp in all those areas, you are going to put yourself in a great position to win.”

Just when it looked as if the Spartans may have been finding themselves as a team, head coach Brad Weber feels like this game was more of a step back.

“It was a disappointing performance,” Weber said. “I thought we were starting to turn the corner and show growth from the beginning of the season. Unfortunately, we did not take a step forward tonight. Credit West — I thought they came out and executed their game plan and played with confidence. I am not sure if it was a longer layover or just the inconsistency that comes with our inexperience. We need to figure it out and evolve.”

While the Spartans wanted to get the ball inside early using Steven Clark and Jalen Keago, it was all about outside shooting from the Wildcats. Eight of West’s first 10 made field goals came from behind the arc for a 20-7 lead. Mike Stack connected on four first-half 3’s to help set the tone. Johnson knew his guys needed to capitalize on North’s defense if given the chance to shoot.

“North mixes up their defenses and our guys did a good job identifying what they were in and exploiting the openings,” he said. “We did a good job getting cutters and drives through their zone and then finding shooters for kick-outs. Credit to



Photo by Jim Koepnick

West’s Tristan Johanknecht (44) tries to save the ball in Friday’s game against Oshkosh North.

them for putting passes on the mark and to the shooters for being ready and knocking them down.”

After the hot start from the Wildcats, the Spartans made adjustments and were able to slow things down. That allowed for Mason Day, Clark and Cooper Juedes to start taking the ball inside as they closed the Wildcats’ lead to 24-18. Weber felt that the team began to settle in offensively, which helped get things going.

“We settled at times for the first shot instead of the best shot,” he said. “When we worked together and ran our stuff, we got good looks.”

Just as the Spartans were making their run, Stack connected from deep and Jacques Overstreet scored to take the lead back to 10. Keago and Juedes kept things close but Overstreet closed out the first half

with two buckets including a buzzer-beating floater to end the half leading 34-22.

Keago got things started for the Spartans offense in the second half. He, alongside Juedes and Clark, were able to keep the Wildcats offense in check early, closing things to 39-32 a few minutes in. When asked about what changed in defensive philosophy, Weber felt it was more about the team talking as opposed to anything else.

“We were better in the second half in how we played defense,” Weber said. “What defense we play doesn’t matter if our ‘how’ isn’t good. In the first half, we let our offensive struggle affect our ‘how’ on the defensive end.”

Much like the first half, whenever the Spartans seemed to get things rolling, the Wildcats had an answer and Overstreet connected on another three to push the lead back to double digits. After a couple of Juedes and Keago buckets, Overstreet attacked the paint again before an Alex Schlichting three-point play extended the West lead to 47-36.

For much of the season, the Spartans

have been able to count on Reed Seckar and Kaden Lasee for outside shooting but both struggled to get things going until midway through the second half.

“I think that we had clean looks for good shooters that didn’t fall,” Weber said. “Lasee and Seckar are good shooters. Over the season, the percentages will play out; tonight they didn’t. For missed shots, I would’ve liked to see us do a better job rebounding the ball.”

Ethan Shefchik drained another three to push the lead back to 12. That appeared to be the back breaker as the Spartans couldn’t close the gap much further eventually falling behind by 15.

Johnson credits his defense for the way they contained the Spartans’ offense.

“Defensively our guys communicated better than they had all year and were in great position to help on drives,” he said. “They also closed out well on shooters which is something that we have been working on as our young players have learned how good the shooters are at the varsity level.”

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BOYS HOCKEY

Oshkosh team routs Green Bay United

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks boys hockey team dominated Green Bay United last Thursday, scoring nine goals in the first period en route to a 18-1 win.

The Ice Hawks scored three more in the second period to take a 12-0 lead before Green Bay United got on the board in the final period.

Ethan Hoodie scored five goals for the Ice Hawks while Alex Beck, Winston Knoblock, Marshall Koch and Kevin Lynch had two goals a piece. Andrew Grebe, Dylan Sprister, Taylor Block, Evan Neitzel and Isaiah Koeppen added goals for Oshkosh.

Jake Sprister led the way with five assists in the win while William Engedal had 14 saves.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds drop two games over weekend

The Fond du Lac co-op girls hockey team lost two games this past weekend, falling 7-3 to University School of Milwaukee Friday and 5-3 to Black River Falls on Saturday.

On Friday, the Warbirds saw themselves down 4-0 in the second period before Ella Spies got Fondy on the board on an assist from Cassie Stephany.

Stephany added a goal to start the third period to make it 4-2, but USM responded with two goals after that to pull away.

Hannah Wilson scored the final goal for Fondy on an assist from Emily Brown. Kristi Binder had 22 saves in the loss.

On Saturday, Black River Falls jumped out to a 3-1 first period lead. Fondy would cut it to 3-2 before Black River Falls added two more in the final period.

Josie Kooima, Emily Brown and Spies scored goals for Fondy.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Milton upends North in nonconference win

Jalen Keago's 26 points were not enough as Milton picked up a 76-72 nonconference win over Oshkosh North on Saturday.

North (4-8), which trailed by eight at halftime, got 15 points from Ari Giannopoulos and 14 from Steven Clark.

Milton's Samuel Burdette had a game-high 30 points.



Molly Moore of Lourdes drives against Oakfield in a Friday night contest.

Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes tops Springs

The Lourdes boys basketball team got back on track after picking up a 88-79 win over St. Mary's Springs on Saturday.

Preston Ruedinger had a game-high 29 points, Jack McKellips had 16 while Josh Bauer chipped in 15 points in the win.

The Knights move to 7-4 on the season after falling twice last week – including a 67-60 loss to DeForest on Thursday.

J.J. McKellips led the Knights with 19 points in that loss while Bauer had 18 points and nine rebounds.

Bad first half costs Valley Christian

The Valley Christian boys basketball team struggled in the first half as they lost a 77-60 Trailways-East Conference game to Oakfield on Friday night.

Isaiah Humiston had a game-high 17 points in the loss while Elijah Wade had 12 points and 10 rebounds. William Kehoe added 11 points for the Warriors, who were outscored 33-16 in the first half before scoring 44 in the second half.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oakfield too much for Lourdes in Trailways game

The Lourdes girls basketball team lost a Trailways-East Conference game at home Friday night, falling 55-43 to Oakfield.

Hope Burns led the Knights with 19

points and 10 rebounds – while hitting all four of Lourdes' three pointers.

Molly Moore added nine points, eight rebounds and five assists in the loss while Mary Husman and Madison Peerenboom chipped in six points.

Wildcats pull away from North in FVA win

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team held Oshkosh North to five second-half points as it pulled away for a 47-22 Fox Valley Association win Friday night.

West got off to a strong start, taking a 18-10 lead early but the Spartans closed the first half on a 7-2 run to make it 20-17.

Senior Brianna Davis led the Wildcats with 10 points while fellow senior Kiersten McNulty and junior Lauren Best each added eight points.

Ashley Borowitz led North with seven points while Payton Uptagraft added five each. Bailey Boelter had three points along with eight rebounds and two assists.

West loses at Sheboygan

On Saturday the Oshkosh West girls basketball team finished the weekend with back-to-backs, falling 42-36 at Sheboygan North to snap the Wildcat's four-game win streak.

West used an 8-2 run to close the first half to take a 19-14 lead but fouls and mistakes at the end cost the Wildcats.

Senior Brianna Davis led West with 13 points in the loss.

WRESTLING

Appleton West downs Oshkosh North

The Oshkosh North wrestling team lost a Fox Valley Association dual against Appleton West on Thursday, falling 48-17.

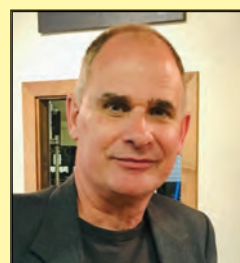
The Spartans got its three wins in a row at 138, 145 and 152, two of them pins.

Dylan Besaw (138) pinned Appleton West's Chris Meyer in 3:03 while Matthew Schallhorn (145) pinned his opponent in 2:39. Landon Spanbauer (152) was the other Spartan to pick up a win by technical fall 16-0.

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Herd

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recently announced those plans to play in Orlando, Florida," Brandes said. "Given this reality, we will not be playing at Menominee Nation Arena this year."

Fans hoping to take in a Herd contest at the arena for the first time since the league-leading Herd beat the Capital City Go-Go on March 7 will need to wait until the next attempt at a G League campaign, currently slated for later this year.

"We can't wait to ramp back up in our community and relaunch for the 2021-22 season, which is tentatively slated to start fall 2021," Brandes said. "We want to thank our fans for their continued patience and support of Herd basketball."

That standout Herd team is unlikely to exist in its prior configuration again, as many players have inked NBA deals or contracts with other leagues — including Jaylen Adams, who signed with the Bucks on a two-way contract before the current NBA season.

Leon Gilmore, a forward from that special Herd team, was interested in playing with them again after the tremendous season and group in Oshkosh last year but shifted his focus upon learning Wisconsin wouldn't be taking part in the bubble. He said he will treasure his last season with the Herd regardless of the news.

"I'm still humble and grateful to have the opportunities that were given to me and it sucks that we probably won't ever have that same team together again, but I'm happy with the memories that were made," Gilmore said.

Oratorical contests set at Legion Post

American Legion Cook Fuller Post 70 will be host to the annual regional and final state Oratorical Contests for high school students Feb. 13.

Normally presented at Ripon College, the Oshkosh post is being made available for the event where student contestants can earn scholarships to further their education. A single main speech topic related to the U.S. Constitution will be required with a length of 8 to 10 minutes, as well

as an assigned topic that must take 3 to 5 minutes of delivery.

Assigned topics and rules can be found at wilegion.org. Details are available by contacting Sheri Hicks at Wisconsin Legion headquarters at 608-745-1090 or sheri@wilegion.org

The event will only be open to contestants and their parents, moderators and judges. National finals will be April 9-11 in Indianapolis.

Meal volunteers needed at Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh is looking for volunteers to help with cooking, prepping and serving meals during its Community Hot Lunch Program, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays. The meal is served to go from 11 a.m. to noon.

There are also volunteer opportunities from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through

Friday at the food pantry to help stock shelves, sort food and assist clients with emergency supplies.

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Sprister twins providing major spark for Ice Hawks

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As twin brothers, Dylan and Jake Sprister share a rare chemistry and a special connection. Combine those two elements with high-level hockey skills and you get double trouble for Oshkosh Ice Hawks' opponents.



Dylan



Jake

The Spristers are a prominent part of the Ice Hawks' high school hockey team. Both are fourth-year varsity players who also excel in the classroom as honor students at Oshkosh West High School.

"It's been a pleasure coaching them," said Ice Hawks coach John Thomson. "Both are of high character and strong work ethic. They're great teammates with positive leadership qualities."

Dylan, a forward and Jake, a center, play on the same line, and it's a productive one. Dylan led the Ice Hawks in scoring as a junior with 14 points on five goals and nine assists in 24 games. Jake was second with 12 points with a team-high nine goals and three assists in 23 games.

The Spristers have spiked those numbers this season. Dylan was the team leader in goals (six) through eight games and was tied with Winston Knoblock for the most total points (11). Jake was third in points (10) with five goals and five assists.

Dylan is a team captain and received last year's Hoby Baker Award for outstanding character. Jake received honorable mention on the 2019-2020 Badgerland all-conference team and was the recipient of the team's sportsmanship award.

"It's a pleasure watching them play together," said Thomson. "There is an un-



Photos by Ryan Clausen

Dylan (left) and Jake Sprister are twin threats for the Oshkosh Ice Hawks.

Senior spotlight

spoken synergy between the two. They both have a great understanding of the game and an excellent hockey sense."

Technically, Jake is the older brother, arriving in the world two minutes before Dylan. The two began skating at age 4 and began playing organized hockey together as 5-year-olds in the Mite division with the Oshkosh YMCA Warbirds. They have always played on the same hockey team and enjoy being teammates in sports ... and in life.

"I love it," Dylan said. "Getting to play high school hockey with my brother is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We both can kind of tell where the other is going to be on the ice. It's great. There's always lots of stories to tell."

Jake added, "It's a neat thing. We work well together. Sometimes we might get mad at one another, but I'd rather have him on my line than other players."

Sibling rivalries are quite common with brothers and the Sprister twins admit there is a certain level of competitiveness between the two. But it's far from being a

family feud.

"There is definitely a little bit of an unspoken rivalry," Dylan said. "There's a little bit of competition among us, but that brings us to another level. If I see him score a goal, I want one too."

That leads to a lot of points and some good-natured trash talking between the two.

"We do that all the time," said Jake with a laugh. "I tell him I'm the better player and he says he's the better. It's all in fun. Yeah, there's a little competing going on, but it's pretty mild. We both want to make plays and the best way to do it is to work together."

The Spristers have similar skating skills but styles that differ.

"My brother is bigger than me and he's more of a hitter, a power forward type," Dylan said. "I'm more of a playmaker and

passer. I really don't do a lot of hitting."

Both are high honors students with grade point averages in the 3.4 -3.6 range. Jake plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee next year and major in business. Dylan will attend Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton and pursue a degree in firefighting technology.

"It takes a team effort to fight fires — just like it takes a team effort in hockey," Dylan said. "I just think it would be a fun, fulfilling job."

Jake doesn't plan on playing college hockey but will likely keep playing the game at a club or adult league level.

"It's going to be a little different not playing with Dylan," Jake said. "I've always liked playing with Dylan and it's helped us build a better relationship."




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Burial sites

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to examine the site. I contacted Jeff Behm, recently retired professor of archaeology at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and David Navarro, a local historian and experienced archaeologist and expert in Native American history.

On June 4, we returned to the site and after a brief study, Behm and Navarro agreed this was a historic native burial site. The unusual aspect is that the early Delhi settlers had used the mound to inter their dead as well.

We discovered the names on the tombstone to be of the early founder of Delhi – Luke LaBorde. Other markers told us that this was the LaBorde family burial plot.

Delhi history

On a site situated between Omro and Eureka along the banks of the Fox River, in the township of Rushford, was a small village with big hopes and dreams. This village was a sight of beauty and a booming location for commercial businesses with big advantages for the trading business. The agricultural advantages were supposedly some of the best in the state.

The waters of the Fox River ran deep in front of the village of Delhi, and its history dates back to about 1846 when Luke LaBorde, a French-Canadian trader, purchased a large tract of land from the local Menominee tribe.

He purchased a small trading post along Waukau Creek from William Powell, who was a mixed race of white and Native American. The trading post was well established, as it had been in business since 1836. A short time later, LaBorde decided to relocate it to where the proposed site of Delhi would be established. Here, he thought, the trading post would be a good base to establish a thriving business community. The village first became known as LaBorde's or LaBorde's Landing.

The trading post was on the south bank of the Fox. Across the river, on the north side, was a settlement of Menominee referred to as the Waukau Clan. The name Waukau meant "crooked" or "winding,"



Randy Domer photo

Headstones of Luke and Louisa LaBorde are shown at the Eureka site.

which accurately describes the creek's meandering route.

Their chief was known as LaPone. The "Indian Waukau" village consisted of about a dozen cabins and 30 people. But long before the arrival of the clan, this area was home to an early Native American group evidenced by the presence of six ancient burial mounds.

On March 1, 1848, LaBorde took out a patent for 145 acres and sold lots. The plat map of the village was divided into almost

300 lots bordering 13 planned streets. In 1849, Delhi was still an unbroken prairie meadow, but by 1850 the small village had a large number of dwellings and stores along with an established post office, three grocery stores, a well-filled dry goods store, two hotels and two steam sawmills.

Two cemeteries existed within the community. The LaBorde Cemetery was on the farm. The deed to the property states that the graves are never to be disturbed.

LaBorde was a leader within the commu-

nity and was also the sheriff. He died Dec. 27, 1868, at age 58 when his sleigh overturned on his way home from Poygan. His wife, Louisa, died in 1877 at age 63. Both are buried in the prehistoric burial mound along with their family members.

So, what happened to the village of Delhi? How did it become a ghost town? Its disappearance was one of slow abandonment and gradual deterioration. The lack of a good bridge and the railroad's decision to route their tracks through Omro led to its demise as business slowly migrated to Omro and Eureka.

Back to today

Once the site verification was complete, the project team of Behm, Navarro, Kim Nerenhausen, Stacey Frank, Janet Eiler, Greg Bellmer and myself decided the burial mound should be preserved. We checked with the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) and they verified the site was on record there.

They provided us with maps and documents to begin the process of mapping the site, including obtaining written permission from the private landowner and applying to the WHS for a permit. The site was flagged and maps drawn by the project team that were provided to WHS.

The team is awaiting approval from WHS to begin the work. The project will include carefully removing all vegetation — living and dead — from the mound by making cuttings at ground level, careful to not disturb the soil. The vegetation must be carried, not dragged, away from the site. An approved grass will be sown on the mound to prevent erosion. With the present snow cover, the project may have to wait until spring.

According to Wisconsin Statute 157.70, it is illegal to molest or tamper with a designated human burial site. The area will be checked periodically by the Winnebago County Historical Society to maintain and preserve it. Visit www.winnebago-county-historical-society.org for more information.

Randy Domer is a local historian and president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society. He has written and published several books on Oshkosh history and is a board member of the Oshkosh Public Museum and Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society.

Obituaries

Kenneth Corcoran

Kenneth E. Corcoran (Kenny), 86 of Oshkosh, WI passed away peacefully Saturday, January 9th at his home, surrounded by his family, after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in December.



Ken was born on October 10, 1934 to Joseph and Matilda Corcoran in Madison Wisconsin. He attend-

ed St. Raphael Grade School and graduated from Edgewood High School in 1952. During his high school career Ken occupied his time playing football, basketball, and baseball. After high school Ken was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played for the Billings Mustangs of Montana. As Kenny said, "I stayed long enough for a cup of coffee and it was really cold there!" So he returned to Madison and married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Strenger, in 1954.

In 1967, Ken accepted a position with Klein Dickert Company and relocated his family to Oshkosh. He packed his wife, Barbara, and five young children into his station wagon, with the kids and Barb crying all the way to Oshkosh. Ken and additional partners purchased the Klein Dickert location in Oshkosh, which eventually became

Omni Glass & Paint where he worked for 30 years until his retirement in 1997. His retirement didn't last long, however, as Ken and his sons started their family business, Corcoran Glass & Paint. He enjoyed working closely with his family and friends until the age of 85.

Ken loved the Oshkosh community and took every opportunity to teach his children the gift of giving back. He was involved in Lakeshore Kiwanis, MMC, and the YMCA where he met many lifelong friends. He served as both the Lieutenant and District Governor of Kiwanis and was the President of the YMCA Board of Directors for several years. He continued his love and support of the YMCA throughout his years.

Ken lived life with joy and laughter and always made everyone feel like family. He loved hosting his children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends. There were Sunday Fundays at his pool and Packer and Badger parties with always enough Diet Pepsi and Corcoran Cheese Dip to go around!

Ken's passion was sports! He loved watching his kids and grandkids play, as well as many others, you know who you are, and we thank you all for adding years to his life! He enjoyed following various high school basketball and softball teams and was even awarded "Fan of the Year" by the Oshkosh North Girls Softball Team.

Ken also loved traveling to Badger Basketball games with his buddies John Maschke, Tom Zak and brother-in-law Skip Strenger.

Continuing his legacy are his five children, Karen (Jeffrey) Jacobson of Oshkosh, Jeffrey (Janell) Corcoran of Appleton, Robert (Judy) Corcoran of Pewaukee, Julie (Michael O'Neill) Pollnow of Oshkosh, and Jay Corcoran of New London. Fifteen grandchildren (all of whom were his favorite) include Kelly (DJ) Hinz, Kenlin (Nate) Grams, Casee (Ryan) Hawkins, Cam Corcoran, Lauren (Dany Zapata), Ben (Jessica Guzman), Maddie (Sam Howard), Jake Ganther, Brett (Carly) Corcoran, Kayla Corcoran (Lucas Liegel), Brennan (Gabbie Pung) Pollnow, Griffin (Siri Smits) Pollnow and Fynn, Riley, & Cullen Corcoran. Eleven great-grandchildren include Oliva Hinz, Parker & Addison Grams, Brady Corcoran, Brynn & Braylee Spata, Porter & Barrett Meach, Sam, Ella, & Jack Hawkins. Ken will always hold a special place in the hearts of his brother and sister-in-law Joseph (Skip) and Sue Strenger, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is surrounded by those who have gone before him, including the love of his life Barbara Corcoran, his parents Joseph & Matilda Corcoran, in-laws Robert & Emma Strenger, brothers and sister-in-laws Grant & Addie Corcoran and Dean & Patty

Corcoran, sisters and brother-in-laws Verna & James Taylor and Donna Jean & Dale Crotty, niece Connie Corcoran, nephew David Crotty, and grandson Brett Meach.

The family wishes to thank Jenny from Ascension Hospice, Matt Sommerfeldt and the Oshkosh Fire Department, and the many friends and family who have reached out during the past month.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 16th, 2021 at 12:00pm at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive, with Fr. Tom Long and Fr. Daniel Felton officiating. A time of visitation will take place on Saturday before the service from 10:30am-12:00pm at the church. Ken's family asks that memorial tributes be made to the Corcoran Family Community Fund, established in 2005, at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 230 Ohio Street, Suite 100 Oshkosh, WI 54902, which supports children and community projects.

Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Big Pa - Thank you for always being our biggest fan and the creator of "the team!" We love you and will miss you!

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TELTalk series speaker set

Fred Stephan, president of Amcor Flexibles North America, will be speaking Jan. 28 at the quarterly Today's Emerging



Stephan

Leader Talk to discuss leadership and change management, and how his expertise can help new leaders in the Oshkosh community.

Today's Emerging Leader Talk is a series of seminars conducted by business and non-profit leaders on how to positively impact their community.

Stephan has been a business leader in the area for many years and wants to invest in its emerging leaders.

"I believe that when you share what you've learned with others it enhances everyone's thinking and improves our collective ability to adapt," Stephan said. "Creating solutions to challenges is the best part of being in business, and applying those skills to help create better communities is always rewarding."

The TELTalk will take place over Zoom from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 28. Those who wish to be in attendance must register at www.oshkoshunitedway.org.

Obituaries

Richard J. Butt

Richard James Butt, age 80, of Oshkosh, went home to heaven on January 3, 2021, at Bethel Home in Oshkosh.



On July 6, 1940, Richard was born in Oshkosh to the late Donald and Violet (Kohnke) Butt, and was baptized on October 27, 1940. Dick graduated from Oshkosh High School, where he played on the basketball team. He went on to study at UW-Oshkosh and became a police officer. He continued his education by attending ongoing classes in police training. Richard married Verna (Graper) at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oshkosh on February 27, 1982.

From 1963 until 1994 Richard was employed by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. During his time with the Sheriff's Department, he was a member of the S.W.A.T. Team and the Boat Patrol. Dick's "claim to fame" at the Sheriff's Department was crashing the most squad cars (5). He was also employed part time by SNC in the '70s, Schwab Properties for ten years, and United Auto Body from 1978 until 1981. Dick was a bailiff for two years, and also worked as a private contractor for the U.S. Post Office for a year.

He was a member of Winnebago Lutheran Dartball League, Sheriff's Department Golf League, the church council at St. Paul's in Winneconne, and the counting committee and Martin Luther Men's Club. In his free time, Dick enjoyed playing rec league basketball, golfing, dartball,

fishing, cars and boating.

Richard is survived by his wife, Verna (Graper) Butt; his children, Kelly (Stacie) Butts, of Florida; Jeffery (Gina) Butts, of Texas; Kathleen (Tom) Weber; of Washington; his stepchildren, Debra Brand, of Oshkosh; Tammy Hornburg (fiancé Gary), of Oshkosh; Douglas (Marilou) Hornburg, of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Hahley Butt, Nicholas Butt, Dr. Eddy Butt, Alex Butt, Nathaniel (Teresa) Weber, Cassidy Weber (fiancé Matt); step-grandchildren, Christina (Richard) Jekiel, Michael Hornburg; brothers, Don (Sandy) Butt, Bob (Bobbi) Butt; and other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Dick was also preceded in death by brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Bud Graper, Bev Graper, Don Graper; and uncles, Bob Butts and Charlie Butts.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, January 8, 2021, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church 1526 Algoma Blvd. Oshkosh. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Tom Voss officiating. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh. Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Carl Beckstrom

Carl Robert Beckstrom, 50, lost his battle with COVID-19 on December 16, 2020, at Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, Colorado with his loving family at his side.



Carl was born November 21, 1970, in Green Bay, Wisconsin to Robert and Karen Beckstrom. He married Jenelle Halm on August 16, 2003, in LeRoy, Illinois. Carl is survived by his wife, Jenelle; daughter, Ella of Grand Island, Nebraska; his parents, Robert and Karen Beckstrom of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; sister, Sonja Voeller (Tim) and nephew, Henry Voeller of Cedarburg, Wisconsin; uncle, Gerald W. McMullen and many cousins from Spokane, Washington, along with the family dogs Riggs, Tar and Charlie.

Carl graduated from Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. He was active in sports: football, track and field, power lifting and ski club. Carl was selected to participate in the Junior Olympics held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, proudly skiing in the Nordic Combined event. Following graduation he entered the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of sergeant. Upon completing his active duty Carl continued to serve as a Marine Reservist while attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Speech Communications with minors in Business Administration and Organizational Communications. He served as President of the Communica-

tions Club while at the university.

Carl was employed in the banking industry for 25 years where he was a proud employee of Wells Fargo, Associated Bank, BMO, First National Bank and Sunflower Bank. At the time of his passing Carl served as Regional President - Northern Colorado for Sunflower Bank.

After their marriage Carl and Jenelle resided in several locations, beginning in Peoria, Illinois, and relocating to Fishers, Indiana; Channahon, Illinois; Wausau, Wisconsin; and Grand Island, Nebraska. At the time of his passing, Carl commuted between his home in Nebraska and his work in Boulder, Colorado, until their daughter would graduate from high school.

Carl loved life and was passionate about everything, from his relationship with family and friends to his work ethic and anything related to the outdoors. He was a kind, fun-loving, energetic, caring person who loved nothing more than watching his daughter Ella play volleyball. He was active in dog field trials and was an avid hunter and fly fisherman. His sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Carl was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Grace Beckstrom and step-grandfather, Sig Quist of Iron Mountain, Michigan and Walter and Lucille McMullen of Florence, Wisconsin. Carl's funeral service will be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at a date to be determined due to Covid-19 concerns. A graveside service will also be held in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Carl, donations may be made to The Ella Beckstrom Education Fund, at Sunflower Bank, 1738 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO 80302, or by calling the bank at 720-931-5969. This fund will be independently administered by the bank and funds will be released only for specific education expenses.



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CROWS

In the past, some people have tried to get rid of crows in a number of ways – even exploding dynamite where large numbers of the birds roost. But despite it all, crows have thrived and now live almost everywhere in North America.

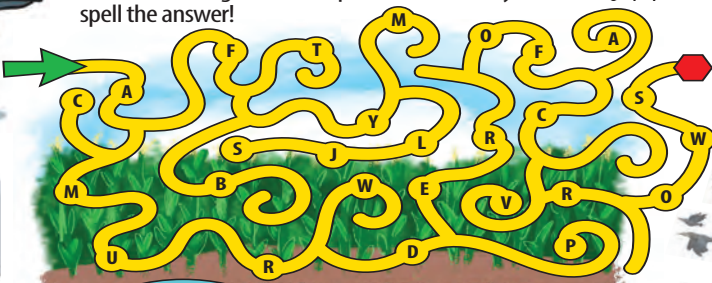


Do you know your crows? People haven't always been kind to crows. Farmers put up scarecrows to keep the birds out of their fields and gardens. Some people just don't like them.

Crows are intelligent birds. They also eat a lot of pests that can damage crops. But farmers know that one of the favorite foods these birds enjoy is corn!

What do you call a group of crows?

The letters along the correct path over the cornfield spell the answer!



A group of crows is called:

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_ F _
_ O _

Crows Hold 'Funerals'

Crows are famous for holding "funerals" when one of their kind has died. Crows will keep watch over a fallen bird, sometimes for many days. Scientists wonder if they feel sad or if they might be trying to figure out how the crow died so they can learn from it.

Some kinds of crows recognize human faces. Magpies and ravens have scolded researchers who get too close to their nests, even if the researcher changes clothing.

This crow removed some words from the story. Can you replace them?

GIFTS SHINY FOOD RECEIVED

When Gabi was four years old, she dropped some _____ on the ground. Quickly, a crow flew in and took off with it. Gabi then started feeding the crows in her neighborhood by leaving out dry dog food bits.

Shortly after she started the daily feeding routine, little _____ started getting left on the food platform. Over time, Gabi has _____ nearly 100 little trinkets.

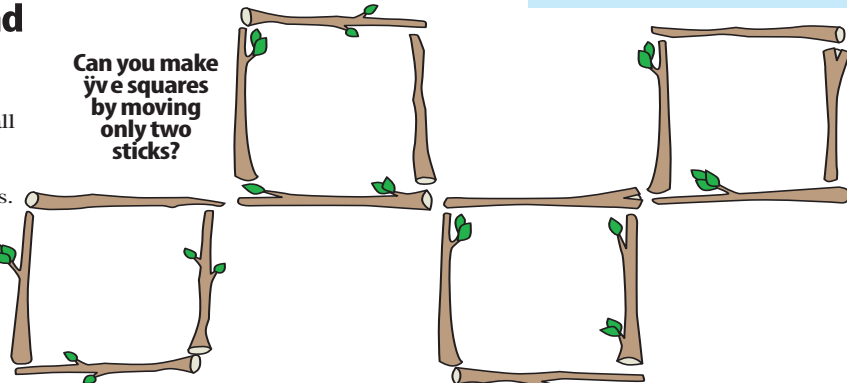
The crows have brought her buttons, a LEGO piece, charms, stones – most of the gifts are _____ things they can carry in their beaks. One time she got a little piece of _____ with the word, "best" on it. Was there another piece with the word "friend" on it? Gabi likes to think so.

Crows Use and Make Tools

Crows have been found using sticks to get insects out of small cracks and holes.

New Caledonian crows also make tools. They have been seen pulling the leaves off a stick and creating little hook-shaped tools from twigs, leaves and thorns.

Can you make **3** squares by moving **only two** sticks?



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Look through the newspaper to find:

- 3 things that fly
- 3 words that describe crows
- 3 items crows might steal
- 3 places where crows are found

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Crows Can Solve Puzzles

Scientists have found that crows can solve puzzles that have up to eight steps. Can you solve this puzzle?

Circle the numbers that add up to 8. Put a box around the numbers that add up to 10. The numbers must be next to each other or above and below each other like this:

5	8	2	6	4
3	1	9	2	5
7	6	2	8	3
3	5	5	2	3

Standards Link: Math: Solve logic puzzles.

Double Double Word Search

- DYNAMITE
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- THRIVED
- INSECTS
- RAVENS
- THORNS
- CROWS
- TWIGS
- TOOLS
- NESTS
- ROOST
- CLOSE
- STICK
- HOOK
- RID

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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